



January 27, 2022

The 2022 Annual Business meeting of the Virginia Mosquito Control Association was held at the Newport News Marriott at City Center on January 27, 2022. Members also joined virtually via GoToMeeting.

President Tim DuBois called the meeting to order at 11:23 pm.

Motion was made by Ann Herring, seconded by Josh Snyder, to accept the business meeting minutes from the January 27, 2021 annual business meeting as it was submitted on the VMCA registration webpage. No discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Motion was made by LaToya White, seconded by Ann Herring, to accept the 2021 financial report as it was submitted on the VMCA registration webpage. No discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Annual Conference/Local Arrangements: Chair Charles Abadam, everyone seemed happy to have an in-person meeting for the first time in a while. Having both in-person and virtual was daunting but also enlightening. Because the annual conference cost is VMCA's major expense, it is recommended that the VMCA Secretary/Treasurer be on this committee in the future. It would be nice if the membership was more involved; committees, presentations, all VMCA aspects.

Tech Support: Chair Charles Abadam, a few glitches and hiccups along the way, but everything seemed to come together. It seems virtual presentations are here to stay but not sure about virtual conference attendance. Depending on what VMCA decides to do in the future, we may need to change/look at different software other than GoToMeeting.

Annual Conference/Agenda: Chair Wes Robertson, conference agenda went pretty well. There were some last minute issues, but everything was worked out. In the future, we may need to change up some things with the presentation signup forms. All the help from everyone was much appreciated, but more help from members is needed. More volunteer presentations are needed.

Annual Conference/Vendor Planning: Tim DuBois, wants to say thank you to all the vendors. There were a total of 8 vendors that signed up for the 2022 conference.

Audit: Chair Penny Smelser, the audit was conducted on January 6, 2022 with committee members Michael Bowry and Amber Reimer. Everything was accounted for. Thank you to Jay.

Merchandise: Chair Penny Smelser, thank you to the committee and everyone that bought items so far. If anyone wants to buy anything after the meeting online, they can find everything they need on the VMCA webpage. Please let her know if you would like to be a part of the committee in 2022 or if you have any design ideas. An extra thank you to Rachel Kempf and Tim DuBois for the 2022 shirt ideas.



Bylaws: Chair Jay Kiser, during this year's conference, there were some proposed bylaws changes. All the changes, including the proposed name change, can be found on the website under the 2022 conference or the bylaws page. Discussion on this will take place later in the business meeting during new business. Make sure to take a look at the VMCA book of guidelines on the website.

Student Competition Committee: Chair Jay Kiser, thank you to my committee, student poster submitters, and everyone that participated and donated to our fundraising events over the past conference and year. This was a very successful meeting for us. We had a total of 5 great poster submissions from VA Tech and Roanoke College. During the conference, we were able to raise \$337 dollars from our 50/50 raffle. Thank you to our winner Karen Akaratovic for donating \$100 of her winnings back to the committee. We also raised over \$700 from our silent auction. It was great to be back in-person and I look forward to seeing some of you at the Tour de Skeeter in October.

Membership: Chair Jay Kiser, we had a pretty successful membership signup and conference registration this year: 40 virtual attendees and 81 in-person attendees. From those numbers, we had 10 students and 8 sustaining members attend.

Education: Chair Jennifer Barritt, 2021 had the first virtual adult mosquito ID course. It went really well with lots of views from around VA and the US. Thank you to all that helped and recorded presentations. An extra thank you to Charles and Karen for getting the presentations posted and put on the website. The 2022 ID course will be discussed. The Hampton recertification course was postponed from January and will most likely take place in March of 2022.

Special Awards: Chair Jennifer Barritt, thank you for the 2022 nominations that were submitted. Please keep in mind future submissions.

Elections: Chair Tim DuBois, thank you to the 2 nominees this year. 31 ballots were cast from the VMCA membership. We will announce the winner later on in the business meeting during new business. Also, thank you to Francis Valera for being on the board last year. He has moved on to another industry and will be missed.

Historical: chair Carla Caulkins, thank you to the people that visited the VMCA history table. Our idea for future conferences is to have a history table each year. If anyone has any cool historical VMCA stuff, please let us see it and maybe display it at the conference. Tim and Carla plan on going through all the VMCA historical items this year.

Annual Conference/Hospitality Room: Chair Ann Herring, thank you to everyone that helped including the drink fairies. The hospitality room wasn't as busy as normal this year, but still had over 10-12 people each night.

Information (Skeeter)/Social Media: Tim DuBois, Rachel is stepping down as chair of the committee. Thank you to Rachel for putting the Skeeter together over the last few years. Thank you to everyone that contributed articles to make the Skeeter a great newsletter.



Legislative: Chair Randy Buchanan, every year there are legislative topics that can affect pesticide applications. It is important to watch out for these. Please join the committee to help keep the membership informed.

Nominations: Tim DuBois, Andy Lima worked hard getting nominations together this year. Two great nominations were chosen and added to the ballot.

Photography: Chair TJ Carner, please join the committee and help us out.

Public Relations: Chair Ryan Levering, no real update this year. There were issues getting the governor's response on the 2021 Mosquito Control Awareness Week (MCAW). In 2022, MCAW will be June 19-25.

Website: Chair Karen Akaratovic, there is lots of new information on the website: News pages are constantly being updated, a new legislative page has been added, and job postings are always being updated. Merchandise can still be purchased online. Please look through the website and let Karen know if there are any problems or something that needs to be added. After the conference, a pdf of each presentation will be posted. Make sure you look for an email looking for permission. There is a new platform for the website and it is working great. Thank you to everyone that has sent her feedback and content to post.

MAMCA: Representative Jeff Hottenstein, thank you for having the VMCA conference in-person. It is nice to finally get back to normal. MAMCA was planning on having their meeting in-person, but they had to change to virtual at the last minute. Please join the virtual meeting February 23-24. The cost is \$25 and includes MAMCA membership. Sustaining membership will be \$300. Next year, MAMCA will be in January in Savannah Georgia.

TMVCC Rep: 2021 President Ann Herring, TMVCC will be taking a break. The TMVCC board has not been able to find participation and can't function without a team to set up the meetings. If anyone wants to revive the group, please email the VMCA board to set it up. Thank you to all the vendors that have sponsored TMVCC meetings in the past.

VAST: Representative Janice Pulver, had 3 meetings over the 2021 season. During the spring meeting, the group suggested a name change from TRAST to VAST (Virginia Arboviral Surveillance Team). The name was changed by an email vote. Meetings have started to become in-person with a virtual option. Over the past several months, a few jurisdictions from VAST have shared their surveillance data with a group at William and Mary. W&M are hoping to create some GIS projects with the data. Tim DuBois will take over as the new VAST Coordinator in 2022.



Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Elections Results- Committee chair Tim DuBois, announced the results for the 2022 elections. Results showed Wes Robertson as president, Betsy Hodson as president elect, Rachel Stradling as vice president, Carla Caulkins as first vice president, Jay Kiser as Secretary/Treasurer, and Kurt Vandock as Industry Representative. Due to the way the bylaws are written, the proposed bylaws changes cannot be voted on with an online ballot. Instead, they need to be voted at the business meeting.

Jay Kiser made a motion, seconded by George Wojcik, to accept the proposed bylaws changes that are associated with verbiage and defining (what is written in red on the proposed changes document posted on the website). This motion includes all of the proposed bylaws changes except the name change of VMCA to VMVCA. There was no more discussion, all votes were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Jay Kiser made a motion, seconded by Charles Abadam, to accept the proposed bylaws changes associated with the name change of Virginia Mosquito Control Association (VMCA) to Virginia Mosquito and Vector Control Association (VMVCA). During the discussion: Lisa Wagonbrenner suggested that we table this vote until the membership has more time to think about a big change like this. Jay said that these changes were proposed in the Fall Skeeter, emailed to the membership in November, and on the ballot sent out in December. According to the VMCA bylaws, these changes were sent out with ample time. George Wojcik asked how this name change would affect our tax status and business license. Jay believes this change should be easy; The federal and state tax numbers will stay the same, it's just the name of the business that would be changing. Jeff Hottenstein agrees with tabling this vote because there are only about 50 people at the business meeting, which is much less than the over 120 current VMCA members. A decision this big should have the support of the whole membership. Jay said that this number was on par for most business meetings, and when the entire 2021 and 2022 membership had the ability to vote on this in the ballot, only 31 members chose to vote. Karen Akaratovic said that we should want this name change because it would be more inclusive to everyone dealing with the variety of vectors out there. Lisa Wagenbrenner said that we are already inclusive and allow different vector presentations at our meeting. If the name is changed, Chesapeake's commission would probably not let Chesapeake mosquito control employees go to the meeting for training. Charles Abadam mentioned that other associations include other vectors in their names and even AMCA is considering adding "vector" to their name. George asked if this motion could be tabled. Jay said he was not willing to retract his motion and doesn't understand why the membership is not ready to vote on this. Discussion from membership was made that emails may not be adequate enough communication to the membership. Charles Abadam retracted his second to the motion. Jay said that his first motion still stands if anyone else wants to second. Charles Abadam made a second (for the second time). There was no more discussion. 19 in favor (7 online and 12 in-person), 18 opposed (1



online and 17 in-person). The vote did not meet the two-thirds approval, so the motion did not carry.

Jay Kiser said that VMCA currently offers free membership to honorary members. Now that membership is included with conference registration, free membership may not be a special gift to those honorary members. Jay Kiser made a motion, seconded by George Wojcik, to offer all honorary members and members with RE Dorer awards to receive free registration to the VMCA Annual Conferences. There was discussion that this was a good idea. There was no more discussion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Motion was made by TJ Carner, seconded by Tim DuBois to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned at 12:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Kiser

VMCA Secretary-Treasurer