

THE INTERIM BOARD AND THE REORGANIZATION PROGRAM

Last year at the annual meeting at Ft. Pierce, Florida, the members of the American Mosquito Control Association authorized its incorporation as a non-profit corporation under the laws of New Jersey. After considerable study and planning, the incorporation of the Association has been effected. Temporarily, pending the adoption of by-laws, the corporate Association is being governed by an Interim Board of nine members named in the articles of incorporation.

This Interim Board has two major problems before it, of approximately equal importance and priority. One is the development of by-laws under which the members of the Association can have a direct, decisive part in governing the corporation on a democratic basis with adequate representation of the various geographical areas involved. The other is the problem of placing the Association on a thoroughly sound financial basis so that it can be of maximum benefit to its members.

The Interim Board has set up a definite time schedule for the preparation of an adequate set of by-laws, and their submission to the membership for consideration and suggestions, with opportunity for revision before the final draft is presented for adoption. A large amount of work has already been accomplished by Dr. R. D. Glasgow and his Committee on By-Laws, and at least the principal features of the new by-laws should be approved by

the Interim Board which will meet at Atlantic City on March 22. The first draft should be in the hands of the members by June, and the revised final draft should be ready for a vote on adoption by December.

It is imperative that the greatest care be taken in the preparation of these by-laws, under which the Association will be governed. The problem of adequate regional representation of a widely scattered membership is one of the most important matters under consideration. Suggestions from the membership as to how such representation on the governing board can best be effected will be welcomed by the Committee on By-Laws.

Adequately to perform its functions, the Association needs an appreciably increased revenue, which can come from increased membership, increased advertising in "Mosquito News," and other possible sources of revenue now being explored by the Interim Board. This problem will be discussed at a later time when definite decisions have been reached. Time was not available at the California meeting to explore completely the possibilities in this direction.

The California meeting was a success, and developed an increasing enthusiasm for the Association. With good planning plus enthusiasm we can go a long way toward increasing service to our members.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Official Association news, including the official actions of the Interim Board, the names of members of committees, and news of the California meetings, will be included in the June number. Meanwhile, the official notices and statements on the covers have been changed temporarily to conform to the current status of the organization.