

MPMA Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.
In person or via Zoom

Present:

Gurinderbir "G" Chahal, Minnesota Dept of Ag
Mohammed El Damir, Adam's Pest Control
Nate Heider, Minnesota Pest Elimination
Caroline Kohnert, Plunkett's Pest Control
Scott Lemke, Lemke Pest Control
Todd Leyse, Adam's Pest Control
Morgan Manderfield, Ecolab
Dana Robb, MPMA
Dannis Warf, Envu

Excused: Steve Kells, Lane Zimmerman

Call to Order (Nate)

The July board meeting minutes were approved via email.

Roll Call / Introductions

Financial Report (Todd)

- The organization has a "healthy" amount in the bank.
- Dues season starts soon and invoicing will go out for January renewals. Invoices from National for professional members will arrive in early Nov. Dana will send invoices to allied members after she has a date from Steve Kells for the conference as both announcements are distributed together. There will be a conference planning meeting on Thursday, October 27th.
- The CD was auto renewed at a very low rate so Todd cancelled it. We paid a small fee because it was a few days after the deadline.
- There is a minor discrepancy (under \$15) in our QuickBooks account that we've written off rather than trying to track down.
- A motion was made and passed to accept the financial report.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (G)

A reminder to add the new-in-2024 requirements to your recordkeeping templates or to use the MDA's revised templates.

1. Size of Area Treated/Units Treated for outdoor applications
2. Total Amount of RUP Application
3. Crop, commodity, stored product, animal or site to which RUP was applied

SPARS Update (Todd/Caroline)

A SPAR meeting will be held later today. Lane will be attending the AIM meeting at PestWorld.

Board pipeline (Nate)

Nate has reached out to a couple members to invite them to join the board but none have expressed interest. This leaves two spots unfilled.

It was noted that a few years ago we held a breakfast at the conference on Tuesday morning, included a speaker from NPMA on an educational topic and an effort at board recruitment. All companies in Minnesota – whether members or not – were invited and about 50 people attended. **ACTION:** Todd will

talk with Steve about the viability of doing it again. Dana suggested using a speaker from SCORE.

ACTION: Todd will follow up with her after talking with Steve. **ACTION:** Todd will also reach out to Lance Watrin about possible board service.

Other Business

- Bylaws Review was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of notice to members, which must be at least 10 days. Double check to make sure they're completely formatted.
- The winter newsletter deadline is November 30th. **ACTION:** Dana will include mention of the bylaws vote. **ACTION:** Todd will link it on the website.
- **ACTION:** Dana will start work on a Policies & Procedures Manual using notes from the discussion of bylaw changes.
- **ACTION:** Dana will add future board meeting dates to the newsletter as a permanent section.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19th. **ACTION:** Morgan will look into hosting.