

THE INFORMER



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Visit MPMA's website often for important updates and meeting information. Links to register for all meetings will be e-mailed out. The links can also be found on MPMA's website at www.mipma.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Rhonda Wise at Rhonda.Wise@mipma.org



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MPMA Announces 2023 Scholarship Recipient

(Fraser, MI)- The Michigan Pest Management Association (MPMA) is proud to announce that because of the generosity of members, MPMA was able to give out 2 scholarships this year. The recipients of the 2023 scholarship awards were Emily Williams and Brandon Sullivan.

Emily was awarded \$1,500.00. She was recommended by Frank Flores of Pronto Pest Management. She is attending Grand Valley State University and pursuing a degree in Elementary Education.

Brandon was awarded \$500.00. He was recommended by Jason Sullivan of Action WDI Specialist. Brandon is attending Saginaw Valley State University He is pursuing a degree in Education.

Bill Welsh of Rose Pest Solutions is the Chairperson of the 2023 Scholarship Committee. Kevin Denardo of Ehrlich and Charles Bellgraph of Aardvark Pest Management, Inc. serve on the committee.

"Thank you do our dedicated members who contribute to our scholarship fund. Their support makes it possible for MPMA to give back to the pest management community," commented Bill Welsh.

The MPMA Foundation supports and encourages individual and corporate contributions to the General Scholarship Foundation. MPMA aims to assist students in their academic endeavors and to support the professional pest management profession by helping deserving and outstanding students attain their educational goals.

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The President's Corner

By Kevin Denardo MPMA President



Hello MPMA Members:

I hope everyone is having a safe and prosperous season! It is hard to believe we are days away from fall already!

Thank you to those that participated in MPMA's PAC Golf Outing on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at Timber Ridge Golf Club. Remember, this is a great way to support MPMA's PAC Fund which is critical to our legislative activities. Bill Welsh has highlighted some of these key initiatives as you will see on the next page.

Congratulations to our winning team: Bill Welsh, Dave Driver, Craig Valentine and Jim Ives. I hope they enjoyed the \$50 gift cards they each won.

Thank you to all the attendees that came to our Summer Meeting in Traverse City, on August 30-31, 2023. Thank you David Driver for another very successful event! The views from the banquet dinner were fantastic! Reminder, the Summer meeting is every two years. Next one will be in the Summer of 2025.

Our new redesigned Website is going great! Special thanks to Jaime and Rhonda for leading this project. We hope to go live very soon, so keep an eye out for the launch!

Please follow us on Facebook as well as we update you on important industry topics and events happening across the state.

Let's continue to work together and make a difference!

Respectfully,

Kevin Denardo - MPMA President



Governmental Affairs Update

Bill Welsh

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A lot has been going on. First, the C&T information from the EPA has been returned to MDARD. While there doesn't appear that there will be any real significant changes for our industry, regulations 636 and 637 will need to be opened back up for some fine tuning. In addition, Act 451 will also need some revisions in terms of what came back from EPA. Keep in mind when that happens, others will jump at the opportunity! They will try to make other changes detrimental to our industry. Each time a regulation is opened, it takes 18 full months and a lot of meetings to finalize. So, get ready, as I expect it will all be going on at once. Secondly, we have been looking to reintroduce the Bed Bug bill, but right now it will be held off until Q1 of next year. Anything introduced this year that doesn't get passed will be dropped and will need to be reintroduced next year. Currently, our lobbyist is working on putting it together and finding a sponsor. Our best opportunity to get it passed will be now with the current makeup of the legislature and governor's office.

HB 4858 was recently introduced, and it related to the Neonic ban and a rollback of preemption we currently have established in the state. We are setting up a meeting with the author of the bill in the next couple of weeks to discuss their intentions. Again, as I said earlier, if it doesn't get to the governor's desk this year, it must be reintroduced next year. We will be smarter on this bill once we have met with the author. Stay tuned, as I am sure this will become a serious fight moving forward if the author is serious about moving it forward.

On a national level, the Farm Bill is front and center this year. We are having a committee meeting today regarding the farm bill and probably will be reviewing alternative approaches soon. While we had the preemption language inserted in the farm bill last time through the House, it was stripped during the conference after the House and Senate passed their own forms of the farm bill.

NPMA does have a lobbyist working in Washington, DC, on this issue, and hopefully will prove to be fruitful in the end. You will continue to see VoterVOICE stuff coming your way; please make sure that you are completing the VoterVOICE campaigns. In addition to completing them, send them to your employees, family members, and whoever else will help with the campaigns. The more the better.

MPMA 2023 Summer Meeting

The Michigan Pest Management Association held their summer meeting this year at the fabulous Park Place Hotel in Traverse City on August 30th and 31st.

The meeting was very well attended by PMP's and the valuable vendors in attendance. Gary Wagner from Central Life Sciences and Dave Johnson from Atlantic Paste and Glue both gave excellent talks which were very well received by those in attendance.

Emily Pochubay from MDARD gave an update on MDARD and also her new position within MDARD. In keeping with our idea of working closer together with the Michigan Mosquito Control Association we were most fortunate to have Doug Allen, president of MMCA and the chief biologist for Midland

County Mosquito Abatement District, in attendance and he gave an arbovirus update and an inside look at how his county is utilizing drones.

The banquet was held Wednesday evening at the Top O the Park restaurant with beautiful views of the bays. The food and socializing was wonderful. We want

to thank all of the people in attendance and Rhonda Wise for her hard work in making this a most successful summer meeting.



MPMA UPDATES WEBSITE

MPMA is excited to announce we have been working hard to update our web-site. It's the same address, www.mipma.org, but updated content! Our goal is to make important information quick and easy for our members to find.

The web-site also has a store where members can purchase products with MPMA's logo. Training registration links will still be posted on the web-site as well. We will be updating and improving the web-site continuously, so make sure to visit it often!

MPMA Board Member's have new email addresses specifically for MPMA matters. The email addresses are listed below and can also be found on the web-site. Don't hesitate to reach out!

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2023 MPMA PAC Golf Outing

MPMA hosted the PAC Golf Outing on July 19th at Timber Ridge Golf Course. Thanks to the support of 20 golfers, the Michigan Pest Management Association's PAC fund received a healthy influx of \$2,915.00. These funds are essential to protecting the pest management industry both nationally and locally.

Congratulations to Bill Welsh, Jim Ives, Craig Valentine and David Driver who took home the 1st place gift cards this year! If you weren't able to attend but would like to support the PAC Fund, please send a [personal](#) check to PO BOX 26546, Fraser MI 48026, marked MPMA-PAC Fund.

A sincere thank you to all for participating this year. YOU REALLY DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

See you all next year.

<p>Term Ends: 02/2024</p> <p>Kevin Denardo, President Rentokil/Ehrlich 41169 Vincenti Court Novi, MI 48375</p>	<p>Term Ends: 02/2024</p> <p>Jason Sullivan Action (WDI) Specialist, Inc. P.O. Box 118 Manistee, MI 49660 231-723-6888</p>	<p>Term Ends: 02/2024</p> <p>David Driver, Allied Representative Veseris 20994 Bridge Street Southfield, MI 48033 (800) 888-4897</p>
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MPMA Upcoming Training

- **10-6-2023 Kalamazoo—CANCELLED**
- **10-27-2023-Grand Rapids-Credits Requested: 8 Core or 7A**
 - **11-09-2023- Owosso- Credits Requested: 8 7D 7A**
 - **11-17-2023 Dearborn- Credits Requested: 8 Core 7F**
 - **12-8-2023- Ann Arbor– Credits Requested: 8 Core 7A**
 - 12-15-2023- Saginaw- Credits Requested: 8 7A or 7B**

The 2024 Annual Winter Meeting is February 22 & 23, 2024 at the FireKeepers Casino & Hotel, Battle Creek, MI.



This is NOT a complete list and may change! Please check MPMA's web-site and Facebook page often for updated information. Registration links are e-mailed out and can also be found on MPMA's web-site at www.mipma.org.



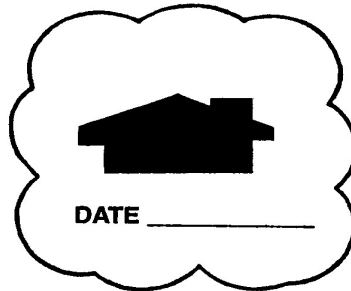
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