

CONSTITUTION OF THE MID-ATLANTIC MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION (MAMCA)

PREAMBLE

Mosquito and other public health pest control problems in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States (Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia) are similar. It is desirable for interested persons from the several states to join together in an association for these purposes: to exchange ideas and procedures to enable mosquito workers to better perform their duties; to protect the health and welfare of the people; to safeguard both the environment and all forms of wildlife; to keep abreast of the latest and best methods of control for mosquitoes and other pests so the citizens will be served; to encourage mosquito control wherever feasible and to help maintain a positive public interest in areas where mosquito and other public health pest control is operative, and to keep the general public better informed of the benefits of mosquito and other public health pest control. The Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association shall encourage and cooperate with local, state, regional, national, and international associations and agencies. MAMCA, however, is an autonomous organization.

Article I: Membership

Classes of Membership: There shall be four classes of membership, namely:

Active Membership - All persons who are professionally engaged in any branch of mosquito and related pest control work, and persons interested in the cause of mosquito and related pest control who desire affiliation with this association, shall be eligible for active membership.

Sustaining Membership - Any person or firm interested in the promotion of the purposes of MAMCA, upon payment of dues herein provided, may become a Sustaining Member. This class of membership qualifies the member for a display area at the annual meeting, one (1) full registration, and a listing in all publications. This class of membership is entitled to one Active Membership and one vote.

Lifetime Membership - Members who retire from any branch of mosquito and related pest control work but still desire to take an interest in MAMCA, and have been active members of this association immediately prior to retirement are eligible for this class. Nominees for Lifetime Membership shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer in the form of a petition signed by no less than ten active members of the association and upon confirmation by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, shall become a member of this class. No annual membership dues or conference registration fees will be required for this class of membership. Rowland E. Dorer Award recipients shall receive Lifetime Membership upon their retirement.

Honorary Membership - Nominees for Honorary Membership shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer and upon confirmation by a majority vote of the Board of Directors shall become a member of this class. Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any person for distinguished achievement or service to MAMCA.

Only Active Members shall be eligible to vote or hold office.

Article II: Dues

Dues for each category of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article III: Officers

President - There will be a President elected by a majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting and will serve from the time of election to the next annual meeting. The President will conduct the annual business meeting and perform other duties which are usually assigned to such an office.

Vice-President - The Vice-President position will be filled by the previous year Vice-President Elect and will serve until the next annual meeting. The Vice-President will serve as Chair of the Program Committee for the next annual meeting and, in addition, will perform other duties which are usually assigned to such an office.

Vice-President Elect - There will be a Vice-President Elect elected by a majority of the members present at an annual meeting and will serve in that capacity until the next annual meeting when they will assume the position of Vice-President. The duty of the Vice-President Elect is to select and secure a location and begin logistical planning for the annual meeting held two years after their election.

Secretary-Treasurer - The Secretary-Treasurer will be elected by a majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting and will serve a three-year term. The duties will be to keep all records of the association, collect dues and other income of the association, pay all bills, and properly account for all financial transactions under guidelines set by the Board of Directors.

Immediate Past President - Upon completion of a term as President, said person will remain an officer of the association an additional one-year term and will maintain all rights, privileges, and powers afforded other officers of the association.

Board of Directors - The Board of Directors shall consist of the five officers, one member from each participating state to serve a three-year term, an industry director to serve a two-year term; all elected at the MAMCA annual meeting, and a historian. All past Presidents of MAMCA will be considered ex-officio members of the Board. Nominees for a Board member from a state will be solicited from the voting members of MAMCA residing in that state and from the state mosquito control association, if there is one. Nominees for the industry director will be solicited from and elected by the sustaining membership. The historian will be a non-voting member of the Board. The Board will meet when called by the President and will conduct all association business.

The Board of Directors will have the authority to:

- Fill any vacancy among the offices of the Association or of the elective members of the Board of Directors until the next regularly scheduled election.
- Prescribe the duties of officers not otherwise provided for in this Constitution; and
- Develop rules and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of the Association, as are consistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

Article IV: Standing Committees

There will be a Nominating Committee, a Finance (Audit) Committee, a Local Arrangements Committee for the annual meeting, and a Program Committee. Other special committees may be appointed by the President or the Board of Directors.

Article V: Historian

There will be a Historian that will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. This position shall maintain the archival records of the association. The historian will be a non-voting member of the Board.

Article VI: Amendments to the Constitution

This Constitution can be amended by a majority vote of those members present at any annual meeting after the proposed amendment has been circulated to the membership at least 30 days prior to the start of the annual meeting.

Article VII: Annual Meeting

The Association shall conduct at least one annual business meeting.

Annual meeting costs for the association shall be covered by funds generated by attendee registration fees and sustaining membership dues. General funds of the Association will be used to support the annual meeting only upon the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. Any proceeds from the annual meeting shall be deposited only to the MAMCA General Fund.

Article VIII: Disposition of Funds

In the event of dissolution by MAMCA, all funds of the association shall be transferred to non-profit organizations as selected by the MAMCA Board of Directors and preferably to an organization with similar purposes.

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