



February 6, 2025

The 2025 Annual Business meeting of the Virginia Mosquito Control Association was held at the Newport News Marriott at City Center on February 6, 2025.

President Karen Akaratovic called the meeting to order at 11:41 am.

Motion was made by Lauren Lochstampfor, seconded by Charles Abadam, to accept the meeting minutes from the February 22, 2024 annual business meeting as it was submitted on 2025 MAMCA / VMCA Joint Conference webpage of the VMCA website. No discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Motion was made by Charles Abadam, seconded by Randy Buchanan, to accept the 2024 financial report as it was submitted on 2025 MAMCA / VMCA Joint Conference webpage of the VMCA website. No discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Annual Conference/Hospitality Room: Chair Carol LaLiberte, said the hospitality room went great this year. She thanked all that participated.

Annual Conference/Local Arrangements: Chair Charles Abadam, thanked the MAMCA team for putting on a good meeting this year. The 2026 VMCA Conference will be January 27-29 at the Virginia Beach Delta, on the bay/Shore Drive. The 2027 conference will be at the same location with the contract in the works. In the future, the committee would like to set up two conferences in a row at the same hotel. This would make their process easier.

Tech Support: Chair Charles Abadam, is going over older equipment that VMCA/TMVCC has. He will make his recommendations on what to keep and get rid of.

Annual Conference/Agenda: Chair Lauren Lochstampfor, thanked Tim and Jeff for all their work on the agenda this year. She thanked all the speakers and committee members. She requested for members to please take some time and sign up for 2026 committees.

Annual Conference/Vendor Planning: Karen Akaratovic (VMCA President), thanked Steve Molnar (Committee Chair) for being in this position and Steve's participation in the board meetings was very appreciated.

Audit: Committee member Penny Smelser, said the audit was conducted on January 6, 2025 with VMCA Treasurer Jay Kiser, and other committee members Amber Reimer and Josh Snyder. The audit went well and all financial records were in good standing. She thanked Jay for having things in good order.

Election: Committee member Penny Smelser, thanked all that voted. Results will be announced during new business.



Merchandise: Chair Penny Smelser, thanked everyone that purchased items. The committee is always looking for ideas and designs. Please sign up for the committee. She thanked Rachel Kempf for the poster design and her committee members for all their help.

Bylaws: Chair Jay Kiser, said there was nothing to report. There are a couple things being discussed and questioned, but the committee will hold on those until there are enough to bring up.

Student Competition: Chair Jay Kiser, thanked his committee, student poster submitters, judges of the posters, and everyone that participated and donated to the fundraising events over the past conference and year. Having MAMCA members at the joint conference, made this the most successful fund raising to date. The committee was able to raise \$427 dollars from our 50/50 raffle and \$1324 from our silent auction. Tour de Skeeter will be in October, and he hopes to see everyone there.

Curations: Chair Wes Robertson, said the committee is working on creating a catalog this year that will have photos and characteristics about the specimens/submissions they have in their collection. The catalog will list what species they have and what is still needed. The committee would like to have adult submissions as well as larval ones. This collection could be used for educational events for jurisdictions around Virginia.

Website: Chair Wes Robertson, appreciated the opportunity to chair this committee. It is a bit more time consuming than expected, but he is getting the hang of it. He asked membership to reach out if anything needs to be changed or updated.

Photo Contest: Chair Wes Robertson, thanked everyone that submitted photos and voted. He would love to continue the contest next year, with new categories. He thanked Central Life Sciences for their sponsorship and hopes they can continue.

Education: Chair Katherine Reutt, thanked her committee members and announced that the ID course will take place in May. The recertification in January went well. She thanked all that participated in the recert and Chesapeake for hosting.

Public Relations: Chair Katherine Reutt, submitted the proclamation paperwork last spring, and the Governor signed off for the Mosquito Control Awareness Week to take place June 16-22, 2024.

MAMCA: Representative Tim DuBois, said that this will be his last year as the MAMCA VA State Rep. He is taking over as MAMCA Historian and will not be able to have both board positions. MAMCA will need to fill the state rep with an interim for the next year. If anyone is interested, please notify Tim. There will be a vote sent out soon.

Historical: Chair Tim DuBois, thanked Alex Riley for taking an interest in the committee and putting together great ideas and a presentation.



Information (Skeeter)/Social Media: President Karen Akaratovic (speaking for committee chair Kaitlyn Price), thanked Kaitlyn and her committee for doing a great job with the Skeeter and social media.

Legislative: Chair Randy Buchanan, said that VMCA had great communication with AMCA this year on different actions taking place. The VMCA website is doing a great job posting communications. The committee is looking for someone new to chair and new members.

Nominations: Chair Carla Caulkins, thanked everyone that ran this year. Thanked Tim for reaching out and helping find nominees.

Photography: Chair Gina Serge, thanked her committee and asked membership to please join this year. She asked for field staff to please submit more photos. She would like to see how everyone is doing their jobs.

Special Awards: Chair Jennifer Barritt, thanked those that nominated members for awards and asked for membership to please recognize other for all the hard work they do.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business

New Business:

Election Results- VMCA President and Committee Chair Karen Akatovic, said there were 48 that voted this year, which is about average. She announced the results for the 2025 elections. Results showed Lauren Lochstampfor as president, Janice Pulver as president elect, Rachel Kempf as vice president, and Alex Riley as treasurer.

Karen announced the winner for the \$50 Amazon gift card from the committee signup drawing. Tim DuBois was the winner.

Lauren Lochstampfor thanked Karen Akaratovic and gave her the end of term presidential plaque. Lauren then took her gavel as the new president.

Motion was made by Jay Kiser, seconded by Charles Abadam, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Kiser

VMCA Treasurer