



Government Affairs Committee

October 23, 2013

2:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendees

Rick Bell, Chair	Steve Dwinell	Lee Whitmore
Lonnie Alonso	July Dold	Jeff Fenner
Donnie Blake	Pat Willenbrook	Pam Peckman
Bryan Cooksey	Jill Holihan	Jonathan Berger
Chris Gorecki	Larry Treleven	Ron Schwalb
Suzanne Graham	Phil Cooper	Jan Brill
Mike Katz	Ted St. Amand	Julie Spagnoli
Marillian Masanti	Bob Kunst	Hank Alhaus
Jim Wright	Aaron Hobbs	Billy Tesh
Darren Van Steenwyk	Chuck Tindol	Jodi Dorsch
Faye Golden	Alison Donaghy	Brad Chalk
Wayne Golden	Ken Fredrick	Andy Architect
Bonnie Rabe	Bob Dold Jr.	Marcia Duke
John Scott	Darryl Ennes	Gene Harrington
Derrick Lastinger	A.J. Alonso	

The meeting convened at 2:50 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

Chairman Bell announced that the group would debate the issue of rethinking pretreats but would not be entertaining motions because NPMA President Pass will be appointing a task force to further examine the issue, since the issue cuts across the jurisdiction of multiple NPMA committees. Mr. Dwinell led a discussion of the issue. Mr. Wright, Mr. Kunst, Mr. Katz and Mr. Gorecki expressed support for rethinking pretreats but took issue with the rationale that everyone is doing them incorrectly as the reason for changing the way pretreats are performed.

Mr. Bell informed the group that Bob Dold Jr. was running for Congress again and that NPMA would be holding a fundraising breakfast for Mr. Dold on Thursday morning. Mr. Bell encouraged everyone to support Mr. Dold's candidacy.

Mr. Bell announced that discussion of the OSHA Fall Protection issue would be tabled.

Mr. Harrington began a discussion of the bee health issue. He provided background and walked through the language the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is adding to the labels of neonicotinoid products. Mr. Scott and Mr. Dwinell discussed the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials involvement in the bee health issue.

Mr. Harrington outlined NPMA's efforts to push legislation retaining the food uses for the fumigant sulfuryl fluoride. He detailed NPMA's multipronged approach including pushing stand alone legislation, inserting a study provision in the pending Farm Bill and helping develop language precluding U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from using funds during fiscal year 2014 to consider non-pesticidal substances in the risk assessment for sulfuryl fluoride.

Mr. Harrington also discussed the pending legislation exempting lawful pesticide use from Clean Water Act permitting requirements. Since the legislation is part of the Farm Bill, Mr. Harrington outlined the prospects for the Farm Bill.

Ms. Duke updated the group on the pending Food Safety Modernization Act rulemaking.

Ms. Duke updated the group on federal bed bug regulatory activities. Mr. Alonso expressed frustration that EPA had not responded to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Section 18 request for authorizing the use of propoxur for bed bugs. The Department Director sent another letter to EPA on October 9.

Ms. Spagnoli briefed the group on the Maryland pesticide use reporting issue. Mr. Gorecki updated the group on the Massachusetts Under Direct Supervision rulemaking.

Mr. Hobbs informed the group of RISE activities.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.