



Position Description

State Policy Affairs Representative (SPAR) of the National Pest Management Association

State Policy Affairs Representatives (SPARs and Vice-SPARs) are members who work full-time in the industry, while also working voluntarily to protect and advocate for their industry. These individuals are extremely passionate and dedicated to protecting public health and advocating for thoughtful science-based decision-making. SPARs represent their state's industry and work with their state association board or legislative committee and NPMA's Public Policy Team. Their state association board nominates SPAR and Vice-SPARs for two-year terms and there are no limits on the number of terms.

SPAR Duties

- Serve as the liaison between NPMA and their state association's work in state legislative and regulatory matters.
- Keep NPMA Public Policy team members on current needs and actions taken on any legislation in the state.
- Attend Monthly SPAR calls on the last Tuesday of the month.
- Do their best to attend Legislative Day in March and the Association Impact Meeting (AIM), (formally known as SPAR Bootcamp).
- Develop and maintain relationships with state legislators and regulators and establish the importance and presence of the pest control industry among their state leaders.
- Be available to attend and testify at legislative hearings.
- Meet with legislators, staff, and regulators on current issues

Knowledge, Skills, and Requirements

- SPARs are members of both their state association and NPMA.
- Have a passion for advocating for the pest management industry, protecting public health, and science-based decision-making.
- Staying up to date on their:
 - o State session dates and deadlines
 - o Introductory deadlines
 - o Prefiling procedures
 - o Knowing the crossover deadline
 - o Tracking bills and committee hearings throughout the legislative session



Acronyms

Association of American Pesticide Control Officials	AAPCO	Neonicotinoids	Neonics
Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials	ASPCRO	Office of Pesticide Programs	OPP
Best Management Practices	BMPs	Political Action Committee	PAC
Environmental Protection Agency	EPA	Protect America's Children from Toxic Pesticides Act	PACTPA
Endangered Species Act	ESA	Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances	PFAS
Federal Election Commission	FTC	NPMA'S Public Policy Committee	PPC
First-Generation Anti-Coagulant Rodenticide	FGAR	Responsible Industry for Sound Environment	RISE
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act	FIFRA	Second-Generation Anti-Coagulant Rodenticide	SGAR
Industry Issues Fund	IIF	State Policy Affairs Representative	SPAR
National Association for Landscape Professionals	NALP	United States Department of Agriculture	USDA
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture	NASDA		