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President's Message

Hi everyone. It is almost unbelievable that nearly a month has passed since New Year. Hopefully everyone had a safe and happy celebration. It is always an exciting time to enter into a new year with a fresh mosquito season soon to follow. Last year was full of many curve balls and only time will tell what this year will bring. We are a strong organization with dedicated workers who will rise up and provide impeccable services to our citizens. These new challenges help to make our organization stronger each day.



Jennifer Pierce
VMCA President 2014

Our VMCA annual meeting is to be held at the Suffolk Hilton Garden Inn, February 4-6, 2015. This is a great time to come together with colleagues and learn what is new and exciting in the world of mosquito control. Our work is always changing and it is a great opportunity to keep up-to-date. It is always a great time and I hope that you all will be able to attend the meeting.

Please be sure to cast your vote. We have two outstanding candidates (see page 2) who are eager to serve on the Executive Board. Members who do not have an email address will be able to vote in person at the annual meeting.

We have new shirt designs for this upcoming meeting. Be sure to stop in and get them quick. We ordered a limited supply and they will be sure to go fast.

This past year has been quite an experience for me. Thank you for the privilege to have served as your President. It has been an honor to work with so many different members in our organization. The hard work that so many of our members give is the backbone to this great organization. Thank you to those of you who work so diligently.

As I end this message, I would like to say that it has truly been a pleasure to work with so many great people that are so dedicated to public health. I hope to see everyone at the annual meeting next month in Suffolk.

Jennifer Pierce, VMCA President

Announcements

Upcoming meetings

Virginia Mosquito Control Association Annual [Meeting](#)

February 4-6, 2015
Suffolk, VA

American Mosquito Control Association Annual [Meeting](#)

March 29-April 2, 2015
New Orleans, LA

Entomology Society of America Annual [Meeting](#)

November 15-18, 2015
Minneapolis, MN

**Have information on meeting that may be of interest to VMCA members?
Attend a meeting and want to submit a summary?
Send it to the editor (see page 8)!**

Candidates for First Vice President

Brian Ketchum, City of Newport News



George Wojcik, City of Portsmouth



Vote online!

Check your inbox for the email from Penny (sent on or about January 8) for bios and ballot

What's that?



Answer on Page 4.

VMCA organizational mailing address

**Make sure you send all forms to the
proper address.**

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Proposed changes to the VMCA By-Laws

Article XIII, Section 1 states that changes to the bylaws must be approved by the executive board and sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Below are the changes to the bylaws recommended by the board. These will be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting; a 2/3 vote of the members present is needed for passage. In the amended section below, additions are indicated in **bold, red text**.

Article V Officers and Committees

Section 1. Officers

A. The association officers shall consist of the president, president elect, vice president, first vice president, secretary treasurer, and current past president. The MAMCA representative, **Sustaining member/Industry representative** and **TMVCC chairperson** are special non-voting officers. *Amended Feb. 14, 1997.*

Article VII. Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall be established annually and will be chaired by the current or serving past president.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall submit to the executive committee its nomination(s) for each office to be filled in the ensuing year. All nominations, including write-in candidates, shall carry the consent of the nominee and assurance that they will serve if elected.

Sections 3. The nominating committee chairperson shall prepare an election ballot containing the names of the nominees for offices with space for write-in candidates for each office. The ballot shall:

- Be reviewed and approved by the VMCA executive board and sent to all voting members at least six weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- Automatically contain the name of the President Elect as a nominee for the office of President.
- Contain at least two qualified candidates for the office of First Vice President.
- Voting must be completed before 5:00 PM the day before the annual business meeting.

New voting members or voting members who have not completed the voting process will be able to do so at the annual meeting. In the case of a tie for any elected office, the election shall be decided by the majority vote of the voting members present at the annual **business** meeting. There will be no nominations from the floor during the business meeting.

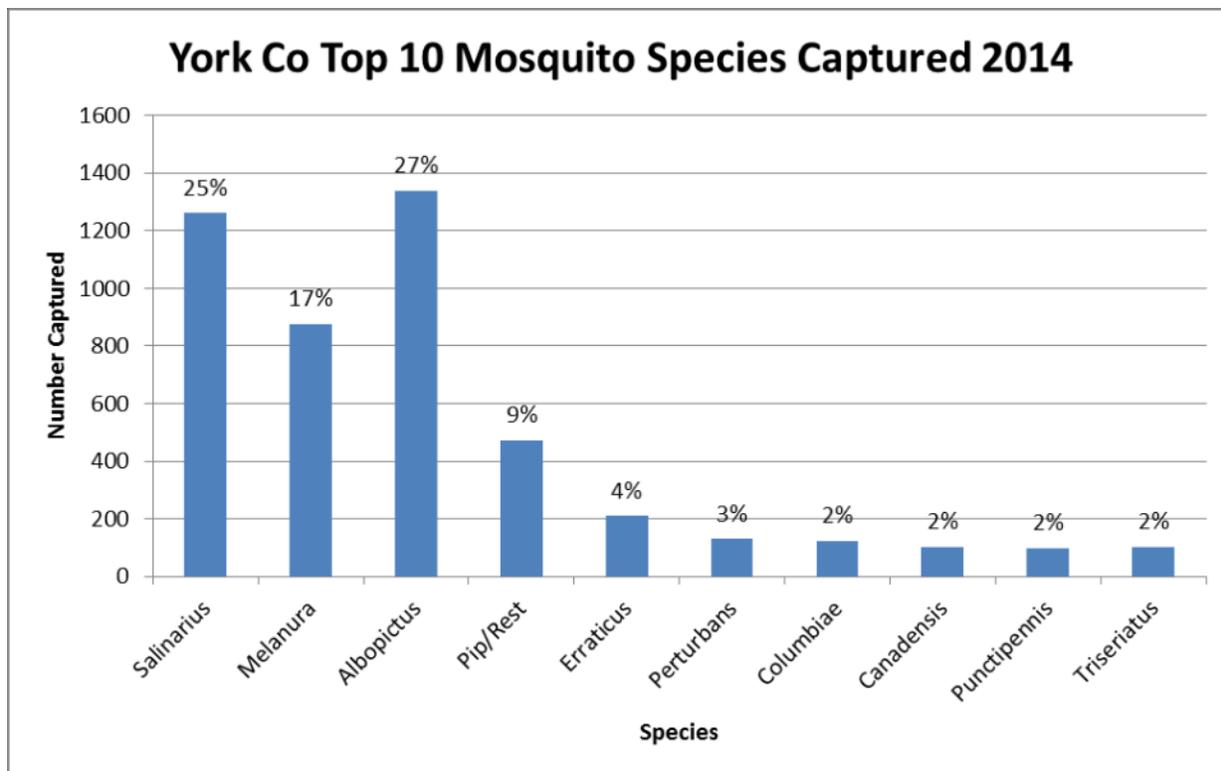
Section 4. The sustaining members shall select a representative to sit on the Executive Board for a two year term.

Rationale: The Board would like to include a sustaining member/industry representative on the Executive Board. The rep should have a two-year term to be selected by the sustaining members and approved and appointed by the Board. The sustaining member rep would be a non-voting member of the board.

York County Mosquito Control 2014 Season Trapping Recap

York County reinstated its mosquito trapping program in the 2014 season using CO₂ baited CDC and BG traps. There were 116 traps set between May and September.

The top species captured was *Aedes albopictus*, accounting for 27% of the total. *Aedes albopictus* populations peaked in late August. Second was *Culex salinarius* accounting for 25% and peaking in late May. Third was *Culiseta melanura* at 17%. The *Cs. melanura* populations stayed steady throughout the season with the largest captures in September.



This figure shows the top 10 mosquito species captured in York County, Virginia between May 1 and September 30, 2014. Number of mosquitoes captured and percent of total capture are displayed for each species.

Submitted by Leah Aguilar

What's That? Answer

That is Japan, Tokyo specifically. In 2014, Japan had its first cases of locally-acquired dengue since 1944. Numerous cases were associated with several parks in the city of Tokyo. The vector? *Aedes albopictus*.

More details can be found in the December issue of the Society for Vector Ecology's newsletter, available [here](#) (PDF).



VMCA Membership Application and Renewal Form

Virginia Mosquito Control Association New Membership & Member Renewal Application

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: () RENEWAL () NEW
 Mark an "X" in the appropriate box

Membership payment is by calendar year

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| NAME: | Regular \$ 15.00 | |
| PHONE: | Associate \$ 10.00 | |
| ADDRESS: | Student: *Enclose proof of student status \$ 10.00 | |
| E-MAIL: | | |
| ORGANIZATION: | | |
| | TOTAL SUBMITTED | |

Please "X" here if you cannot receive the newsletter by email

Questions or comments can be directed to Penelope Smelser, Secretary-Treasurer, 757-683-8662 or mail to: Penelope.smelser@norfolk.gov

Send payment (made payable to **VMCA**) and mail/fax this form to Secretary/Treasurer –or- fill out the form, save and submit by email.

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 Norfolk, VA 23509
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 757-683-2500 office fax

Regular Member - VMCA Newsletter, hold office, serve on committees, propose motions, vote, and participate in business meetings.

Associate Member - VMCA Newsletter, participate in business meetings.

Student Member - VMCA Newsletter, serve on committees and participate in business meetings.

(Student must be enrolled at least 1/2 time in an accredited college or university and produce valid College/University ID Card.)

VMCA Meeting Registration Form

**VIRGINIA MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 4-6, 2015
Hilton Garden Inn and Suffolk Conference Center, Suffolk, VA**

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

CHECK ONE

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Regular Member | \$90.00 | _____ |
| Non-member | \$100.00 | _____ |
| Full-time Student | \$25.00 | _____ |
| One Day Fee (includes banquet) | \$55.00 | _____ |
| One Day Fee (excludes banquet) | \$25.00 | _____ |

Registration fee includes coffee breaks, banquet, and socials

Registration at the door will be:

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|--------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Regular & Organization Members | \$100.00 | _____ |
| Non-members | \$110.00 | _____ |

Please fill out form completely and e-mail, mail, or fax to:

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*This form is for Annual Meeting registration only, use separate form for membership.

2014 Sustaining Members

The VMCA gratefully acknowledges the support of the following sustaining members for 2014. Without their generous contributions, much of what we do would not be possible. Please do not hesitate to contact them. They are here to help you!

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Virginia Mosquito Control Organizations & Other Resources

As a result of revisions to the VMCA By-Laws, the organizational member category was eliminated. In order to facilitate communication among mosquito control districts, those that have traditionally been organizational members are listed below along with their websites. If there are other sites that should be listed, please submit them to the editor.

Virginia Mosquito Control Organizations

[Alexandria Health Department](#)

Boykins, Town of

[Chesapeake Mosquito Control Commission](#)

Emporia, City of

[Fairfax County Health Department](#)

Fort Eustis

[Gloucester County](#)

[Hampton, City of](#)

Henrico County

[Newport News, City of](#)

[Norfolk, City of](#)

[Portsmouth, City of](#)

[Prince William County Mosquito & Forest Pest Management](#)

Richmond, City of

[Suffolk, City of](#)

US Air Force / Langley Air Force Base

[Virginia Beach Mosquito Control](#)

[York County](#)

Health Information

[Virginia Department of Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#)

Other Mosquito Control Organizations

[Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association](#)

[American Mosquito Control Association](#)

[AMCA/Fairfax County Education and Outreach Materials](#)

Submissions wanted!

Have something you'd like to include in the next issue of *The Skeeter*? We are looking for organizational updates, operational news, education and other outreach activities, pictures, stories, or other vaguely vector-related items to include in an upcoming newsletter.

Please send all items to Justin Anderson at janderson152@radford.edu.

The deadline for inclusion in the next issue is: **March 31, 2015.**

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Take the time to volunteer on a committee. An active membership makes for a stronger organization.
Contact anyone on the Board to participate.

2014 Virginia Mosquito Control Association Officers

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| *Non-voting member of the Board | |

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The VMCA membership is encouraged to submit articles, reviews, and any other interesting facts or tidbits for publication. Submissions can be sent to Justin Anderson at skeeter@radford.edu.

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