



**Minnesota Pest Management Association  
January 17, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Moe's Restaurant, Mounds View, MN**

The following is a listing of those in attendance:

Stephen Kells, University of Minnesota  
Jennifer Williams, Plunkett's Pest Control  
Jay Bruesch, Plunkett's Pest Control  
Dr. Mohammed El Damir, Adam's Pest Control  
Todd Leyse, Adam's Pest Control  
Bill Dyra, UNIVAR  
Bob Hansen, Bob the Bug Man  
Corey Colburn, Guardian Pest Solutions  
Rob Greer, Rove Pest Control  
Rich Williams, Brandenburg North America  
Arnold Ramsey, FMC Corporation  
Sabrina Hymel, University of Minnesota  
Staci Johnston, EcoLab  
Rich Hodgson, Orkin  
Larry Rufflett Sr., Westside Pest Control  
Larry Rufflett Jr., Westside Pest Control  
Jason Scott, UNIVAR  
Joe Spitzmueller, Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Mike Fresvik, Minnesota Pest Management Association

MPMA President Rob Greer asked for a roll call of those present.

MPMA President, Rob Greer, opened the meeting at 11:30 AM, and calling for any old business, being none, he opened the meeting to new business.

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

Dr. Kells opened with a discussion of the March 2017 Structural Pest Management Conference. Dr. Kells distributed copies of the 2017 Conference agenda and reviewed specific subject matters. Below is the link to the 2017 Minnesota Pest Management Conference.

<https://sites.google.com/view/mnppmc2017/home>



As you review the agenda you will see “Exhibitor Showcase”. Exhibitor Showcase will allow extra time for attendees to visit with vendors. This is new to our March Conference.

Exhibit stations will again be on the second floor. Snack and beverages will also be located on the second floor.

### **Joseph Spitzmueller, Minnesota Department of Agriculture:**

Joe discussed the Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) review of the current Certification and Training (C&T) federal rule. EPA has been working on this issue for some time. MPMA and other interested parties have submitted comments. At this point, proposed EPA changes in the C&T Rule will have minimal impact on our industry in Minnesota.

Joe then discussed licensed structural pest control applicators attendance at the 2017 Structural Pest Control Conference. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) mandates that attendees attend all required topics. MDA will be monitoring attendance, and has the authority to deny a license to individuals that fail to attend the required topics.

Joe discussed proposed legislative language for pesticide use in multi unit housing. The proposed language is currently in the Commissioner’s Office for review. At this time Joe is not aware of the status of this proposal.

### **Mike Fresvik, Minnesota Pest Management Association:**

MPMA has two opening on its Board of Directors. MPMA President Rob Greer and past President Todd Leyse have selected two individuals for nomination and board member approval. Staci Johnston, Eco Lab and Rich Hodgson, Orkin were nominated and approved by the Board. MPMA thanks Staci and Rich for agreeing to serve.

The MPMA Financial Status report was then reviewed including income and expense for the period 12/1/16-01/11/17. MPMA current balance is \$31,318.81. A motion was made and the MPMA Board approved the financial report.

Those in attendance discussed a donation of dollars to Dr. Kells for use relating to the structural pest control industry in Minnesota. Dr. Kells will review this issue.

In addition the idea was raised relating to MPMA gifting to a MPMA member for a specific personal need.



MPMA is planning to sponsor a reception after the Monday, March 13 program agenda. The goal of the reception is to increase awareness and membership of MPMA. MPMA considers last year's reception a success. MPMA hopes all member companies will attend. More information relating to the MPMA Reception will follow.

Arnold Ramsey, FMC, explained the National Pest Management Associations PestVets program. The program is designed to engage veterans in successful transition to a productive and rewarding career in the pest management industry. PestVets actively promotes the recruitment of veterans to member companies and support those recruitment efforts through various education and training opportunities. To become involved in PestVets, share resources with veterans, or learn more about the program contact [jrickwalder@pestworld.org](mailto:jrickwalder@pestworld.org) or visit [PestVets.org](http://PestVets.org).

Mike then discussed the MPMA website; [www.minnpest.org](http://www.minnpest.org). The website has been updated and MPMA will attempt to keep the website current. In addition, MPMA is opened to expanding the subject matter on the site. MPMA will explore using the website as a newsletter. Mike requested that MPMA members email subject matter and newsletter suggestions to [minnpest@gmail.com](mailto:minnpest@gmail.com). Suggestions received will be approved by the MPMA Board of Directors.

The National Pest Management Association (NPMA) website, [www.nmapestworld.org](http://www.nmapestworld.org) allows company administrators to log in to update their company contact information and print their NPMA membership certificate. Two contacts at NPMA are; Rachel Dittman, [rdittman@pestworld.org](mailto:rdittman@pestworld.org) for website questions and Alison Lindley, [alindley@pestworld.org](mailto:alindley@pestworld.org) for membership questions.

MPMA President Rob Greer called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded.

Thanks for your membership and support.

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