



**January 19, 2021**  
**Minnesota Pest Management Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Zoom Meeting**

2021 MPMA President Caroline Kirby opened the Zoom meeting at 11:00 AM. Calling for any old business, being none, she opened the meeting for new business.

Those in attendance:

Caroline Kirby-Plunketts Pest Control  
Dr. Stephen Kells-University of Minnesota  
Bob Hanson-Bob the Bug Man  
Rob Greer-Rove Pest Control  
Matt Ferguson-Rainbow Pest Control  
Gurinderbir Chahal (G)-Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Brent Kostka-Bug Busters dba Environmental Pest Management  
Scott Lemke-Lemke Pest Control  
Roger Mackadanz-Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Christina Valdivia-Wildlife Management Services  
Mike Weissman-Syngenta  
Marc Bramhall-Veseris  
Rich Marlier-Orkin  
Troy Timermanis-Bear Pest Control  
Allison Forcier-Forcier Event Solutions  
Dr. Mohammed El Damir-Adams Pest Control  
Matthew Eickman-Abra Kadabra Environmental Services  
Casey Prewitt-Neogen  
Travis Chambers-BASF  
Mike Fresvik-Minnesota Pest Management Association

The below information are highlights of the January 19 meeting.

**Dr. Stephen Kells-University of Minnesota:**

The 2021 Minnesota Pest Management Conference will be conducted on line. The Conference Agenda has been set and approved by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for 2022 Structural Pest Management license reviewal.



The agenda presentations will be on video. This will allow attendees to stop between agenda topics and log back in later.

All current Minnesota Structural Pest Management applicators will be receiving information regarding the 2021 Conference. Conference Registration is projected to be available early February until sometime in June. This time span allows attendees two plus month to complete the their training.

Dr. Kells is projecting the registration fee for the Structural Pest Management license category will be \$150.00 per individual. This includes the fumigation category, category J (Rights of Way), and category P (Vertebrate Pest Control). The category E (Turf/Ornamental) will be available at a registration fee of \$90.00.

Attached is the revised Conference agenda.

Last year's Conference Vendors have all been emailed information relating to participating in the 2021 on line Minnesota Structural Pest Management Conference. The vendor registration fee is \$350.00, which should be submitted to the Minnesota Pest Management Association. Vendors should prepare a two-minute video and submit to Dr. Kells. Dr. Kells encourages you to submit your video by January 31.

Conference attendees will be viewing vendor sites.

Vendors, feel free to contact MPMA with your questions.

### **Rob Greer-Rove Pest Control:**

Rob discussed the below information relating to the Covid-19 Vaccine.

### **BREAKING: CDC's ACIP Recommends that Essential Pest Control Workers Receive the COVID-19 Vaccine in Phase 1b**

In addition to NPMA's ongoing advocacy efforts and our [formal request](#) on December 11th, 2020, to the Centers for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), our industry has been advocating for essential pest control workers to be prioritized to receive the vaccine in phase 1b. **On December 20th, 2020, NPMA confirmed that CDC's ACIP recommended that Frontline Essential Workers, including workers in the pest control industry (Food & Agriculture sector), receive the vaccine in Phase 1b, which is the group immediately after health care personnel and individuals with high-risk conditions.**



**It is the stance of NPMA for federal, state, and local governments to make the vaccine *voluntary*. We are NOT advocating for government-mandated vaccinations. We are advocating for governments to prioritize pest control workers in their distribution of a *voluntary* vaccine.**

Pest control workers are included on page 10 of the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response](#) under the Food & Agriculture sector with, **“Workers supporting the sanitation and pest control of all human and animal food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail.”**

The Food & Agriculture sector is grouped with other sectors, as “Frontline Essential Workers,” which are defined on [slide 10 of CDC's ACIP recommendation](#) with, “Workers who are in sectors essential to the functioning of society and are at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2.”

**The other sectors comprising frontline essential workers include:**

First Responders (Firefighters, Police)  
Education (teachers, support staff, daycare)  
**Food & Agriculture (includes pest control)**  
Manufacturing  
Corrections workers  
U.S. Postal service workers  
Public transit workers  
Grocery store workers

Governors and states will have a large role in distributing the vaccine and further decision making as to who gets prioritized to receive it. States are not required to follow the recommendations of CDC's ACIP, but many states likely will. Therefore, [NPMA drafted a letter for state associations that recommends for states to follow the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices that recommends frontline essential pest control workers receive the vaccine in Phase 1b](#). State pest control associations may use this letter if they choose to do so and send it to their state's governor and other important officials that are making decisions on vaccination distribution. NPMA also has offered to SPARs to launch grassroots campaigns for state pest control associations so they can advocate for a voluntary COVID-19 vaccine priority that way.



## Mike Fresvik-Minnesota Pest Management Association:

Mike presented the MPMA Financial Status Report for calendar year 2020.

2020 MPMA Income: \$25,310.98

2020 MPMA Expenditures: \$25,475.94

2020 MPMA Net: -\$164.96

Mike asked the MPMA Board for a motion to approve the MPMA 2020 Report. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Mike then presented the MPMA Financial Status Report. As of January 19, 2021, MPMA has a Financial Status of \$34,528.00.

**New Issue**-After our Board Meeting MPMA became aware of MN SF 201. Below is the SF 201 language:

SF 201 as introduced - 92nd Legislature (2021 - 2021) Posted on 01/20/2021

A bill for an act relating to environment policy; authorizing cities to adopt certain pesticide control ordinances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 18B.09, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 18B.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Authority.** Statutory and home rule charter cities may enact an ordinance, including their own licensing, penalty, and enforcement provisions, containing one or both of the following:

(1) the pesticide application warning information contained in subdivision 3, ~~including their own licensing, penalty, and enforcement provisions~~ ; and

(2) the pesticide prohibition contained in subdivision 4.



Statutory and home rule charter cities may not enact an ordinance ~~that contains~~ more restrictive ~~pesticide application warning information~~ than ~~is contained~~ that which is provided in ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 3 and 4.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 18B.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. **Application of certain pesticides prohibited.** (a) A person may not apply or use a pollinator-lethal pesticide within the geographic boundaries of a city.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "pollinator-lethal pesticide" means a pesticide that has a pollinator protection box on the label or labeling, or a pollinator, bee, or honey bee precautionary statement in the environmental hazards section of the label or labeling.

(c) This subdivision does not apply to:

(1) pet care products used to mitigate fleas, mites, ticks, heartworms, or other animals that are harmful to the health of a domesticated animal;

(2) personal care products used to mitigate lice and bedbugs; and

(3) indoor pest control products used to mitigate insects indoors, including ant bait.

(d) The commissioner must maintain a list of pollinator-lethal pesticides on the department's website.

SF 201 is an issue MPMA will be working on and providing you further information.

MPMA President Caroline Kirby made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded and approved.

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