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

This winter definitely made history! RAIN-SNOW-ICE-WIND followed by more rain RAIN-SNOW-ICE-WIND… Avalanches on Santiam Pass, mud slides in Portland and the coast. We are all sooo ready for spring!

Wake Up!

So now, as infamous Tom Peterson would say: Wake Up! Wake Up! All PCO’s must be ready to answer the call to protect our industry. Lincoln County has a pending ballot measure, 21-177 which, if passed, would be devastating and would likely introduce a domino effect that could reach the state legislature. I have included the message being considered.

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Head to the High Desert June 2-3

Our annual trip to the high desert is coming up June 2-3, 2017 at Mount Bachelor Village Resort in Bend. On Friday, in traditional fashion, we will have our golf tournament (at River’s Edge), rafting trip, and welcome barbecue. Mingle with friends and colleagues, flop around the golf course, or get soaked on our raft trip.

Saturday our seminar features a great lineup of speakers: We are privileged to have Dr. Laurel Hansen who will have an in-depth presentation on ants. Learn from the one of the top researchers and educators on ants in the entire world! Laurie Gordon, Oregon Department of Agriculture, will provide us with CORE ODA credit with a presentation and case study on how to do chemical reports. A representative from Nisus Corp will do a presentation on flies. Nick Grisafe from Syngenta will do a presentation on cockroaches. We will also have our annual election of officers. All attendees are eligible to enter our raffle drawings and receive door prizes! See you there!

Registration is OPEN at www.opca.org.
Wildlife Update: Trapping Bill Heads to Oregon Legislature

I would like all our wildlife operators to know about Senate Bill 6. This bill, now in the Oregon legislature, is aimed at the trapping industry. The Humane Society worked with Senate President Peter Courtney to sponsor the bill.

This law would change the trap check times to every 24 hours. There is an exemption for mice, rates, moles and gophers. The bill had a hearing on February 1 and was scheduled for another hearing in the Senate Natural Resources Committee, but, at the time of this writing, the bill’s second hearing was cancelled. It’s possible the hearing was canceled because ODA and ODFW had not had a chance to review the bill. It’s common in the legislature for committee chairs to delay a hearing in a situation like this.

Regarding trapping, Oregon is different than Washington state. Also, the references to rats and mice in the bill implied it was an area ODFW handles when it is actually covered by ODA.

The bill also requires signs to be placed noting traps are present. Also, the requirement to check a trap “on a regular basis” is rather vague.

In remote areas it can be very difficult to meet the 24-hour requirement. I suspect a lot of people that wanted to testify on this bill also contacted the committee chair, so that slowed it down. However, since this bill is sponsored by Senate President, it could come back around again.

WCO Credits

Also, this is a reminder that OPCA provides Wildlife Control Operator credits. 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, give us your license number on our application and renewal invoice. Please fill that in on the application if you need credits. Also, OPCA will offer more WCO credits at the High Desert Seminar and Fall Beach Seminar this year.

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Please note: The word “aerial” is never defined or qualified. Nowhere is an “aircraft” referenced, which means any “air borne” insecticide. Do you treat under eaves? Have you shot up at a yellow jacket nest maybe 10-20 feet away? How would this affect YOUR business?

This measure also gives rights to anyone and anything…. The “natural community” rocks, dirt, grass, whatever surface your pesticide contacts. The bonus in this piece of work: immunity from civil and criminal prosecution if an individual uses “direct action” to enforce this measure.

Please take time to read this measure. Oregonians for Food and Shelters (OFS) is very much involved as are many of us in OPCA and in the Lincoln County area. I will be attending the grassroots meetings and plan to see OPCA members join in the fight to stop this measure.

I have asked NPMA to assist us in any way they can as well! If you are not able to attend, at least write to the Lincoln County Commissioners in opposition of this ridiculous proposal. OFS will help format a letter by sending you a template. Just add your company logo and contact information then sign it.

High Desert Seminar, June 2-3

Mark your calendars for our Bend Seminar June 2-3, 2017 at Mount Bachelor Village. This is always an awesome event.

Board Elections

And finally – just a few words as I look to June and our election of new board members. I encourage all of you to consider “volunteering” just a little bit of your time to help our association grow and improve.

I have been very impressed with our current board of directors for their leadership and commitment to our association.

Thanks for your ongoing support!

Nancy Boerema
OPCA President 2016-2017

ODA Sign Out Policy

If you have come to any OPCA events, you are probably familiar with out sign out procedures. But, if it’s been awhile, you need to be aware of this important change.

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!

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OPCA Battles Aerial Spray Ban in Lincoln County

OPCA Joins Coalition to Defeat Measure 21-177

A Lincoln county ordinance has been introduced that “Prohibits aerial pesticide spraying and creates rights of local citizens.” Angi Bailey, Grassroots coordinator for OFS, has contacted me in regards to ballot measure 21-17, which will be on the May 2017 ballot. While on face value the reading of the ballot title may not alarm you, it is what has not been said that should pique your interest. There are three specific issues in this measure that should trouble you and motivate and mobilize you to action.

1. The definition of “aerial” is extremely vague. At first reading we might assume that aerial means “applied by aircraft” but the measure does not define that specifically. Per the dictionary, aerial is defined as “existing, happening, or operating in the air.” It does not specifically say aircraft. It would not be a stretch by the anti-pesticide groups to say that ground-based power sprayers, or backpack sprayers, directed up into a tree canopy or toward the eaves of a structure would be “aerially” applied. What about a pest control operator working from a ladder? The product applied would be “aerial” for a period of time. There could be some serious consequences for our industry even though we are not specifically targeted in this measure.

2. The measure give standing to organic things. Rocks, soil, fauna streams etc. are identified as having standing and action could be brought forward on their behalf. In this case a resident opposed to pesticide application can sue on behalf of moss on a rock that is harmed by pesticide. You are probably saying as you read this that “this is absurd!” and you would be right. But as the measure is written this is exactly the case. I can foresee the courts being clogged with petitions on behalf of every moss-covered rock in Lincoln County. This is the method. Find standing in the courts and then proceed to the legislature with their “new” facts.

3. Allows direct action, with immunity, for any person who chooses to enforce the measure because they believe that the local government has not acted. Direct action is a very broad term. It could mean anything from stopping equipment from proceeding to a jobsite to tampering with equipment with the intent to make it fail. This is a very dangerous provision. It gives rise to environmental vigilantism and the vigilantes are protected from prosecution or being taken to court for their actions. On face value this rewards lawlessness. No company will be safe from activists under this provision.

So, while you read the ballot title and say “this is not my fight” I would urge you to think again. If this measure passes it will only be a foothold in the door for future onerous legislation that will threaten not only the forestry industry but every pesticide applicator in Lincoln County and or the State of Oregon. We do not have a lot of friends in the legislature and we MUST do all we can to see that poor measures like 21-177 are defeated.

I have joined the coalition to defeat measure 21-177. I have donated to their PAC. I have taken time to inform the OPCA members of what this measure could mean for our livelihoods. I am encouraging every OPCA member, especially those in the coastal counties, to get involved in the grassroots effort to defeat this measure. We cannot put our heads in the sand and hope it goes away. IT MUST GO AWAY. And the only way it will is to lend your time, finances and name to coalition to Defeat Measure 21-177. Time is short! Do not delay to get involved!!

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- Legislative representation through Oregonians for Food and Shelter, a lobbying organization for ag industries in Oregon.
- 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.

OPCA Membership Categories and Rates:

- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: 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. Active dues: $175 per year plus the cost of NPMA dues which are on a sliding scale depending on sales volume.
- ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Person, firm, corporation or other organization interested in the welfare of the pest control or for home inspectors. Associate dues: $175 per year.
- ALLIED MEMBERSHIP: Includes suppliers (vendors) to the pest control and home inspector industries. Allied dues: $150 per year.

For a complete description of each membership category, refer to our website at www.opca.org. 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!

OPCA Fall Beach Seminar
Sept 15-16, 2017

Save the Date:

OPCA Membership Report

OPCA membership as of March 2017.

New members: 2
Active members: 55
Allied Members: 4
Associate: 5
Limited members: 1
Honorary: 3

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!

Members are posted on our website at www.opca.org on a Google Map. Check it out!
Worker protection Standards, Oregon Legislature Sets Up for Long 2017 Session

New Worker Protection Standards are in the process of implementation and all of us need to be aware of some of these changes. First of all these changes were pushed forward by the EPA under the direction of the Obama Administration and the process is still in flux until the final rulings come out in 2018. The first item to be aware of is that no one can obtain a license to apply pesticides before the age of 18 which does not impact the Pest Management Industry too much unless you are operating in an agricultural community.

Written training programs are now required for training our employees and records of the content, the materials that were covered, and the specific training dates must be kept in the employees file. These records should be signed by both the trainer and the employee. OR-OSHA and ODA are working on implementation of these new EPA rules. OR-OSHA and ODA have draft rules out for comment through mid-December and they should be releasing the final rules before the end of January 2018.

Uncertainty remains around the application exclusion zones as well as some of the requirements for trainers of workers and handlers. OR-OSHA has suggested that Oregon has specific rules in these areas. Some of these may change before they are finalized into more permanent rules.

The short Oregon Legislative Session ended 2016’s short session last March third. This was a very heated session with pitched battles throughout the "short" session. The Legislature passed policies that will shape and change how business is run in Oregon for years to come. Items such as the minimum wage proposals at $13.50 hour up to $15.00/hour as is the reality in the State of Washington were heatedly debated.

Renewable energy standards, carbon taxes on fuel, electricity, and natural gas all surfaced as well as live trapping which effects our Industry. Battle lines are already drawn for the 2017 which is slated to be long and difficult as lawmakers struggle to find possibly raise taxes and make cuts in state agency budgets.

We are grateful for all of the help that we received from the Oregonians for Food and Shelter and the National Pest Management Association for their guidance and counsel.

Larry Treleven  Government Affairs and SPAR

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