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A Note From MPMA

With mail cost increasing annually, MPMA would like to find a way to reduce the number of pieces we mail. One way we can do this is to e-mail MPMA quarterly newsletters. It would be e-mailed in a PDF file. All you need is an e-mail account and Adobe Reader Software. You can download the software for FREE at www.adobe.com. You can either read the newsletter on your computer or print it. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically please e-mail Rhonda Wise at rwise@mipca.org to let her know you would like to receive the newsletter electronically. If you choose to receive the electronic version of the newsletter, you will no-longer receive a copy in the mail.

PAC /Scholarship Contributions

MPMA would like to thank everyone who donated to the PAC and Scholarship Fund. A total of \$ 1,765.00 was pledged. Way to go team!

There is always opportunity to support your PAC and Scholarship Funds by contacting the MPMA office. You can also support the PAC Fund by attending the Annual PAC Golf Outing.

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Membership

Membership: In accordance with our bylaws, we have received the following applications for new membership. The names of the firms and their voting members are listed below. If any person has just cause as to why the applicant should not be a member they must protest in writing within 30 days of this publication. If no protests are received, their application will be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

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The President's Corner

By Rick Martin MPMA President



Spring is almost upon us! As many of you get ready for another season I want to keep you up to date on the many happenings of the Michigan Pest Management Association.

First I would like to thank all of you who attended this year's Winter Meeting. It is always nice to see familiar faces and discuss issues regarding our industry. I want to thank all board members for their efforts in supporting another successful meeting. Sponsoring speakers, working behind the scenes to make sure questions are answered and the meeting runs smoothly are just a few of the many tasks board members are responsible for during these meetings. As I have stated many times before, the real champion of the Winter Meeting is Rhonda Wise. Without her efforts, I know I can speak for the entire board and say our jobs would be much more difficult.

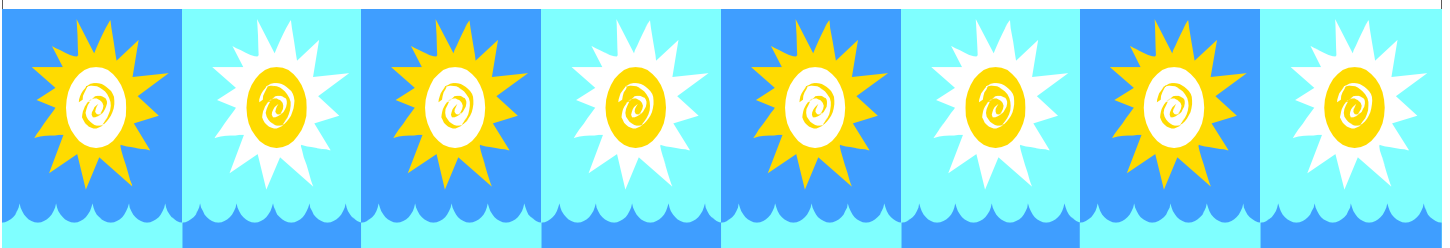
Welcome to 2 new board members for the MPMA! Please join me in congratulating Pam Blauvelt from Griffin Pest Solutions and David Giacalone from Orkin. I want to personally thank them for their commitment to the MPMA.

A big thank you to Bob England for arranging a meeting with many members of the State Agricultural committee members. This year we had an opportunity to change from our traditional legislative reception and host a lunch for these members. We were very pleased with the attendance from our legislators as well as members from the DEQ. As a board we were able to discuss important matters for our industry that could benefit our membership.

The MPMA board is always looking for ideas and suggestions as to how we can make our association better. You do not have to be a board member to be involved and make a difference. If you would like to know more about how you can help, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any of the board members.

I wish all of you a successful 2013 and look forward to our summer general membership meeting.

Rick Martin



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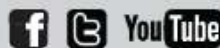
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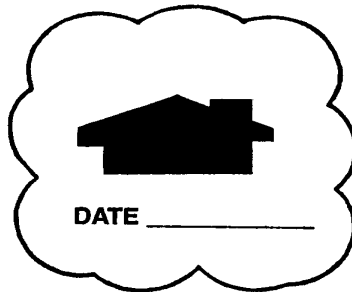
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Exciting business and management sessions agenda coming soon!

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NPMA Announces 2013/2014 Board of Directors Nominees

Write-In Nomination Deadline: March 29, 2013

The National Pest Management Association (NPMA) Nominating Committee has nominated candidates for the national offices of the NPMA Board of Directors. The following is a list of board nominees for the 2013/2014 year:

Secretary

Chuck Tindol

Allgood Pest Solutions - Duluth, GA

Past Presidents Representative

Bruce Carter

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Marillian Missiti

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Matt Nixon

American Pest Management, Inc.
Fulton, MD

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(AS, AZ, CA, CO, GU, HI, KS, NV, NM, OK, TX, UT)

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Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions - Pearl City, HI


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Sheri Spencer

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Mike Patton

Patton Termite & Pest Control, Inc. - Wichita, KS

Andrew Klein

Assured Environments - New York, NY

Robert Baker

Clark Pest Control - Lodi, CA

Jennifer Leggett

Lindsey Pest Control - Jacksonville, FL

Additionally, any 25 active members (not more than 10 from any one region) may nominate any qualified active member as a candidate for President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, or At-Large Member of the Board of Directors or Past President on the Board of Directors. Such nominations shall be made by filing a written petition with the Executive Vice President no later than March 29, 2013 in order to be valid. The petition must contain the signatures of the designated representatives of 25 active member firms, with no more than 10 from any one region.

Any 10 active members from within the respective region (not more than six from any one state in the region) may nominate any qualified candidate for Regional Director on the Board of Directors. Such nominations shall be made by filing a written petition with the Executive Vice President no later than March 29, 2013 in order to be valid.

Written petitions must be submitted to:

Bob Rosenberg, Executive Vice President

NPMA

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Karoub Associates is pleased to forward recent events and observations from your State Capitol.

GOVERNOR'S ROAD FUNDING PROPOSAL MAY BE IN TROUBLE

Governor Rick Snyder's road funding proposal contained in his FY 2014 budget recommendations appears to have hit a major pothole.

Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville (R-Monroe) has declared the Governor's 14-cent gas tax increase and a near 60 percent driver registration fee increase as being off the table for the time being.

Senator Richardville said he doesn't like raising registration fees every year and wants to keep the price at the pump close to where it is now.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson is also opposed to raising vehicle registration fees. Any increased cost in vehicle registration fees would directly impact members of the MPMA as commercial vehicles would be included in this increase as well. Karoub Associates will continue to closely monitor this proposal and report back any developments to the MPMA legislative committee.

What all this appears to mean is that the Legislature is going to have to look at other solutions.

And Budget Director John Nixon says whatever the Legislature comes up with the solutions must total \$1.2 billion for the fiscal year. One proposal that is receiving serious consideration is an increase of the state's sales tax by two cents and dedicating those funds to road funding. This proposal would have to receive voter approval.

RENEWABLE STANDARD GOALS ARE ON TRACK

Michigan's renewable energy goal of 10 percent by 2015 is on track according to a recent report from the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).

In terms of composition, nearly 99 percent of the state's renewable energy is wind energy. Solar, landfill and biomass energy all hover around 2 percent and hydropower accounts for less than one percent.

However, both Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison have expanded their solar pilot programs due to increased demand so solar may be picking up.

SENATE PASSES BCBSM BILLS

The Senate moved quickly in passing new legislation (SBs 61 and 62) that would reform Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) into a nonprofit mutual company on votes of 36-0 and 37-0, respectively.

The measures are identical to legislation Snyder vetoed last session, absent the controversial abortion language.

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On the House side, where passage could be more difficult, no decision has yet been made on when the House Insurance Committee will take up the Senate-passed bills. The committee has eight new members this session that weren't on the committee when the House passed the legislation last session on a 61-49 vote.

In that chamber, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have raised concerns about how the bills would impact competition, oversight and Medigap coverage.

PREVAILING WAGE REPEAL INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

With Right to Work now law, House Republicans have introduced legislation to repeal the state's prevailing wage law which sets a process to establish wage and benefit rates for workers on state projects based on other collectively bargained agreements.

The 1965 law would be repealed under legislation (HBs 4172 thru 4174) now pending in the House Commerce Committee chaired by Rep. Frank Foster (R-Pellston). The three bills would exempt schools from prevailing wage, bring a statewide repeal and tackle other technical aspects of the repeal, respectively.

Asked for his take, Governor Rick Snyder responded, "It's a very divisive issue so I would say it's not something we're working on."

SNYDER ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive orders have been issued by Governor Rick Snyder that re-tools the Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and establishes the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Suspension.

Executive Order 2013-5 creates the five-member council to be housed in the Department of Human Services and brings Michigan into compliance with the Interstate Compact on Juveniles.

Executive Order 2013-4 reduces the Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect from 34 to 18 members and rescinds Executive Order 2010-18.

'DREAMERS' TO BE GRANTED DRIVER LICENSES

In a change of policy, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson has announced immigrants brought into the United States illegally as children will once again be allowed to receive driver licenses and state-issued ID cards.

The decision is a reversal of Johnson's four-month policy and comes after the federal government's clarification that these individuals, classified under President Barack Obama's Deferred Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, are legally present.

There are some 7,000 adults and teens in Michigan who have "legal presence" through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

SENATE DEMOCRATS WANT \$10 MINIMUM WAGE

Senate Democrats have introduced legislation (SB 203) that would raise Michigan's minimum wage to \$10 an hour by 2015—a dollar more than President Barack Obama proposed in his State of Union address.

The bill also links the increase to the rate of inflation. But Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville says he isn't interested. The current minimum wage is \$7.40 an hour. The legislation was introduced by Senator Bert Johnson (D-Highland Park).

WILL TERM LIMITS BE REVISITED?

If Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville has his way, the issue of term limits will be revisited by the Legislature. He cited that continuity in government helps build relationships and that goes back to the term limits thing.

Richardville said term limits is something he would like to take a look at this term but not right away.

ARWOOD TO HEAD LARA

Governor Rick Snyder has tapped Steve Arwood as director of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). He has been serving as acting director of the agency since Steve Hilfinger left for a job at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

One of his first tasks will be to hire the Right to Work specialist.

Arwood will continue to serve as director of the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) until he finds a replacement.

HOLYFIELD NAMED COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Consumers Energy spokesman Jeff Holyfield has been named the new director of communications for the Governor's office – replacing GERALYN Lasher who moved to the Department of Community Health last November.

Holyfield has been with Consumers Energy for 15 years serving as executive director of media relations and communications services in his most recent position.

He begins his new position on March 4.

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