OPCA Installs New Board Members

OPCA recently elected its new board members for 2018-19. Here is a list of the board members with bios and pics.

MIKE KESECKER, President. As a third generation in the pest control industry, Mike came from a long lineage of people who love to solve problems and provide service. While growing up, he wanted nothing to do with the trade at all. It wasn’t until he started working part time as a technician during college that he realized what an incredible line of work it is. He loves the day-to-day work in meeting people, helping people, and building a business. After graduating in Animal Sciences from Oregon State in 2008, he continued with my career and progressed from Service Technician to Operations Manager with Good Earth Pest Company.

ROB Mc MASTER, 1st Vice President. Rob started his pest management career in the early 80’s in California and founded Halt Pest Control, Inc. in 1990 when he and his fam-

Lincoln City Set for OPCA Fall Beach Seminar, 2018

Our annual Fall Beach Seminar is September 14-15 in Lincoln City. This year, the seminar is being moved to the main casino building to accommodate the larger attendance we have been getting.

On Friday, the adventurous will head out at 0-dark-thirty for a fishing trip with Dockside Charters. Golfers will tee off at Salishan Golf Club. After a day of fun, join us at the Univar Reception.

Speakers will include: Eric Paysen, Syngenta - Ants and spiders (2hrs); Ashley Roden, Sprague - Over Wintering Pests (1hr); Paul Bello, AMVAC - Termites and Roaches (3hrs).

We will also have a membership meeting, fishing prizes and golf awards. At the end of the day, hang around for the raffle.

CE credits will be applied for including ODA, Washington DA, Wildlife and OCHI credit. If you need credits, this will be a great seminar for you to attend.

Quick Calendar

OPCA Fall Beach Seminar
September 14-15, 2018
Chinook Winds Casino
Lincoln City, OR

OPCA Southern Oregon Seminar
November 14, 2018
Evergreen Savings “Bear Hotel”
Grants Pass, OR

OPCA Wildlife Seminar
January 24-25, 2019
Evergreen Savings “Bear Hotel”
Grants Pass, OR

Who needs a Wildlife Control Operator permit?

A WCO permit is required for any individual, business owner, or the business owner’s designee charging a fee to control furbearers, unprotected mammals (excluding moles) and western gray squirrels causing damage, creating a public nuisance or posing a public health or safety concern in incorporated city limits and associated urban development areas. A permit is also required for the offsite transportation of any live wildlife on behalf of private property owners or legal occupant of the property.

A WCO permit is not required for the onsite capture and the onsite euthanasia of species defined as “predatory animals”. Predatory animals means coyotes, rabbits, rodents, and feral swine which are or may be destructive to agricultural crops, products and activities (ORS 610.002 & 610.105). This definition is applicable where wildlife is taken under the authority of one who owns leases, occupies, possesses or has charge or dominion over the land. Beavers, muskrats and western gray squirrels (Sciuris griseus) causing damage on private property are defined as predatory animals under ORS 610.002.

A private property owner that chooses to trap (excluding “Predatory animals”) and lawfully remove an animal from his or her property needs an ODFW permit, but not a WCO permit. Such permits are free of charge and can be obtained by contacting the nearest ODFW office. However, ODFW recommends that private property owners unfamiliar with trapping wildlife seek the help and advice of professional WCOs before attempting to trap or remove wildlife, in order to best protect the welfare of the animal and the health and safety of people.

What are the requirements to get a WCO permit?

Submit an application (pdf) to ODFW for review of criteria in Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 635, Division 435. If the application is approved, applicant will submit a $60 non-refundable permit fee valid for two calendar years. However, not following regulations (including record-keeping, monthly reporting requirements and humane transportation and euthanasia standards) are ground for revoking or non-renewal of the WCO permit.

How do I take the WCO test?

A fee of $25 will be charged each time a person takes the WCO test. A minimum test score of 80 percent is required to pass. Information and

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ily moved north to Oregon. Rob has been a member of OPCA since he started Halt Pest Control and he has always found the OPCA to be a great place of fellowship and encouragement. He contributes to the OPCA and he feels OPCA’s support is a key part in helping him grow a successful business. Rob enjoys the outdoors and is an avid fisherman and enjoys traveling and spending time in the garden. He and his wife also spend a lot of time with their two daughters and their horses. Rob holds two Bachelor’s Degrees from the University of the Pacific.

BERNARD BLACK, 1st Vice President. Bernard Black is the manager for Black’s Pest Services LLC in West Linn, OR. Bernard is in charge of all management duties and all policy decisions. He has a solid background in sales, management and customer service. He holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Integrated Pest Management from the University of California at Berkeley. Other positions include working for Industrial Fumigant Company (IFC), Olathe Kansas, as Territory Manager. He also held a position at Banner Pest Control in Kingsburg, CA as Director of Operations. Commercial Pesticide Operator (with General Pests, Space Fumigation and Structural Pests). Oregon. Recip. License Washington State. He is also a Board Certified Entomologist (B.C.E.).

TIM BANWELL, Director. Tim is a licensed applicator for 34 years, all of it here in Oregon. His company, Beaverton Pest Control, Inc. has been a member of OPCA continuously since 1993. He began his career working in a small pest control service business, owned by his stepfather's father. In 1986, he and his brother, Colin founded Beaverton Pest Control which serves the residential and residential real estate markets.

GREG EGO, Past President. Greg is the owner of Rasmussen Spray Service, Inc. in Salem, Oregon since 1993. Rasmussen Spray Service is a full service custom application company serving the plant health care and pest control industry in the Salem and Albany area. Greg and his wife, Debbie, employ six technicians full time in addition to an office manager. Greg graduated from Southern Oregon University in 1977 with a degree in criminology. He worked for Santiam Spray Service in Sweet Home from 1979 thru 1982. After an eleven year absence he purchased Rasmussen Spray Service from his father. Greg is serving on the board of Oregonians for Food and shelter and has been active in legislative issue as they have pre-
sent themselves. He has served as an at large member on the OPCA board in the past.

BILL GRANSTROM, Secretary-Treasurer. Bill is a native Oregonian, born and raised in Coos Bay on the Oregon Coast. From 1970 until Feb. 1992 he served in the U.S. Air Force and Navy traveling around the world several times. Upon retirement he went to work for International Paper Co. until the Gardner Mill closure. From there he took an interest in the Pest Control Industry and joined Swanson’s Pest Management. After down sizing occurred he went into partnership with Grant Williams forming Ultimate Pest Control LLC and they currently operate the coast business from Newport, Oregon to Brookings, Oregon.

ROBERT DEANGELO, Director. Many of you know Robert from his days in Pest control Supplies distribution. But before that he started as a second generation PCO for our Family company in central California. He started out on the termite reconstruction crews and obtained his Field Representative license at eighteen and then my Operators license in General Pest at twenty years old. This is an industry to be proud of and his goal is always to improve himself and the associates around him. He is married to Lori for thirty-eight years and has two Children, Bryan and Amber. They have two grandchildren with another grandchild on the way.

DAVE MAYS, Director. Growing up in the Bay Area as the youngest of 5 boys, Dave had an interest in business at an early age. Always one who enjoyed wildlife, Dave earned a degree in Administration of Justice with a concentration in Wildlife Law Enforcement. However, his entrepreneurial spirit took him in another direction. After relocating to Oregon, he started Bugs Northwest, combining his passion for business with his interest in wildlife & entomology. Now, with over 30 years in the construction industry and over 20 years in the pest management industry, Bugs Northwest provides pest, wildlife and mold solutions to all of Southern Oregon.

STEVE NAGEL, Director. Steve is the owner of A2Z Home Inspections, Inc since 1989. He has performed over 8000 inspections with quality, integrity as a guiding mission and just the way of doing business. Steve has served as Past President of (OAHI), Oregon Association of Home Inspectors, and cofounded ORIEA (Oregon Real Estate Inspectors Association) the largest home inspection association in Oregon currently. He also served on the board of NAHI, (National Association of Home Inspectors Association). He has served on the board of OPCA as a director and continue to help facilitate the overlap and information of the “Home Inspector” part of the industry as to where there is an overlap in Pest Control and Home Inspections and the many Home Inspectors that we have as members of OPCA. Steve believes that our two industries working together will add good quality business to both industries.

BRANDON OTTOVICH, Director. Brandon started his pest control adventure when he was 10 years old. He would hand out balloons and kazoos to help his dad promote Rose Pest Control. He also helped his dad daily keeping the office clean learning responsibility at a young age. After years of employment in other jobs, his dad was ready to hire him on with his newly started company, Ask The Bug Man. In his spare time he golfs, hikes, and goes fishing with his family as the weather gets nice. He enjoys paintball tournaments and riding quads at the Oregon coast. Riding playing and just having a good time. He is also a proud “pageant dad” - his daughter is finishing her year as royalty with Oregon All American Girl Youth and Development program.

LARRY TRELEVEN, Director. Larry joined Sprague Pest Solutions on a full-time basis on April 1 (Fools Day), 1971 after just receiving his degree from the University of Washington. He had worked many years prior to that as a part time employee while growing up in the Pest Management business as a Third Generation pest professional. During the last 43 years he has been very involved in the State and National Pest Management Assoiations holding most offices during that time in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Utah Pest Control Associations. Larry also served as President of the National Pest Management Association 1994-1995 and held numerous offices and chair positions at the National level as well. He also chaired the Pacific Northwest Pest Management Conference several times. His brother, Alfie Treleven has been Chairman of the Board for Copesan Services in Wisconsin for the last 13 years. They currently have two 4th Generation Treleven Family members in the business who are working in various management positions. AJ Treleven managers the Salt Lake City Office and his son, Ross runs Denver and he is District Manager for Boise, Salt Lake City, and Denver. Larry’s family has been active in the Pest Management Industry for 88 years.

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OPCA Membership Report

OPCA member renewals as of June 1.

Total members all categories: 85
Active members: 64
Allied members: 13
Associate (home inspectors): 5
Honorary members: 3

Welcome New Members, 2018:
Aspen Pest Control, Happy Valley
Bloom Pest Control, Boring
Dave’s Pest Control, Eugene
IPM Pest Control, Winchester Bay
Three Rivers Mosquito & Vector Control, Klamath Falls

Membership Application: Know of any companies that should be members? Direct them to our website: www.opca.org/join.

Lapsed Membership Policy: OPCA members should know that it is OPCA’s policy that if a member company lapses for one full year they must reapply for membership in OPCA. So don’t let your membership lapse! If you are unsure of the status, contact our office.

Dues paid by corporate offices: If your corporate office is in another state and it pays the dues for your Oregon offices please let us know!

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study materials for the test can be found in the WCO Training Manual. Please call a local ODFW office to make an appointment to take the test.

Who has to take the WCO test?

Anyone who is conducting wildlife control activities is required to take and pass the test with a minimum score of 80%. A business owner who does not conduct any type of wildlife control activities is not required to take and pass the test but must have a designee of the business that has successfully passed the WCO test.

How much does the WCO permit cost and how often it is renewed?

Upon application approval, applicant must submit a $60 non-refundable WCO permit fee. WCO Permit is valid for two calendar years. To renew a person must submit a renewal application and pay a $60 non-refundable application fee. They also must either; retake the WCO test ($ 25 fee), or provide documentation that they have taken 12 hours of Department approved continuing education during the two previous calendar years.

Remember, not following regulations including monthly reporting requirements can lead to a permit being revoked or not renewed.

What animals are generally under a WCO permit?

“Furbearers” are beaver, bobcat, fisher, marten, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, red fox, and gray fox. “Predatory animals” means coyotes, rabbits, rodents, feral swine, Starling, House sparrows, and Eurasian Collared Doves which are or may be destructive to agricultural crops, products and activities.

“Unprotected Mammals” means badger, coyote, gophers (Thomomys bottae, T. bulbivorus, T. mazama, T. talpoides and T. townsendii), moles

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NPMA Update: PestWorld!

NPMA will hold the annual PestWorld convention in Orlando, FL, October 23-26. Every year, NPMA gathers thousands of pest management professionals from across the globe to offer opportunities for information sharing, provide access to the latest products, services, and technologies in the 100,000 square foot exhibit hall, and generate critical thinking in world-class educational sessions.

The exhibit hall is well worth visiting. Exhibitors include: Manufacturers and Distributors of Products and Equipment; Rodent Control, Termite Control, Mosquito Control, Bed Bug Control, Nuisance Bird and Wildlife Control, and Lawn Care; Mold Remediation Suppliers; Companies that Provide General Services and Products for Small Businesses such as Cell Phones, Credit Cards, Insurance, Legal, and Security Video Systems; Vehicle Equipment and Accessory Suppliers; Computer Systems Technology Vendors; and Human Resource Consultants.

PMA Dues Rates to Increase 5%. In the coming year, dues rates for NPMA have increased 5% across all categories. Most members of OPCA will see about a $10 increase. When Active members pay their dues to their local state chapter, OPCA, this dues increase will be reflected on the invoice from OPCA.

Notice: NPMA has notified members about a so-called credentialing association named “National Pest Management Professional Association” or “NPMPA.” That “association” is not affiliated with the National Pest Management Association (“NPMA”) in any manner. The names “National Pest Management Professional Association” and “NPMPA” are likely intended to create confusion with NPMA, whose trademarked name is registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and thereby mislead pest control companies and their customers in violation of trade mark law 15 U.S.C. §§1051 et seq.

NPMA is exploring its legal options. Meanwhile, please let us know immediately if you are contacted by anyone claiming to represent the “National Pest Management Professional Association” or “NPMPA,” or become aware of any pest control company using either of those phrases in its advertising.

Advertise in Crack & Crevice!

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

**Rates**

- Business Card—$50
- Quarter Page—$100
- Half Page—$200
- Full Page—$350

**Publication Calendar**

**Month: Theme/Recent Event**

- March: NWPM Conference
- June: High Desert Seminar
- Sept.: Fall Beach Seminar
- Dec.: So. Oregon Seminar

For additional information and ad deadlines contact OPCA 503-363-4345 | exec@opca.org

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(Scapanus townsendii, S. orarius and S. latimanus), mountain beaver (Apolodontia rufa), yellowbellied marmots (Marmota flaviventris), nutria, opossum, porcupine, spotted skunk, striped skunk, and weasel. For any person owning, leasing, occupying, possessing or having charge of or dominion over any land (or an agent of this person) who is taking or attempting to take coyote, gophers, mountain beaver (boomer), marmot, nutria, or porcupine on that property, these six species are considered to be predatory animals.

Prohibited species listed in OAR 635-056-0050 such as Nutria, Eastern Gray Squirrels, Eastern Fox Squirrels, and Virginia Opossum must be euthanized and cannot be released onsite.

What animals can I relocate with a WCO permit?

A WCO can relocate snakes listed in 635-435-0010 (2), Western Gray Squirrel, Marten, Ringtail, Fisher and Badger and Beaver with prior approval from the Department. All other animals must be euthanized or released on-site. Prohibited species listed in OAR 635-056-0050 such as Nutria, Eastern Gray Squirrels, Eastern Fox

Squirrels, and Virginia Opossum must be euthanized and cannot be released onsite.

Where can I find more information?

More information can be found in the Oregon Administrative Rules for WCO’s (pdf), ODFW’s Wildlife Control Operator Training Manual (pdf), or the Living with Wildlife Web page or Contacts us page. To receive an informational packet, including training material, please contact Wildlife Division at 503-947-6301 or email.

Taken from the State of Oregon, ODFW website.
Paul Heidtke Barbecue, High Desert Seminar—Pics!

Thanks go out to Rich and Rene Kesecker and everyone at Good Earth Pest Control for all their work on putting the barbecue together.
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