

STATE POLICY AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVES (SPAR) INTEREST MEETINGS

MONTHLY SPAR CALLS

NPMA hosts monthly one-hour calls for SPARs on the last Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. Eastern Time. From January to June, the purpose of these calls is to keep everyone informed on the active legislation, the most up-to-date actions, share inside information, and share advice on strategy. Starting in July, the calls transition from our “bill updates” format to focusing on developing a singular SPAR skill, known as our Summer Series. NPMA highly encourages all SPARs to attend, even those whose states are not seeing any current action, because these calls will show insight into all policy-related matters, including federal updates, that attendees can relay to their association’s board.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

Since 1994, NPMA has hosted an annual Legislative Day Conference, where pest management professionals directly impact federal public policy by visiting their Members of Congress at Washington D.C.’s Capitol. In recent years, attendees from across the nation were able to meet with over 230 Members of Congress and their staff for in-person meetings to discuss key issues affecting the pest management industry, such as state pesticide preemption. It’s proven that these visits have the most impact on a Member of Congress who is undecided on an issue. SPARs are encouraged to use this opportunity to establish a line of communication and develop a relationship with their members of Congress and staff.

NPMA strongly encourages that all SPARs attend this three-day conference. Not only will you be working to support the industry’s key issues, but you will also gain experience meeting with legislators and staff at the highest level.

the bill for a vote.

ASSOCIATION IMPACT MEETING (AIM)

The Association Impact Meeting (AIM) is an exclusive two-day event held in the fall for SPARs and association leaders to be empowered with fresh insights and skills that will enhance their ability to support their association and effectively advocate for sound public policy. Many of our SPAR resources and new initiatives are created from critical conversations at AIM. You will have the invaluable opportunity to learn from individuals like yourself who are passionate about making a difference and test out your new skills!

NPMA strongly encourages all SPARs to attend the entirety of the two-day conference. SPARs from joint-state associations will receive a travel stipend.

