

**TUESDAY PM
JANUARY 27TH, 2026**

11:00 AM	Registration
1:00 PM	Presiding: Lauren Lochstampfor, President
1:10 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks Lauren Lochstampfor, President
1:40 PM	Overview of Vectorborne Disease Activity in 2025 Dr. Eleanor Labgold, Virginia Department of Health
2:00 PM	New World Screwworm Josh Smith, Fairfax County Health Department
2:05 PM	Introducing the VMCA Library Alex Riley, Suffolk Mosquito Control
2:35 PM	A Sweeter Future: Henrico's Pollinator Enhancement Project Wes Robertson, Henrico County Public Works
2:45 PM	Open Data: Making Mosquito Science Public Penelope Smelser, Norfolk Department of Health
2:50 PM	Sustaining Member Presentation Derek Wright, AMGUARD Envir. Tech.
2:55 PM	Sustaining Member Presentation Jenna Mora, Central Life Sciences
3:25 PM	Break Presiding: Rachel Kempf, Vice President
3:45 PM	Monarchs & Mosquitoes: Finding Balance Between Public Health and Pollinator Conservation *Virtual* Mercy Manzanares, Monarch Joint Venture
4:05 PM	Assessing Human West Nile Virus Outbreak Risks in the City of Norfolk, Virginia Hua Liu, Old Dominion University
4:15 PM	Range Expansion of Babesiosis Across the Mid-Atlantic Holly Gaff, Old Dominion University
4:40 PM	Chagas' Disease Dr. Eleanor Labgold, Virginia Department of Health
4:50 PM	A Heartworming Story of <i>Dirofilaria immitis</i> in Suffolk, VA Jay Kiser, Suffolk Mosquito Control
4:55 PM	Sustaining Member Presentation Dan McCombie, Azelis A&ES
5:00 PM	Sustaining Member Presentation Shawn Mullen, Envu
7:00 PM	Adjourn then Icebreaker Social Outdoor Dining

**WEDNESDAY AM
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7:00 AM	Registration Recent Day-Sign roster and fill out form
8:00 AM	Presiding: Karen Akaratovic, Past President 2nd Place Poster - Assessing the Utility of Mosquito Surveillance Bycatch for Tick Population Monitoring Shania Sanderson & Edwin Zheng Old Dominion University
8:20 AM	2025 Virginia Legal Update Christine Haslam, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
9:00 AM	1st Place Poster - Who Feeds on Whom? Identifying Ticks Feeding on Mammals Brenna Albright, Old Dominion University
9:20 AM	Compact Wind Tunnel for Exposing Mosquitoes to Formulated Products Dr. Stephanie Richards, East Carolina University
9:40 AM	Sustaining Member Presentation Steve Molnar, Target Specialty Products
9:45 AM	Break Presiding: Alex Riley, Secretary
10:15 AM	Expanding Methods for Evaluating Insecticide Resistance at the NEVBD TEC Elisabeth (Lisa) Martin, Cornell University
10:35 AM	A Year of Growth, with Pains Along the Way-A Larvicide Adventure Gina Serge & Lily Withrow, Henrico Public Works
11:05 AM	3rd Place Poster - Landscape Features and Phenology Influence Relative Cryptic Culex Abundance Along Urbanization Gradients in Eastern North America Benjamin Gregory, University of Maryland
11:20 AM	The <i>pipiens</i> Puzzle Karen Akaratovic, Suffolk Mosquito Control
11:30 AM	American Mosquito Control Association: 2025 Update Michael Doyle, North Carolina Department of Health
11:45 AM	Sustaining Member Presentation Zachary Cohen, Summit Chemical Company
11:50 AM	Awards Banquet & Lunch Sunset Room I & II

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1:20 PM	Presiding: Jay Kiser, Treasurer Keeping Virginia's Landscapes Buzzing: Bee City Accomplishments in Habitat, Outreach, and Integrated Pest Management*Virtual* Jacqueline Buenrostro, Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation
1:50 PM	Investigating Electroconductivity as a Tool for Wireworm Pest Management in Virginia Dylan Raney, Virginia Tech
2:05 PM	Hard Times at the Hatchery Lily Withrow, Henrico County Public Works
2:25 PM	Anopheles Mosquito Genomics Research and Mosquito BEACONS Working Group Update Valerie Nguyen, University of Florida
2:40 PM	History and Evolution of the Management of Pest Management in Prince William County Eli Hosen, Prince William County Mosquito and Forest Pest Management
3:00 PM	Sustaining Member Presentation Chad Minteer, Frontier Precision
3:05 PM	Break Student Poster Competition Q&A
3:35 PM	Mosquitoes Beneath Our Feet*Virtual* Patrick Irwin, Northwest Mosquito Abatement District
3:50 PM	The Insect Apocalypse Dr. Amanda Whispell, Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District
4:35 PM	Henrico's Water Warriors Sanni-Jannah Wagenar & Wes Robertson, Henrico County Public Works
4:55 PM	Sustaining Member Presentation Jeff Hottenstein, Clarke Mosquito Control Products
5:00 PM	50/50 Raffle Ticket Drawing ~must be present to win~
5:45 PM	Adjourn Silent Auction Final Bidding Sunset Room I & II
6:30 PM	Hospitality Room Whitehurst Boardroom-9 th floor, end of hall

**THURSDAY AM
JANUARY 29TH, 2026**

7:00 AM	Registration and Breakfast Presiding: Janice Pulver, President Elect
8:00 AM	Hunting Snakes by Hunting Mosquitoes*Virtual* Dr. Lawrence Reeves, Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory
8:25 AM	Spatial Repellents and Bioassay Methods to Evaluate Them*Virtual* Dr. Robert (Bob) Aldridge, U.S. Department of Agriculture
8:45 AM	Forensic Entomology: Using Insects in Investigations Emily Baucom, Virginia Beach Police Department Forensic Sciences Unit
9:00 AM	Behind the Binomials: Mosquito Etymology Alex Riley, Suffolk Mosquito Control
9:15 AM	York County Outreach Update Janice Pulver, York County Mosquito Control
9:30 AM	VMCA 2025 Photo Contest Results Wes Robertson
9:45 AM	Sustaining Member Presentation Joe Iburg, Valent Biosciences
9:50 AM	Sustaining Member Presentation Gretchen Falter, I. Miller Microscopes
9:55 AM	Break ~Hotel Check-Out~
10:25 AM	Lightning Round Competition ⚡
10:55 AM	Can you ID Me? Karen Akaratovic, Suffolk Mosquito Control
11:00 AM	I think I found the problem... Gina Serge, Henrico County Public Works
12:00 PM	Etymology Epilogue Alex Riley, Suffolk Mosquito Control
	Managing the Winged Assets: An APWA Guide to Mosquito Control Wes Robertson, Henrico County Public Works
	The Weird World Around Us Jay Kiser, Suffolk Mosquito Control
	A Colloquial Guide to Mosquito Identification & Data Management Kylie Wey, Norfolk Department of Health
	Lightning Round Voting
	VMCA Business Meeting Door Prizes~must be present to win~
	Adjourn



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