

OPMA AUGUST NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to take a minute and say how enjoyable and productive the summer meeting was. We had some new faces which, in my opinion, is the best part of these meetings; getting to know new people and sharing new ideas.

I also wanted to share that OPMA is more vibrant than ever with multiple affiliate organizations like Professional Women in Pest Management, PestVets and United to Beat Malaria hosting virtual and in person events already this year, with more to come.

In addition, our education committee has been hard at work evolving to accommodate the needs of our members and the requirements of ODA; while our legislative committee has been integral in developing a positive position for us in the farm bill and on the new bats standards that the ODNR will be enacting in the coming months.

As you can see OPMA has a diverse membership and has a place for any pest control professional to join in and find a place regardless of your interests, goals or size.

Please see more detailed updates in the links below and if you have any questions or would like to get more involved in anything we are doing please feel free to reach out and we will be happy to get you going as soon as you are comfortable.

Be well my friends,
BJ

BJ Gall
Frame's Pest Control, Inc.
President, OPMA
A.C.E.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Traveling Road Show

February 7, 2023 | Cleveland
February 9, 2023 | Cincinnati

Virtual Training Road Show

March 8, 2023

NPMA Legislative Day

March 22-24 2023 | Capital Hilton
Washington, D.C.

OPMA Board Meeting

March 31, 2022 | Virtual

Special Olympics

June 2023 | Columbus

OPMA Summer Meeting

July 13-16, 2023 | Maumee Bay State Park

OPMA Board Meeting

September 29, 2023 | In Person and Virtual

NPMA PestWorld

October 17-20 2023
Hawaii Convention Center
Sheraton Waikiki

A.C.E. Preparation & Testing

December 5-6 2023 | Marriott OSU
Columbus, OH

OPMA Winter Meeting, Training and Trade Show

December 6-8 2023 | Marriott OSU
Columbus, OH

OPMA Board Meeting

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July 14, 2023 | Maumee Bay State Park

December 6, 2023 | Marriott OSU
Columbus, OH

Recertification Training
September 28, 2023 | Ohio Department of
Agriculture, Reynoldsburg, OH

Things to watch for:

Pest ID Virtual Training
And other educational events!

TRAINING

SEPTEMBER TRAINING WORKSHOP

OHIO PEST MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Training Workshop

September 28, 2023

Cost: \$119

Registration will be opening soon!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW TENTATIVE AGENDA](#)

2023 SUMMER MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended OPMA's Summer Meeting. This years summer meeting took place at Maumee Bay State Park Resort Oregon, Ohio.



[Click here](#) to view more pictures.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER MEETING SPONSORS!





NPMA PESTWORLD 2023



Every year, NPMA gathers thousands of pest management professionals and industry suppliers from across the globe to offer opportunities for networking, education, and collaboration. [PestWorld 2023](#)

CONNECTED. INSPIRED. EDUCATED.

When you connect with other pest management professionals from around the world, you create greater possibilities—possibilities that advance your career, grow your business, and support your customers. [PestWorld 2023](#) brings individuals from every facet of pest management together to share tactical knowledge, hear different perspectives on business trends, learn from the latest technical research, and form strong relationships.

Full Schedule Now Available!

There's so much to do at [PestWorld](#). From dynamic keynote speakers, educational sessions where you can earn CEUs, a huge exhibit hall, fun-filled social activities, and tons of networking opportunities- just to name a few, you're going to want to start planning out your schedule now. Make the most of your experience and your time in Boston!

MEMBERSHIP

The Benefits of Membership

OPMA and NPMA are a powerhouse of valuable information, important news, expert guidance, unique benefits, and innovative ideas for the pest management industry. Our association is the best resource for you to Get Connected and help strengthen your business.

[Join Today](#)

PWIPM

The Professional Women in Pest Management (PWIPM) is an affiliate group of the NPMA whose mission is to attract, develop & support women in the pest management industry through educational programs, resources & peer networking.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Legislative Updates from the Statehouse

1. Governor DeWine signed the \$190 billion biennial budget just before the extended deadline on Monday evening. He used his line-item veto authority to veto 44 items:

Broadened exemptions to the Commercial Activity Tax.

2. The legislature proposed revisions to the Commercial Activity Tax would have seen the threshold to pay the tax increase over two years. For tax year 2024 businesses with \$3 million or less in gross receipts would have been excluded from the CAT. That number increased to businesses with \$6 million or less in gross receipts being excluded from paying the CAT in tax year 2025.

- Allowed students to refuse vaccines required by higher education institutions.
- Placed Medicaid rates in statute.
- Limited flexibility in the All-Ohio Future Fund.
- Excluded the Oil and Gas Well Fund from transfers by the budget office.
- Created the Ohio Nuclear Development Authority.
- Modified how the Controlling Board deals with real property purchases by ODNR.
- Prohibited foreign interests from owning Ohio farmland.
- Eliminated reviews of Real Estate Investment Trusts.
- Imposed JCARR reviews of Full-Time Equivalency Manual developed by the revamped Department of Education and Workforce.
- Required Medicaid data sharing with ADAMH boards.
- Exempted Federal Qualified Health Centers from certain requirements.
- Altered Transportation Review Advisory Council membership.
- Created new product liability statutes for liquid gas suppliers.
- Stripped voting power from student trustees at Ohio State University.
- Exempted more childcare programs from Step Up To Quality requirements.
- Expanded the state auditor's reviews of Medicaid programs and higher education data.

- Required Medicaid coverage for doula services.

3. Included in the budget is consolidation of the income tax brackets to just two. The lower bracket, \$26,000 to \$100,000, will pay 2.75%. Those making more than six figures will pay 3.5%.

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Industrial Commission budgets were also signed into law.

4. Invasive Species Found in Ohio

5. Early in June, ODA's Division of Plant health was alerted to a possible Box Tree Moth presence near Loveland, Ohio by a person who is a nature enthusiast. Division Chief Dan Kenny informed OGIA that a Box Tree Moth was likely found in the area pending verification and that prompted trapping operations to take place. The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service then verified the specimen and two others that had been caught in traps were Box Tree Moths. Inspectors with ODA's Division of Plant Health and USDA staff are placing additional traps and will survey the area over the summer and fall to determine the source and extent of the population. ODA is working with USDA to develop a compliance plan.

6. Former Speaker Larry Householder and Former GOP Party Chair Matt Borges Sentenced

Former Speaker Larry Householder, who was found guilty by a jury of a federal felony of participating in a racketeering conspiracy, was sentenced on Thursday, June 29 to the maximum of 20 years in prison by the judge in that case. Matt Borges, the one-time state GOP party chairman and who also had been found guilty for the same charge, was sentenced Friday, June 30 to five years by the same judge. Both men were immediately taken into custody.

7. HB 507 Lawsuit Update

The parties in the lawsuit in Franklin County Common Pleas Court by three environmentalist groups claiming that two oil and gas amendments to HB 507 passed last December (and containing the pesticide pre-emption language) was unconstitutional have filed their briefs in the case. Attorneys for the three environmental groups and the Ohio Attorney General's office, representing the state and the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as defendants, have completed the briefing stage of the lawsuit. The state focused much of its brief attacking the legal standing of the plaintiffs.

8. NPMA Push for State-level Pesticide Preemption in the 2023 Farm Bill

The 2023 Farm Bill reauthorization process is in full swing, and NPMA staff are meeting with key offices both on, and off of, the House and Senate Agriculture committees to push for a national solution to pesticide preemption. As a reminder, language that codified state-level pesticide preemption into national law was included in the House version of the 2018 Farm Bill, only to be stripped out in the conferenced 2018 Farm Bill. We are once again requesting that it is included—and ultimately kept—in the final version of the 2023 Farm Bill.

Please join us at our next meeting to find out more!

PAC FUND

What is a PAC (political action committee)?

A PAC is a non-partisan, non-profit organization formed to raise voluntary contributions to use in supporting candidates for state elective offices who share the beliefs and concerns of the members of the PAC. PACs serve to raise and contribute money to the political campaigns of individuals whose platforms agree with the aims of the PAC.

Does the Ohio Pest Management Association (OPMA) have a PAC?

OPMA does have a PAC – the Ohio Pest Control Association Political Action Committee (PAC) is a separate entity established by OPMA. The PAC is formed in accordance with Ohio Law. It is a voluntary, non-profit political organization and is not affiliated with any political party.

How Do I Contribute to the OPMA PAC?

Voluntary contributions to the OPMA PAC must be made in the form of cash, credit cards (Visa or Mastercard) or personal checks. Cash, checks and credit cards from individuals, limited liability companies and partnerships are permitted. Ohio Law prohibits a political action committee from accepting any donations from corporations.

[Click here for more information](#)

[Click Here for a donation form for OPMA PAC Fund](#)

WINTER MEETING

Winter Meeting, Training and Trade Show

December 6-8, 2023

Marriott OSU, Columbus
3100 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202

REGISTRATION WILL BE OPENING SOON

[**VIEW TENTATIVE AGENDA**](#)

WORLD MOSQUITO DAY AUGUST 20TH



In case it wasn't on your radar already, World Mosquito Day is coming up on August 20. No, this isn't a day to celebrate mosquitoes it's a day to commemorate the 1897 discovery that mosquitoes transmit malaria.

Naturally, this is a big moment for us and to support our donor, partners, and advocate community, our communications team created a messaging toolkit with some sample social media messages.

The toolkit also includes an online petition to encourage Congress to continue to support and fund lifesaving global health programs.

To view toolkit please [Click Here](#)

For other helpful information on how we are combatting Malaria please view <https://beatmalaria.org/>

2023 OPMA Partners



What can we do to add value to your membership?

Email us at admin@ohiopma.org

We will work to get your issues resolved.

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