President’s Message

Dear Members,

First of all I would like everyone to know how OPCA has been in contact with our National Association and Oregonians for Food and Shelter who have both spent much time, energy and financial resources in Oregon. These efforts are not only for our industry here in Oregon but for pest management nationwide. Why they are so busy may be a surprise to you all. There are no less than three bills moving through the Oregon legislature that, if passed will have a very negative impact on how we conduct business. The bills I speak of are S837, S876, S882 and H3430. These bills involve everything from outright banning certain materials to posting and notification requirements. Some of the details in these bills require reporting our material usage to DEQ, posting and/or notifying applications of materials, and notifying individuals with “heightened sensitivity.” Notification is not restricted to the occupants of the property which is being serviced. This is far reaching legislation and passage of these bills will forever alter our existing Pest Control Act.

Our membership has grown over the last few years, giving us an even more powerful voice regarding issues that will negatively impact our businesses, livelihood and families. Remember Senate Bill 20 that would have banned the use of all materials by licensees within 5 miles of a school? It was the voice of OPCA, OFS and NPMA that kept that bill from ever reaching the senate floor.

Soon, as this bill gets closer to going to committee, there will be a call to action for our members to get involved. This is not the time to sit back and let others represent your business and livelihood.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. This coming year may prove to be a challenging one for our members, together we can protect what we depend upon for the wellbeing of our employees and families. Rene and I look forward to a weekend of education, fun, networking……and of course providing the annual Paul Heidtke BBQ evening in Bend. I wish you all health, happiness, a prosperous business and safe travels.

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Quick Calendar

OPCA Scholarship
Application Deadline
April 30, 2015

High Desert Seminar
May 29-30, 2015
Mt. Bachelor Village, Bend, OR

Fall Beach Seminar
September 18-19, 2015
Best Western Oceanview, Seaside, OR

Southern Oregon Seminar
November 6, 2015
Evergreen Savings Bear Hotel, Grants Pass, OR
High Desert Seminar Set for May 29-30 in Bend

OPCA returns to Central Oregon in May for fun and education in the high desert! Friday, May 29 we have some fun activities planned. The Brandy Ham Memorial Golf Tournament, named after Brandy Ham, a friend and colleague of OPCA, tees off at 10:00 am at Widgi Creek Golf Club. Enter a team, or as an individual. The cost is $95 which includes shared cart, box lunch and green fees. To register a team, go to our website www.opca.org and download the team entry form. Register a team on the regular registration form for the seminar. Widgi Creek Golf Club is just down the road from Mt. Bachelor Village where the High Desert Seminar is located. *Golf Digest* called Widgi Creek, "the sleeper in Central Oregon" and *Golf Magazine* called it a "must play." Widgi Creek will always be considered to be among the best maintained in the area.

If you’re in for some excitement, try **river rafting with Sun Country Tours**. They will pick up our group at the resort and make a fairly short ride to the Upper Deschutes River. The Big Eddy Thriller is their most popular and convenient whitewater rafting adventure! This three-mile journey down an energetic section of the beautiful Deschutes River is only minutes from Mt. Bachelor Village. Remember your towel, you just might get a little wet! Space held for 10 people. Children must be older than 6 years of age.

**Paul Heidtke Memorial Barbecue** is at 6:00 pm. Honor the life of long time member Paul Heidtke and enjoy the world famous barbecue by Pit Master Rich Kesesker. Attendees are encouraged to bring their family members! There’s no extra charge, just RSVP on the registration form.

Saturday, May 30, our education day opens at 7:15 am with opening announcements and vendor introductions at 7:45 am. The full agenda is included and is available on our website: www.opca.org. CE Credits will be applied for with ODA, WDA, and for OCHI credit. Featured Speakers include **Tomas Schwabe - OSHA Update (Core credit)**; **James Rodriguez - Rodent IPM**; **Linda White, Oregon Department of Agriculture Update**; **Dr. Gary Braness**, Fly Control, and a representative from Oregonians for Food and Shelter.

**Sponsors and Exhibitors** (as of March 9, 2015)

- **Ensystex - Ed Wilson**
- **Bell Laboratories, Inc. - Dan Schlegel**
- **BASF - Jim Truslow**
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2015 Oregon Legislature Sees Pesticide Bills

The Oregon legislature has recently introduced several bills that could impact our industry if enacted. You may already be aware of the below bills, but as an NPMA service we monitor state legislative activity. Please review the brief summary of the bills, followed by the full text of each. NPMA is available to schedule a phone call and discuss the proposed legislation and strategy moving forward if needed.

S. 837: New Posting/displaying Requirements – This legislation would add several requirements of PMP’s including applicators must carry safety data sheets while performing applications, post notices regarding pesticide applications, and provide notice to individuals with “heightened sensitivity.”

Additionally, the Department of Agriculture will increase resources to investigate reported pesticide misuse incidents.

S. 876: Reporting Requirements to the Department of Environmental Quality – This legislation would enhance reporting requirements, requiring pesticide operators to supply the record information for each pesticide application to the Department of Environmental Quality, or to a state agency database identified by the department, no later than the earlier of 20 days after the date of the pesticide application or 48 hours after receiving a request for the information from the department.

S. 882: Neonicotinoids Ban – This legislation requires State Department of Agriculture to adopt rules prohibiting application of pesticide products containing nitro-group neonicotinoids. The bill allows for special use circumstances with department approval.

H. 3430: Pesticide Misuse Hotline – This legislation requires State Department of Agriculture to establish a telephone hotline for persons concerned about misuse or alleged misuse of pesticides. The hotline will be designed to refer persons to department reporting system and to other appropriate resources.

If you have any questions about these bills contact Scott Dahlman, Oregonians for Food & Shelter (OFS) 503.370.8092 or scott@ofsonline.org.
Government Affairs Report: NPMA’s Harrington Resigns to Accept a New Position

After a 20-year career, National Pest Management Association Vice President of Legislative Affairs Gene Harrington recently left NPMA to accept another position.

Harrington started at NPMA in May of 1994 as Manager of Government Affairs. Over the next two decades he was promoted to Director and Vice President. Last October, Harrington was inducted into Pest Management Professional magazine’s Hall of Fame.

“We appreciate Gene’s countless contributions to NPMA over the past two decades,” said NPMA CEO Bob Rosenberg. “Gene played an integral role in elevating NPMA’s public policy program during his time at NPMA, helping the organization score significant legislative and regulatory victories at both the federal and state levels.”

“I’m privileged to have worked with such first class people while at NPMA. Their commitment to the industry is truly inspiring,” said Harrington. “I especially want to thank NPMA’s members, who let me into their hearts and, quite literally, their homes. Most humbling, they entrusted me with the responsibility of representing their businesses and livelihoods in State Capitals and the Hall of Congress and that is something I never took for granted and that I wore as the ultimate badge of honor every day I came to work. I wish NPMA and its members nothing but the best.”

“I had the privilege to work with Gene for over 20 years and he took this position when I was President of NPMA. He will be missed but I am very thankful to have worked with him these many years.” Larry Treleven, OPCA Government Affairs Director.
OPCA Membership Snapshot

As of March 1, OPCA has 85 renewed members and 11 lapsed members. If you are one of those companies who have yet to pay, help us out and renew! If you’re not sure of your status, call our office at 503-363-4345.

Renewed Members as of March 1, 2015:

Paid members: 85
Lapsed (active and limited) members: 11
New members: 6 (includes Allied)
Active members: 52
Limited Members: 13
Allied Members: 16
Associates: 1
Honorary: 3

Our goal is to get 100 members by the end of this year. If you know of any companies that should be members but aren’t, direct them to our website page www.opca.org/join.

NPMA Adds a Director of Regulatory Affairs

NPMA is happy to welcome Andrew Bray as our new director of regulatory affairs. Andrew has an extensive background working on regulatory, legislative and political matters.

After graduating from Virginia Tech in 2003, Andrew worked in the regulatory affairs department at the American Meat Institute (AMI), where he handled international affairs and food safety issues for the meat industry.

After a stint on Capitol Hill, Andrew returned to school to pursue his law degree. Andrew graduated magna cum laude from the University of the District of Columbia’s David A. Clarke School of Law in 2013. Andrew has since worked in private practice as a trial attorney.

As director of regulatory affairs, Andrew will report to Jim Fredericks, NPMA’s vice president of technical and regulatory affairs and will be responsible for managing state and federal regulatory issues. Andrew is eager and excited to apply his legal knowledge and experience at NPMA while returning to his roots working in the regulatory and public policy arenas.

Wheaties Box: It’s Jeff Weier. He was honored as the Copesan Champion of the year for 2014 in St Augustine, Fla.

Membership Adds Up at OPCA!

The Oregon Pest Control Association is a non-profit organization comprised of pest control operators, home inspectors, and affiliated industries. Benefits Include:

- Three general membership business meetings per year.
- Members receive a reduced cost in registration for educational recertification seminars. Reduced rates for OPCA members MORE than make up for your dues every year.
- Four Crack & Crevice newsletters are sent each year.
- Insect identification is available through OSU Extension offices throughout Oregon.
- Your company is listed on a map of Oregon on the OPCA website for public contact access.

Dues Rates: The OPCA membership year is July 1—June 30
State dues are $175.00 per year.

OPCA Membership Categories:

- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: Includes pest control companies who also join the National Pest Management Association. The dues structure to NPMA is available on the application form on the OPCA website.
- LIMITED MEMBERSHIP: Includes home inspectors and pest control companies who do not desire to participate in NPMA membership. Limited members enjoy the same privileges as Active members, except they may not vote, may not hold an officer position, and may not chair a committee.
- ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Includes any person, firm, corporation or other organization who is interested in the welfare of the pest control and home inspector industries and who is otherwise ineligible for other membership categories.
- ALLIED MEMBERSHIP: Includes suppliers (vendors) to the pest control and home inspector industries.

For a complete description of each membership category, refer to the bylaws that are posted on our website at www.opca.org.

Questions? If you have any questions, email the OPCA office at office@opca.org. We look forward to hearing from any of you who are interested in growing our association!

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OPCA Scholarship Applications Due April 30

We have some exciting news for the scholarship program. The next application is due **April 30, 2015 for a scholarship of $1,000.** The applicant must be an owner, an immediate family member, employee, child or stepchild of an employee, or employee's spouse of an OPCA member firm.

Applicants must be nominated by an OPCA member firm. Graduating high school seniors, other high school graduates and applicants with G.E.D equivalent will be considered. Applicants must attend an accredited college university, trade school, or institute of higher learning.

The OPCA scholarship recipient chosen for 2014 was **Shastina Meyer.** The nominating company for Shastina is Valley Inspections and Pests, Inc. out of Grants Pass Oregon. Shastina received a $1,000 scholarship from OPCA.

The board of the Northwest Pest Management Conference, held in Hood River, has voted to contribute an additional $2,500 to OPCA scholarship fund in the coming year.

Questions about the scholarship should be directed to **Bill Larson,** OPCA Scholarship Chair, 503-639-2500. Applications are on our website at [www.opca.org/members/scholarships](http://www.opca.org/members/scholarships).

PWIPM Accepting Nominations for 2015 Empowerment Grant

The National Pest Management Association's (NPMA) affiliate organization Professional Women in Pest Management (PWIPM), is pleased to announce it is now accepting nominations for the annual Professional Empowerment Grant.

This grant will be awarded to one female who is interested in advancing or securing a career in pest management and may be used by the recipient to defer costs related to advancing their career or education in the pest management industry. In addition to a maximum grant of $2,000, the recipient of the award will also receive $500 towards travel expenses to attend the National Pest Management Association's PestWorld in Nashville, TN in Oct. 2015. Nominations may be submitted at: [npmapestworld.org/about/pwipm/index.cfm](http://npmapestworld.org/about/pwipm/index.cfm). The deadline for submission is August 1, 2015.

NPMA Recognizes Ross Treleven

OPCA congratulates Ross Treleven. Recently the NPMA Board of Directors and Past Presidents selected Ross as one of the "Next Generation of Leaders in the Pest Management Industry." Look for a profile on Ross in the May/June issue of *PestWorld Magazine.* Treleven is one of 20 individuals to be featured.

Advertisement in Crack & Crevince!

*Crack and Crevince*, OPCA’s quarterly newsletter reaches OPCA members and their employees. *Crack and Crevince* has a long shelf life. Issues are frequently passed out at member events and sent in member kits to new members. Exposure lasts longer than typical newsletters.

**Allied members** of the Oregon Pest Control Association receive a 5% discount from the prices listed. Send ads as pdf or jpeg format by e-mail to office@opca.org.

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OPCA members enjoyed a great conference at the Best Western Hotel in Hood River. The event included a full day of topics for owners and managers, continuing education topics on Saturday, as well as a Hawaiian themed reception, banquet, and silent auction. Thanks to the organizers and the PNWPMC Board for a well-organized conference!
OPCA members attend the membership meeting on Friday. It was great to see everyone! The OPCA gave reports on education events, government affairs, wildlife issues, a membership update and a report from OPCA Executive Director, Harvey Gail.

Left to right: Kim Holt, Chris Winson, Gean Camp and Carlos Montejano. OPCA thanks UNIVAR for their work on the conference and sponsorship!
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