

AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION

22ND ANNUAL MEETING—ATLANTA

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION, MARCH 9, 1966

The annual general business meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association was held in the Georgian Ballroom of the Atlanta-Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Wednesday, March 9, 1966, at 8:00 a.m., with President A. W. A. Brown presiding. The roll call indicated that more than the required number of members were present to constitute a quorum.

The president extended a welcome to the members and spoke of the past year as being a good one for the Association along four lines: 1. Financially. 2. Membership. 3. In the matter of dissemination of information. 4. In the matter of general policy, particularly in presenting an "image" to the public. President Brown noted that as the membership had increased to a new record high, this has enabled the secretary to take quite strict measures with regard to cutting off delinquent members. Therefore, copies of *Mosquito News* are not being widely distributed to people who are not actively participating, making for a tightening up of membership. Regarding dissemination of information, *Mosquito News* has continued to grow in size and scope, and the matter of revising three out of four of the bulletins has been advanced, with publication of these three within the next two years. Regarding the policy of the Association—particularly the feeling of many within the Association that mosquito control in general has not yet received the recognition it deserves—the Public Relations Committee has recommended a state-

ment of policy, which will be studied for adoption in the future.

The treasurer, Dr. Don Murray, reported that all records and funds were in order and had been so kept by the previous treasurer, the late Lester Smith. Dr. Murray reported that the transfer of funds to Selma, California, had been completed in August. As of December 31, 1965, the bank balances were \$15,203.70 in the checking account, and \$7,662.02 savings, making a total of \$22,865.72. During the year, the lowest amount in the checking account was \$8,000.00, so an amount of \$3,000.00 was transferred to the savings account to take advantage of a four percent interest rate, making the present savings account \$10,662.02. During 1965, the treasurer supplied quarterly fiscal reports to the Directors, and this policy will be continued. The treasurer explained that the accounting is on a January first to December thirty-first yearly basis; not on a conference basis. Dr. Murray recommended that a tentative budget be developed and sent to the Board of Directors for approval, and this can be adjusted at conference time as the members see fit. Also, as treasurer, Dr. Murray urged that all who request funds provide him with an invoice or statement so that an accounting of these funds can be kept.

T. Wayne Miller, Jr., chairman of the Membership & Employment Committee, presented his report to the Board. He spoke of the fluidity of the membership status, stating that while he could defi-

nately report over 1,843 members, some had still not been processed at meeting time. He attributed this rise in membership to the efforts of the whole Association, and asked that all members continue to work towards increasing the total membership. Mr. Miller commented on a new placement service which should be of value to the Association in bringing together prospective employers and employees. So far, Mr. Miller stated, the majority of requests have come from employers seeking employees, rather than from job seekers.

Dr. Harry Pratt, chairman of the Program Committee, was next to submit his report to the Board. He stated that he and his committee were fortunate in having the complete support of all of the officials, and commended the work done by Jim Smith, Russ Fontaine, and from Savannah, Oscar Fultz. The exhibitors and contributors also played an important part in making this meeting a success, Dr. Pratt said, and when the final counting is made, the committee is confident that it will be able to meet a \$2,000.00 guarantee on the Association.

Mr. Francis Creadon, advertising manager, presented his report to the Board, commenting that 1965 had been a good year for advertising, and predicting that in the future the Association would reach the \$5,000.00 income mark in advertising, with the anticipation that this goal might be reached next year. Mr. Creadon announced that the rate for advertising in *Mosquito News* in the coming year will be increased to \$75.00 for a full page, \$45.00 for a half page, and \$30.00 for a one quarter page advertisement. He concluded his report with a request for any member who might have a prospective client wishing to advertise in *Mosquito News*, to contact his office.

The next report presented to the Board was that of the editor, Dr. Don Collins. He outlined the growth of the official journal of the Association—*Mosquito News*—from its inception to its present status, and noted that a great part of this

growth was directly attributable to loyal workers who have continued to give their time and efforts to the publication. Dr. Collins also noted that due to this growth, obligations are not always met on time and some services are impossible with the present staff. He therefore recommended that the editor's office be provided with some part-time paid assistance, and felt that this would go far toward solving the problem of getting *Mosquito News* to press on time. Dr. Collins called attention to the charges which are listed on the inside back cover of the *News* for manuscripts and articles; also to the schedule of reprint charges which will be revised upwards. The new reprint charge will be sufficient to include the postage. Dr. Collins recommends that authors be requested to check manuscripts carefully before sending in for publication. At this point, George Carmichael asked to be allowed to comment on a group which he will head, and which will try to assemble operational material and information for *Mosquito News*. The plan is to divide the country into sections, each section with a member who will be responsible for operational papers and articles for *Mosquito News*. Dr. Don Collins concluded his report by stating that any ideas or suggestions with regard to operational papers are always appreciated.

Mr. R. E. Dorer, chairman of the Finance & Policy Council, presented the report of the Council, indicating that despite the \$5,000.00 surplus showing, the budget was actually overspent. He stated that after interviewing all officials and obtaining their needs, a budget was prepared in the amount of \$25,400.00. Mr. Dorer predicted that a surplus would be evident next year. He recommended that thought be given to the question of including not only mosquitoes, but other arthropods within the scope of the Association, and also a means of getting the American Mosquito Control Association on a firm basis financially, so that it can pay for services now being rendered by volunteers.

Dr. W. E. Bickley, chairman of the By-

laws Committee, reported that everything was satisfactory, but that there was nothing specific to report.

Dr. Robert Hedeem, chairman of the committee on Revision of Bulletin #1, presented his report to the Board, stating that the work was about seventy percent completed.

Dr. A. J. Rogers, chairman, reporting for the committee on Revision of Bulletin #2, mentioned that his committee needed to obtain additional facts on herbicides for water control.

The committee on Revision of Bulletin #3, Dr. Eugene Gerberg, co-chairman, reported that considerable work has been done by Helen Louise Durkee, but that Mrs. Durkee would like, in the final stages, to be relieved of her duties. Dr. Gerberg has consented to take over the remainder of the work.

Dr. Robert Hedeem, reporting for the Legislative Committee, stated that there seemed to be a possibility of modifying the Federal Surplus Property Act in favor of mosquito control districts. The consensus is that the present Congress will not change this surplus property program, but Dr. Hedeem pointed out other ways in which this can be done.

The Public Relations Committee report was presented to the Board by Dr. Don Micks, chairman. He stated that for some time it has been realized that no one can accurately define the aims of the Association. Dr. Micks said his committee has endeavored to accomplish this, and a recommendation has been made to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Maurice Provost, chairman of the Research & Development Committee, presented the report of his committee to the Board. He stated that during the course of the year they have considered the preparation of a handout or pamphlet advising the public where to turn in the case of an epidemic or outbreak of arbovirus. This would help in controlling a situation of this type, such as other diseases are already controlled. After consideration, the committee felt that the Association should recommend such an

action to the Public Health Service. These opinions will be forwarded to the Communicable Disease Center with recommendations of the Board of Directors.

The report of the Good Neighbor Club was presented to the Board, with the recommendation that it continue, but that the program not be "pushed" in efforts to enlist members, and "dunning" letters be limited to one reminder. The consensus was that this committee has done the Association a great deal of good, and should be maintained.

The report of the Year Book Committee, was received by the Board. The chairman, Dr. W. D. Murray, reported on questionnaires distributed throughout the country. Much valuable information has been gained through this procedure, and Dr. Murray gave special credit to Mr. Jim Nelson of *Pest Control* magazine for his cooperation and help in making available the best list of mosquito control agencies which the Association has ever had. More information will be obtained next year, revealing the status of mosquito control.

The next report to be received by the Board was that of Mr. John A. Mulrennan, chairman of the Resolutions Committee. Mr. Mulrennan expressed the thanks of the Association to the Atlanta-Biltmore Hotel, the officials and employees of the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, as well as those of the Chatham County Mosquito Control Association, and to all who had been responsible for the great success of the twenty-second annual meeting. It was further resolved that the appropriate officer of the Association express the heartfelt thanks of all concerned to those who had made our stay in Atlanta a most pleasant one. Mr. Mulrennan moved that these resolutions be adopted, and that this report be approved by the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Murray, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Mulrennan, as chairman of the Resolutions Committee, offered two further resolutions for the Board's approval; namely a tribute by the Association to the late Lester Smith, past president and

treasurer for many years, and dedicated worker for the American Mosquito Control Association; and a tribute to Mr. William Edward Goersmeyer, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District, who passed away during the previous year, as well as to all other deceased workers whose names were not known at the time of presentation of this resolution. Also, to offer to all of the families who have lost a loved one since the last meeting, the deepest sympathy of the American Mosquito Control Association. Mr. Mulrennan moved that these resolutions be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Vannote, and passed with no dissenting votes.

Mr. J. A. Mulrennan, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following results of the committee's action:

President-Elect	Dr. Harry D. Pratt
Vice President	A. W. Buzicky, & T. D. Mulhern
Recording Secretary	T. Wayne Miller, Jr.

The annual report of the executive secretary, Mr. T. G. Raley, was presented to the Board. Mr. Raley reported that it was conclusive that the next annual meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association would be held in San Francisco, California, February 5-8, 1967, at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel. Other invitations received from the Louisiana Association, Northwest Vector & Mosquito Control Association, and the Baltimore Mosquito Association, were read to the Directors. An informal bid was received from Mexico City, and a firm invitation from Houston, Texas, as well as one from the Virginia Mosquito Control Association for a meeting in Williamsburg in 1969. It was recommended that the bylaws be published in *Mosquito News* to give the members a current form of the Association bylaws. Announcement of election results were as follows:

Regional Directors

Southeast Central	William S. Murray
South Atlantic	Leslie D. Beadle

North Pacific
Northwest Central
South Pacific

Fred Bliss
Richard O. Hayes
**Gardner C. MacFarland was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of Thomas D. Mulhern

Mr. Raley announced that Jay E. Graham, as president-elect last year, automatically moves into the presidency, and that the results of the mail ballot indicate election of Dr. Harry D. Pratt as president-elect; Thomas D. Mulhern as vice president; and T. W. Miller, Jr., recording secretary.

Retiring President Brown expressed his gratitude to a number of people responsible for such a successful meeting in Atlanta, and especially to Dr. Harry Pratt for such an efficient and pleasant meeting. He also extended his thanks to committee chairmen, and expressed a particular debt of gratitude to Mr. Ted Raley, executive secretary; with a commendation to the new treasurer, as well as to other permanent officers of the Association.

President Brown designated Past Presidents Robert Vannote and A. D. Hess to escort the incoming president, Jay E. Graham, to the rostrum to officially assume the duties of the presidency. Dr. A. W. A. Brown escorted president-elect, Dr. Harry Pratt, to the speaker's table and Past President W. E. Bickley escorted Mr. Thomas Mulhern to the rostrum. President Graham assured the members that he would try to follow the excellent example set by retiring president Tony Brown, but felt it would be a difficult assignment. He expressed his thanks to all who had been of assistance to him during the past year, and asked that they pledge their continued cooperation for the coming year.

The executive secretary, T. G. Raley, requested Dr. Bickley to make one of the most important presentations of the year—that of the presidential plaque to Dr. A. W. A. Brown as a past president who has contributed so much time, effort and service to the Association. Dr. Brown accepted the plaque with thanks and responded that

he was very grateful for this recognition and offered his gratitude and thanks to the many who had made his term of office so pleasant and fruitful.

The only item of new business was an invitation to AMCA members by James

H. Heidt, president of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association, to attend the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the FAMA at Daytona Beach, May 8-11, 1966.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.