SAVE THE DATE FOR
MPMA’s 2020 Winter Meeting

After several successful meetings, MPMA is again hosting the Winter Meeting at the Firekeeper’s Casino in Battle Creek, Michigan on February 12-13, 2020.

The hotel and conference facility are attached to a Vegas-styled casino. There is truly something for everyone!

The casino has both smoking and non-smoking sections, multiple restaurants and bars. Gambling options vary from slot machines to poker tables to Bingo and Keno.

The FireKeeper’s Casino is known for their outstanding catering department. The food and drinks are delicious.

Meeting registration forms will be sent out in the beginning of December. Make sure to register early so you don’t miss the great line-up of speakers, topics, and exhibitors!
The President’s Corner
By Pamela Blauvelt MPMA President

Greetings and Happy Fall to everyone,

As we take stock of 2019, we get to celebrate our achievements and look forward to the new year.

- Our members had a successful pest season, although hiring was challenging for many of our member firms.

- We also had 2 very successful meetings, both our winter and summer meetings had great attendance and impressive content.

- Our Education committee has been busy setting up training and CEU workshops for our members. Please check out website at [www.mipca.org](http://www.mipca.org) to get the latest dates and sessions.

- Bill Welsh, of Rose Pest Solutions, has been busy representing MPMA in both state and national legislative affairs. Bill's presence has been particularly helpful given the continued transition of staff at the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

- And, the upcoming Winter meeting in February is looking like it will be another great event. The annual MPMA Winter Meeting will be February 12 – 13, 2020 at the Firekeeper’s Casino in Battle Creek, Michigan – learn more at [http://www.mipma.org/](http://www.mipma.org/)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Also, NPMA has it’s annual Legislative Day on March 8 – 10, 2020 at the Capitol Hilton, Washington, DC – learn more at [https://legislativeday.npmapestworld.org/](https://legislativeday.npmapestworld.org/)

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Bill Welsh and Mike Rogers Testify on Bills to Allow Local Governments to Levy Taxes and Finance Mosquito Control

On October 30, 2019, MI SPAR Bill Welsh and Rose Pest Solutions District Manager, Mike Rogers testified on HB 5024 and 5025 in the Michigan House Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee. The bills were introduced as a way to assist local governments in Michigan to combat mosquito-borne diseases including, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), given the recent outbreaks experienced in various parts of Michigan. Our industry is very supportive of the measure, as it is a great way protect to public health and it positions our industry as a private-sector solution to this problem. Bill and Mike’s testimony advocated for all forms of mosquito control services that our members perform. The bill is expected to move out of Committee and we will keep members apprised of developments.
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Michigan- DNR to Finalize Memo Next Week to Allow for Electronic Trap Monitoring on January 1, 2020

Spearheaded by MI SPAR Bill Welsh and contributions from the NPMA Public Policy Team and Wildlife Committee, Electronic Trap Monitoring (ETM) will be permitted in 2020 in Michigan. Bill Welsh has met with regulators over the past year and educated them of the importance of this technology to our industry. DNR is expected to still require checking the traps for a period of time until they gain experience regulating the technology, but they will extend the checking time from 24 to 72 hours for nuisance wildlife control operators using the technology. This is a major win and we applaud Bill Welsh (AGAIN!)

Michigan Bill Introduced to Allow Local Governments (Townships) to Levy Taxes for Mosquito Abatement and Contract with Private Companies

On September 26, 2019, HB 5025 (townships to establish a special assessment district for mosquito abatement; authorize the appropriation and expenditure of money for mosquito abatement) was introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives by Rep. Gary Howell (R) and is currently located in the Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee. The bill was introduced as a way for local governments in Michigan to combat mosquito-borne diseases including, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), given the recent outbreaks experienced in various parts of Michigan. NPMA, MPMA, and MI SPAR Bill Welsh are heavily engaged and supportive of the measure, as it is a great way protect to public health and it positions our industry as a private-sector solution to this problem. Under Bill Welsh’s leadership, we are currently working to ensure that all forms of mosquito control services that our members perform are accounted for in the legislation, not just wide-area applications, but also treatments for residential, commercial, vacant properties and everything in between. We will keep members apprised of developments.
Press Release

Bill Welsh named SPAR of the Year

MPMA is excited to announce that Bill Welsh was once again voted State Policy Affairs Representative (SPAR) of the Year. Bill was one of eight NPMA members honored this year for excellent performance on legislative and regulatory issues facing the structural pest management industry in 2019. Some of the major legislative issues Bill spearheaded were:

- Electronic Trap Monitoring
- Pesticide Notification
- Project Control Permits
- Private Contractors & Mosquito Abatement
- Bed Bug Bill

Bill Welsh was elected by the MPMA Board of Directors to serve as the NPMA Michigan SPAR representative. Bill has put in countless hours addressing issues on behalf of MPMA and the pest management industry in Michigan. His dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed. Congratulations Bill on a well-deserved award.

The Michigan Pest Management Association was established in 1946 to promote, attain, and maintain a high standard of ethics in the pest control industry. To foster research and diffusion of knowledge of the industry and to promote education and training among its members. To promote safety in application of pesticides for the protection of the environment. To promote the social welfare of its members. To foster, promote, maintain, and encourage the civic, social, and industrial welfare of the industry. To do charitable acts. To cooperate with existing governmental authorities for the good of the community and industry.

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