



National Pest Management Association

Our Mission is Your Protection

Technical Committee Meeting

October 24, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Darren Van Steenwyk
Tom Jarzynka
Fred Strickland
Mark Sheperdigian
Mustapha Debboun
Gary Bennett
Faith Oi
Eric Smith

Jim Sargent
Laurel Hansen
Brain Forschler
Terry Elichuk
Bob Belmont
Dini Miller
Roger Gold
Richard Spencer

Rick Bell
Debra Park
Steven Dwinell
Runxin Cao
Karen Nix
Gail Getty

The Technical Committee discussed a variety of topics, including:

Staff Update:

- Jim Fredericks welcomed the group and reported:
- Bennett Jordan joined NPMA staff on 1 July as Staff Entomologist/Research Scientist
- New educational resources are available. The *NPMA WDO Library Volume One: Subterranean Termites* has been published and is available through the BugStore.
- Staff thanked the committee for their hard work on the revision of the Service Tech Manual; it is slated for publication in early 2014.
- The NPMA Online Learning Center is being populated with new training courses frequently, in ACE Training and archived webinar videos.

Strategic Partnership with the Entomological Society of America

NPMA has partnered with ESA to promote the Associate Certified Entomologist program as a venue for PMPs to raise their level of professionalism by certifying as an ACE. NPMA will be promoting the program to members as well as providing educational opportunities in the form of online ACE Exam Prep courses and in-person training and testing at selected regional meetings. In addition ESA will be promoting NPMA's educational programming as a way to obtain continuing education credits for recertifying as an ACE.

Rethinking Preconstruction Treatments

Steve Dwinell, representing the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) led a discussion on a proposed change to the label directions for preconstruction termiticide label directions. NPMA will be convening a preconstruction treatment task force chaired by Rick Bell to explore the proposed language and provide feedback to ASPCRO. Karen Nix and Roger Gold volunteered to serve on the task force. NPMA President Kevin Pass will be appointing Task Force Members from the list of volunteers after PestWorld.

Pollinator Health / Bee Labeling

NPMA staff updated the committee on the recent introduction of pollinator protection language to neonicotinoid insecticides labeled for foliar uses. NPMA is working with ASPCRO to obtain clarification regarding the enforcement of the new label language. In addition NPMA is working with ASPCRO to develop an educational pollinator workshop for EPA employees. The Workshop was originally scheduled for October 30-31; however due to the government shut down, the program is postponed until spring.

Discussion Topic: How can the professional pest management industry prepare for “what’s next”?

Chairman Van Steenwyk posed the question, “What is the next big issue (pyrethroids, rodenticides, pollinators) and what do we do to prepare for it”?

The following items were suggested and discussed:

- Unregulated pest management interventions (i.e. heat treatments in states that only regulate pesticide applications)
- How will the new label language affect mosquito barrier treatments?
- Identify and educate the public about the facts and myths of pesticides.
- How can PMPs communicate the positive strides they are taking to protect pollinators?
 - Work with beekeeping groups to generate positive PR
 - Create fact sheets to explain the steps that PMPs take to protect pollinators

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 AM

Minutes prepared by: Jim Fredericks
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