

BUSINESS OF EASTERN ASSOCIATION

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Since the last issue of Mosquito News was distributed, the Committee on Meetings and Inspections has investigated the possibilities of arranging a field study in the Carolina-Virginia area to see some of the new developments and accomplishments of the various agencies. However, many of the most interesting items are in areas rigidly restricted to the respective army or navy personnel concerned, and it also happens that an inspection in this area would of necessity involve considerable travel by auto. It was therefore determined to be at this time impracticable to schedule an inspection in this section.

Nevertheless, there are now before the Association matters which require the holding of a meeting: policy for 1944 must be determined, the proposed new constitution, gotten up by the special committee headed by Dr. Cory must be acted upon, an opportunity to discuss some of the recent developments in control practices should be afforded the membership, and elections of officers for 1944 must be held. Action on the report of the constitutional committee is of very great importance, for if adopted, the new document would change the name of the group to The American Association of Mosquito Control Workers, and would otherwise provide for cooperation, affiliation and activities of mosquito workers on a hemisphere basis, and would also simplify the procedure for conducting the business of the Association. The President has directed that arrangements for the Annual Meeting be made, and negotiations leading thereto are now under way. When the meeting is scheduled, notices will be sent individually to all members.

Membership continues to grow, among civilians and among the mosquito fighting representatives of the armed services. This is encouraging, especially in view of the immediate needs for mosquito protection for the service forces, and the now generally recognized probability of wide spread epidemics of mosquito borne diseases even in areas where they have long been of little or no moment. With the winning of the war, we may look forward to mosquito control on a much broader scale than heretofore—partly to combat mosquito borne disease, and partly due to the many who have seen the current effective mosquito control measures and the results thereof being unwilling to return home to live in mosquito infested localities. The possibilities for service by the Association currently are very great; in the future with a broad expansion of anti-mosquito work they would seem to be unlimited.

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