

WARNING: AMCA MEMBERSHIP  
MAY CAUSE INCREASED  
KNOWLEDGE RESULTING IN  
IMPROVED PUBLIC HEALTH

## What is the AMCA?

- Non-profit professional association founded in NJ in 1935. Originally called the Eastern Association of Mosquito Control Workers.
- ~1,500 members
- Made up of: students, scientists, regulators, industry, mosquito control employees, trustees, commissioners, and many others
- Members in 52 countries

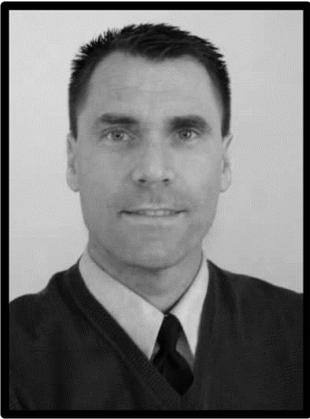


## What is the AMCA's Mission?

Our mission is to provide *leadership, education, and information* leading to the enhancement of health and quality of life through the suppression of mosquitoes and other vector-transmitted diseases, and the reduction of annoyance levels caused by mosquitoes and other vectors and pests of public health importance.



## Your Current Officers



**Mark  
Breidenbaugh,  
PhD  
President**



**Dennis Walette  
President-Elect**



**Kristen Healey,  
PhD  
Vice President**



**Gary Hatch  
Treasurer**



**Ary Faraji,  
PhD  
Past  
President**



# Current Directors



**Broox Boze, PhD**  
Industry



**Brian Byrd, PhD**  
Mid-Atlantic



**Chris Lesser**  
South Atlantic



**Gary Goodman**  
South Pacific



**Mark Clifton, PhD**  
North Central



**Lee Cohnstaedt, PhD**  
West Central



**Herff Jones**  
South Central



**Gregory Barron**  
North Pacific



**Catalina Alfonso-Parra, PhD**  
International



**Priscilla Matton**  
North Atlantic



## 2020 - 2021 Committee Chairs

- Annual Meeting – Mark Breidenbaugh
- Archives – Scott Crans
- Awards & Nominating – Jason Kinley
- Bylaws – Janet McAllister
- Executive – Ary Faraji
- Finance – Gary Hatch
- Legislative & Regulatory – Angela Beehler
- Membership – Megan MacNee
- Publications – Whitney Qualls
- Public Relations – Dave Brown
- Science & Technology – Seth Britch
- Training & Member Education – Isik Unlu
- Young Professionals – Stormy Freese
  - YP Advisor – Kristy Burkhalter



## Meet Your Executive Director



- **Megan MacNee** joined the AMCA team in 2019 and in fall of 2020 took over as Executive Director.
- She brings over a decade of experience in association and non-profit management.
- Her experience includes board management, events, advocacy, communications, project and program management, fundraising, and more.
- She has previously served in key roles at Donate Life California, the California Building Industry Association, and the California State Assembly.
- She holds a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a B.A in History from the University of Redlands.
- She calls Sacramento, CA home with her rescue pup Sirius.

Any questions? Contact her at [mmacnee@mosquito.org](mailto:mmacnee@mosquito.org).



## Meet Your Technical Advisor – Dave Brown

I am both happy and proud to assume the role of Technical Advisor and provide a similar level of service Joe Conlon did for the last twenty years. It is very rewarding to work with the many AMCA professionals that strive to protect our citizens from mosquitoes and mosquito borne diseases.

My current activities include:

- Assisting the Legislative and Regulatory Chair in addressing Endangered Species Act issues and (re)regulation of mosquito control adulticides.
- Coordinating our responses to requests for interviews from periodicals and news outlets and questions from the public on issues related to mosquitoes and their control as Chair of the AMCA Public Relations Committee .
- With the AMCA team, reviewing the website to make it more user friendly to both our members and the general public
- Developing a working relationship with the Vector Borne Disease Network, NEHA, and NACCHO to maximize our efforts of our public health programs



I am always available for a phone call or email if you have any questions. You can reach me at [dabrownsoj@gmail.com](mailto:dabrownsoj@gmail.com) and (916) 417-1966.



## Why AMCA Matters...

- **Legislative and Regulatory advocacy**
  - Support legislation that directly impacts you
  - Provide comments to regulatory agencies regarding pending changes or updates to issues that could impact the way you do your job
    - ESA, EPA Human Risk Assessments, etc.
  - Remind Congress of the importance of funding legislation that has been passed
    - SMASH Act, TICK Act, etc.
- **Scientific (evidence) approach to decision making**
  - AMCA Research Fund
  - *Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association*
- **Support you...yes, you!**



## American Mosquito Control Association's Updated *Best Practices for Integrated Mosquito Management*

In 2021, the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) published an update to their *Best Practices for Integrated Mosquito Management* manual that includes new information on managing *Culex* species and reducing arbovirus transmission.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded the update to help AMCA create publicly available resources dedicated to addressing the growing threat posed by vector-borne disease and train the nation's vector control workforce.

The 2021 update of the AMCA's *Best Practices for Integrated Mosquito Management* includes an additional focus on managing populations of *Culex* mosquitoes and reducing the transmission of arboviruses such as West Nile virus and St. Louis encephalitis virus.



[Click here to view AMCA's Best Practices for Integrated Mosquito Management Manual, 2021.](#)

*\* Recently updated from 2017 version by the AMCA expert advisory panel as part of the CDC sole-source contract for Establishment of Training and Certification Programs for Mosquito Surveillance and Control.*

<https://www.mosquito.org/page/training>





## AMCA Webinar Series



**Sterile Insect Technique for *Aedes aegypti* control  
in Florida: a tale of two programs**

**Date: February 15, 2022  
Time: 3:00PM - 4:00PM ET**



**AMCA 2022 Annual Meeting**  
**Registration Now Open**



**AMCA's 88th Annual Meeting**

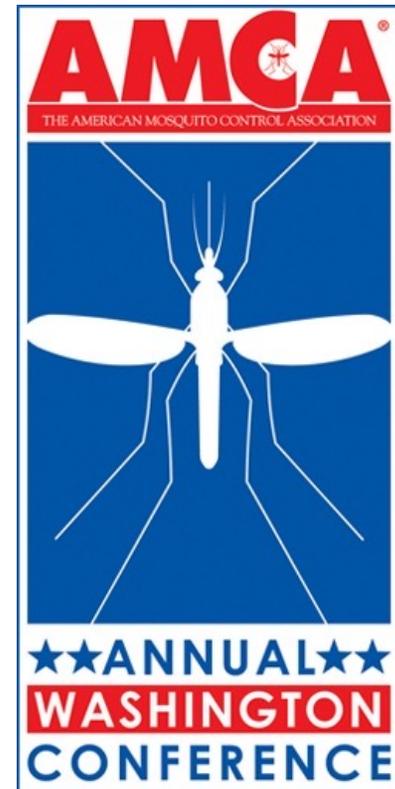
***Register by February 1, 2022, to receive early-bird pricing!***



# Annual Washington Conference

**Remember to visit the AMCA website  
([mosquito.org](http://mosquito.org)) for more information in  
early March**

Angela Beehler at:  
[angela@mosquitocontrol.org](mailto:angela@mosquitocontrol.org).



## Have you ...

- Ever read an article in Wing Beats and used it to change your surveillance or control practice?
- Ever used the data or conclusions from a JAMCA article?
- Ever discussed a technical problem with Joe Conlon or Dave Brown?
- Ever used your AMCA professional connections to get support or validate your decision making in a tough situation?
- Ever watched an AMCA webinar that addressed a timely issue?
- Ever been to an AMCA annual meeting and returned home professionally energized and motivated?



## Join AMCA — <http://mosquito.org>

- **Membership runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **Regular Membership: \$155**  
Receives 4 issues of the AMCA Newsletter, monthly issues of the e-Newsletter, Members Only access to website resources (including past issues of the journal), and Regular and Retired pricing discounts for the annual meeting (a savings of \$150+ over the non-member pricing). This category also includes the right to vote on Association matters.
- **Student Membership: \$38**  
Receives 4 issues of the AMCA Newsletter, monthly issues of the e-Newsletter, Members Only access to website resources (including past issues of the journal), and a Student Member pricing discount for the annual meeting. Students must enclose a letter from their advisor on University letterhead as proof of student status.
- Other memberships (International, Retired)



# American Mosquito Control Association

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