President’s Message
Nancy Boerema, 2016-2017 OPCA President

It was a fast-paced busy summertime for all of us PMP’s and now fall is upon us. Time to feel like a mushroom get up in the dark and come home in the dark.

This time of year becomes a challenge for the board as they start developing our seminars and educational events. We strive to reflect our industry and become beneficial to our members. These seminars will be partnered with a quarterly event and consist of requirements in our industry for certification. Our board is excited about the opportunity to give something back to our membership.

The OPCA Scholarship program is another benefit to our OPCA membership that the board is passionate about. We managed to raise funds at our seminar raffle events throughout the year. The candidates are reviewed by the scholarship committee and awarded the scholarship in April. This OPCA scholarship has given away thousands of dollars over the years and it is part of the budget that will

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Pest World Comes to Seattle

It’s coming to the Pacific Northwest! PestWorld 2016 is October 18-21, in Seattle. PestWorld is the premier event in the professional pest management industry. Events will be held at the Washington Convention Center in Seattle.

Word on the street is Washington State Pest Management Association is planning some activities on Tuesday, October 18. Stay tuned for an email on these developments.

The theme is Making Connections. Finding Answers. Increasing Profits. At PestWorld you will see the latest and greatest products and services in the industry, network with thousands of pest management professionals from across the globe, and take advantage of the world-class educational sessions offering CEUs.

Pest World does not make it into our backyard very often, so we encourage you to attend. Let’s have a great showing from the Pacific Northwest at the Convention! Stay tuned for information on gatherings for Oregon and Washington attendees!
OPCA will be back in Southern Oregon in November. Due to Veteran’s Day, our Southern Oregon Seminar will be held a little later than usual: November 18. We will be back at the Evergreen Savings Bear Hotel.

Speakers include Jeff Weier with Sprague Pest Solutions - Odorous House Ants and Cockroaches; Chris Winson and Kenny Carver, with Univar - The Deadliest Animal on the Planet: Zika Information and Mosquito Control Overview; Terry Brant of Aspen Wildlife - Moles, Gophers and Voles; and Jim Truslow with BASF - Wood Destroying Organism Inspections and Control Measures.

Once again Jose from Casa Amiga will bring a feast for lunch.

You should know that the room can get rather cozy. We have room for about 70 attendees. So, don’t delay in registering for the event. There’s a good chance we won’t be able to take any registrations at the door. Join us!

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remain a tradition.

Our fall beach seminar held in Lincoln City had us out on Fri-
day fishing or golfing on a beautiful sunny day. That evening
Univar hosted a wonderful hospitality dinner and entertain-
ment. Then on Saturday our educational seminar was held with
an ocean view setting with gusty wind and rain. Did we plan
that right or what?

We had 15 vendor/supplier tables that offered us the opportu-
nity to learn about their products/services and ask them ques-
tions. I encourage our members to come and participate in our
quarterly seminar events throughout the year.

It is a wonderful time for networking, talking with suppliers,
and gaining knowledge presented by a host of exceptional
speakers.

Looking forward too seeing everyone at our next seminar in
Grants Pass on November 18.

You can't serve the customer of the future doing what we did
yesterday. I invite you to join us and get involved with your
association.

Nancy Boerema
President OPCA

Fall Beach 2016 Highlights!

Cameron Earle reeled in the biggest fish at the Fall Beach
Seminar Deep Sea fishing trip. We were lucky, Friday was flat
calm ocean, but by Saturday it had gotten really rough.

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OPCA Members Take on Chinook Winds Golf Club

Our Fall Beach Seminar Golf Tournament was held Friday, September 16 at Chinook Winds Golf Club. We had 24 golfers in 7 teams. The course is a little different with many challenging par 3's and some fun elevated tees. Participants enjoyed a (mostly) sunny day.

Results:

1st Place Team: The Killers: Matthew White, Don Chipman, Matt Eberle and Robert DeAngelo: 7 under par

2nd Place Team: Rennie Kubik, Jim Truslow, Art Guzman and Thomas Seriva: 1 under par

3rd Place Team: Nancy Boerema, Linda Bogart, Harvey Gail and Dave Palodichuck: Even

Men's Long Drive: Ryan Flores
Women's long Drive: Linda Bogart
Close to the Pin: Dave Stone

Thanks to all who donated prizes!
Wildlife Update: OPCA Provides WCO Credits

By Terry Brant, Aspen Wildlife Services Inc.

OPCA is now providing Wildlife Control Operator credits. At the Fall Beach Seminar, 3 hours were provided. Attendees with WCO licenses receive a certificate of attendance for their files.

OPCA will maintain a sign in sheet in our records in the event WCO’s need backup when they turn in their hours.

If you are a WCO, help give us your license number on our application and renewal invoice. Please fill that in if you need credits in the future.

Also, OPCA plans to offer more WCO Credits at the Southern Oregon Seminar, November 18, 2016 in Grants Pass. Watch your email for an event registration announcement.

OPCA Membership Report

We are off to a great start in 2016 with about 70% of our members renewing as of October 4.

Membership Renewals for 2016-17 (so far)

New members: 2
Active members: 40
Allied Members: 4
Associate: 4
Limited: 1
Honorary: 3
Renewal pending: 18

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 the OPCA office.

Members are posted on our website at www.opca.org on a Google Map. Check it out!

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OPCA Government Affairs Update

By Larry Treleven, OPCA Government Affairs Director

Zika on the Hill

After months of urging Congress to take action to combat the spread of the Zika Virus, Congress left for an extended summer recess without any action. On Thursday July 14, H.R. 2577, the Appropriations Package that included $1.1 billion in funding for the Zika Virus, failed to overcome a procedural hurdle (52-44). The measure had previously passed the House of Representatives but needed Senate approval to be sent to President Obama’s desk. Both President Obama and Senate Democrats publically stated they would not approve the current Zika funding measure as presented due to political components of the package including: defunding parts of Obamacare, defunding Planned Parenthood and a controversial confederate flag provision.

Also sending a letter to the President in July was Representative Bob Gibbs (R-OH), the sponsor of NPDES eliminating legislation, the Zika Vector Control Act H.R. 897. Rep. Gibbs sent a letter that urged the President to end a double standard and give the continental United States the same tools, deemed “the most important tool” by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. The letter cited a recent advisory from the heads of EPA and CDC that encouraged Puerto Ricans to spray more pesticides to slow the spread of the Zika virus. NPMA continues to support Rep. Gibbs and other Congressional offices that continue to highlight the burdens of NPDES permits.

NPMA is disappointed that a final deal could not be reached but we are continuing to highlight the importance of pest management in combatting the Zika virus. During the summer recess NPMA will continue to work with state regulators and other industry allies to encourage funding through the appropriations process once Congress returns in September.

NPMA Submits Comments to EPA Against WOTUS Definition and NPDES Permits

Today, NPMA submitted comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): Application and Program Update. The proposed rule would add the definition “pesticide applications to waters of the United States” in 40 CFR 122.2. Essentially, the addition of this definition does not change existing policy or directly impact the renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Pesticide General Permit (PGP) renewal, which NPMA commented on in March. Rather this was another opportunity for NPMA to once again highlight our opposition to NPDES permits and their damaging impact on protecting public health. NPMA requested delaying the addition of this definition until the litigation concerning “waters of the U.S.” is completed. Click here to read NPMA’s comments.

EPA Certification & Training Rule Sent to the Secretary of Agriculture

On Monday July 25 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Notification Of Submission to the Secretary Of Agriculture of the final Certification and Training rule (EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0183). Pursuant to section 25(a)(2)(B) of FIFRA the EPA Administrator is required to provide the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) with a copy of any draft final rule at least 30 days before signing it in final form for publication in the Federal Register. Secretary Vilsack has 15 days to comment in writing, which would be included as part of the docket when the final rule publishes. It is very likely that a final rule is published in the coming weeks which coincides with a timeline EPA had previously provided the NPMA public policy team. NPMA has been actively involved with EPA on the Certification and Training rule. We will continue to monitor and provide information as soon as it becomes available.

Reasonable Overtime Legislation Introduced to Phase-in Threshold Increase

On July 15th, Congressman Kurt Schrader (OR-5), Congressman Jim Cooper (TN-5), Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28) and Congressman Collin Peterson (MN-7) introduced the Overtime Reform and Enhancement Act, legislation that will initiate a three-
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year phase-in of the Department of Labor’s new overtime rule, which would reach the Department of Labor’s proposed $47,476 in 2019. The legislation also eliminates the automatic three-year increase to the salary threshold established under the new rule. The bill recognizes that future administrations can and should update the overtime rules, as they are required to under the Fair Labor Standards Act, but limits the ability of the DOL to update the rules on autopilot. This will allow stakeholders to comment on proposed changes and require the DOL to ensure the rules are working as intended.

The annual increases under the bill are:
December 1, 2016 -- $35,984 ($692 per week)
December 1, 2017 -- $39,780 ($765 per week)
December 1, 2018 -- $43,628 ($839 per week)
December 1, 2019 -- $47,476 ($913 per week)

NPMA has issued a letter in support of this legislation and will begin using the NPMA grassroots network and in-district office visits with key legislators to support this reasonable compromise in conjunction with the Partnership to Protect Workplace Opportunity (PPWO), a broad coalition working together to stop the implementation of the Department of Labor’s final Overtime rule.

White House Releases Pollinator Partnership Action Plan

On June 22, the White House released its Pollinator Partnership Action Plan (PPAP), which responds to the President’s emphasis on public-private partnerships and coordinating efforts to protect pollinators throughout the nation. This plan is very much in-line with the President’s national strategy to protect pollinators, released by his task force last May. The plan highlights:

- Pollinator Protection Plans (MP3s) for every state
- Providing additional land for foraging on public and private property
- Better and more pollinator research
- Developing and promoting Best Management Practices (BMPs)

From the onset of the development of the pollinator task force in 2014 NPMA has been very engaged on pollinator health and the structural pest management industry. We will continue to work with Federal and State officials and NPMA members on issues concerning pollinator health.

FAA Finalizes New Rules for Commercial Use of Drones

On June 21, the Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) finalized the first operational rules for routine commercial use of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS or “drones”). The new rules replace the requirement to obtain a section 333 exemption which had previously proven very difficult to obtain for commercial uses. The new rule will take effect in late August, important requirements in the new rule for commercial use of drones include:

- Drone must weigh less than 55 lbs.
- Drone must remain within visual line of sight of the remote pilot in command
- Drone may not operate over any persons not directly participating in the operation, not under a covered structure, and not inside a covered stationary vehicle
- Daylight-only operations, or civil twilight (30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset, local time) with appropriate anti-collision lighting
- A person operating a drone must either hold a remote pilot airman certificate with a small UAS rating or be under the direct supervision of a person who does hold a remote pilot certificate (remote pilot in command)
- An aeronautical knowledge test will be made available to obtain a drone pilot certificate

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx stated the new rule “will make it safer and easier to do certain jobs.” If you have any questions concerning how this rule may impact your business please contact the NPMA public policy team.

ODA Sign Out Policy

Due to staffing limitations, the ODA now requires you to sign out on continuing education sign in/out sheets. OPCA will go the extra mile at all events to remind the attendees of this policy and to sign out.

We will go to some degree to hunt you down, but once the meeting is over and we have packed up our sign-in sheets and headed home, you may be out of luck if you forgot to sign out!
In Memoriam: OPCA Celebrates the Life of Herb Schmidt

Herb Schmidt was born March 30, 1931 to Karl F. G. and Anna L. Schmidt. He was the youngest of three siblings. Herb was born and raised in Hood River. He attended Pine Grove Grade School.

Herb grew up with his sister Dora, brother Karl, and his mom and dad. Other various relatives would have extended stays from time to time, bringing an enhancement to the family unit. His family struggled in those early years. They grew and raised most of the food necessary. Herb and his brother Karl loved to bring home fish and game for the family so they didn’t go hungry.

Herb, as a boy, was confirmed into the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hood River. Herb was also a Boy Scout. His time as a scout enriched him with the camping, hiking, and camaraderie that would give him good building blocks for life.

Herb attended and graduated from Hood River High School. He participated in football and baseball for the Blue Dragons.

In December of 1950, he along with two other classmates joined the US Navy. After training, he was assigned to the USS Whiteside, a transport that hauled supplies from Japan to Korea. Herb also served on the aircraft carrier Essex for a time.

At our recent Fall Beach Seminar a heartfelt review of Herb’s life was given by Kathy Morris. He will be missed by many in the industry.
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