THE INFORMER

MPMA Member, Curt VanderWall, owner of Turf Care Mole Man, has been elected to the Michigan State House. Congratulations Curt!

Michigan 101st District State House Results: Curt VanderWall Wins

BY THE NEW YORK TIMES NOV. 9, 2016, 12:08 PM ET

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100% reporting (68 of 68 precincts)

Curt VanderWall won the 101st District State House race in Michigan on Tuesday. Curt VanderWall is up by 8 points with all precincts reporting.

A Note From MPMA

With mail cost increasing annually, MPMA would like to find a way to reduce the number of pieces we mail. One way we can do this is to e-mail MPMA quarterly newsletters. It would be e-mailed in a PDF file. All you need is an e-mail account and Adobe Reader Software. You can download the software for FREE at www.adobe.com. You can either read the newsletter on your computer or print it. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically please e-mail Rhonda Wise at rwise@mipca.org to let her know you would like to receive the newsletter electronically. If you choose to receive the electronic version of the newsletter, you will no-longer receive a copy in the mail.
Have You Logged into the New NPMA Website?

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The NPMA website, www.npmapestworld.org, has gotten a facelift and is more user friendly than ever! Here are the top five things you can do as of today...we'll be adding a lot more features over the next few months!

1. You can update your own member profile
2. You can tell us what you want to hear about
3. You can print your membership certificate (but only if you are the primary contact for your company)
4. You can add new staff to your membership listing (but only if you are the primary contact for your company)
5. You can update your company information (but only if you are the primary contact for your company)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact NPMA at 800.678.6722 or npma@pestworld.org.

Membership: In accordance with our by-laws, we have received the following applications for new membership. The names of the firms and their voting members are listed below. If any person has just cause as to why the applicant should not be a member they must protest in writing within 30 days of this publication. If no protests are received, their application will be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

MEMBERSHIP

Eco-Tech Pest Management, LLC
Christopher Percha
Congratulations to one of our own members, Curt Vanderwall who was elected to District 101 House, Mason County. I hope you remember us back here at the Association when we come up to Lansing for a visit.

I continue to hear comments from our members that this has been a very busy year for them and their businesses. I have also heard a lot of comments that fall hasn’t been such a welcomed time as it was this year. Time to catch one’s breath and to dial down the tempo for a little while before going into budget season and preparing for next year. Congratulations to all.

NPMA Legislative Day is coming up on March 12-14th. Yours truly, along with others are planning to be in attendance. I ask that you consider coming along to help guide the learning and help our Michigan Representatives and Senators in Washington understand our businesses and the issues impacting our industry. There is a lot to learn and fun to be had meeting with fellow pest management professionals and getting a chance to tell our story on the Hill. We had 7 of us there last year, 4 for the first time. Russ Ives and Jeff Spencer took us under their wings and taught the rookies the ropes.

The Michigan Pollinator Protection Plan group is well along in their meetings and discussions about the Michigan Pollinator Protect Plan. Mark “Shep” Sheperdigian will report to the group at the Winter Meeting, the status of the work group and where Michigan stands with the plan. Stay tuned or be at the Winter Meeting to catch more details on the outcome of those meetings. Incidentally, HB 5950 was just introduced recently, and it specifically is addressing the Pollinator Protection Plan that was already being worked on by the MDARD working group.

We will be having another meeting with MDARD regarding online recertification credits becoming available for online training programs. Just imagine having the opportunity to get your recertification credits online and not having to drive some long distance to sit in a meeting all day. Imagine taking the online classes in off hours. Imagine the world without those *&^% bubble sheets! There are some things that need to be worked out, but we are progressing and the support from others, including MDARD, has gone a long way to push this initiative forward.

Last I heard, Brian Rowe’s permanent replacement has not been selected yet. I know that they are going through another round of interviews and I hope we have some further information to share with you by the Winter Meeting.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you all at the Winter Meeting February 23-24, 2017, you can preview the agenda on page 5. Just so you know, we are having an ACE workshop for those wanting to prepare and take the ACE exam to obtain the ACE credential. We have sent out information about it previously and information is also on page 4. Here’s an opportunity to take advantage of the classroom training right before taking the exam.

Bill Welsh, MPMA President
Please join us at the 2017 ACE Workshop hosted by the Michigan Pest Management Association in conjunction with the 2017 Winter Meeting.

MPMA is excited to announce we’re hosting this workshop to help pest management professionals achieve the Associate Certified Entomologist Certification through the Entomological Society of America. We have so many eligible and qualified PMPs throughout the Midwest who have been planning on getting their ACE, but have kept putting it off. Well, here’s your chance.

Why get ACE Certification?
Certification can lead to better visibility, opportunities, and jobs. In today's increasingly complex and highly-specialized economy, credentials are so important. Sure, you know you've got the skills to do the job, but how do you convince potential customers and employers you do? For many career-minded professionals, certification is often the answer. Learn more at http://www.entocert.org/ace-certification

Why is the ACE Workshop for me?
MPMA will offer guidance and assistance throughout the application process, suggest study materials, and then host a one day training and proctoring event. We can help with letters of recommendations, questions about the application, creating a resume, etc...

Determine if you’re eligible to apply for the ACE Certification
- Without a Bachelor’s degree in Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 5 years pest management experience
- With a Bachelor’s degree in Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 3 years pest management experience
- With a Master’s degree in Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 2 years pest management experience
- With a PhD in Entomology Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 1 years pest management experience

Let MPMA know you’re interested, so we can assist you the rest of the way – simply email our director rwise@mipca.org to put you on the list.

MPMA will help you apply for the ACE accreditation through ESA, their application is online at http://www.entocert.org/ace-application-process
- You will need to complete the application
- A copy of your current pesticide applicator’s license
- A resume and the license fee

We’ll also help you with study materials and guides

We’re starting this process early now, so that you can attend our ACE Workshop on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at the Firekeeper’s Casino in Battle Creek, Michigan

We’re looking forward to this being a successful and positive workshop for our members and non-members.
2017 MPMA WINTER MEETING

Thursday, February 23, 2017

7:45 - 8:30 AM Registration

8:30 - 9:00 AM Opening Remarks – To Be Announced

9:15 - 10:30 AM Flying Insect Control – Arthur Dales, Brandenburg

10:30 - 10:45 AM Break

10:45-12:00 PM Mosquito Abatement – Mike Leahy Zoecon

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 - 1:10 PM Thank you and Introduction to our sponsors

1:10 - 2:25 PM Let’s talk about termites – Dr. Jason Meyers BASF

2:25 - 2:40 PM Break

2:40 - 3:55 PM Flea & Tick Control – Brian Olesinski MGK

3:55– 4:25 PM Senator or Rep TBD

4:25 – 4:35 PM Wrap up and Bubble Sheets

4:35 – 5:00 PM General Membership Meeting

6:00 PM Cash Bar

7:00 PM Annual Banquet Dinner

Friday, February 24, 2017

8:00 - 8:30 AM Registration

8:30 - 10:00 AM Rodent Management & Control – Tre James, Bell Labs

10:00 - 10:15 AM Break

10:15 - 11:45 PM Field Identification and Treatment of Common Stored Product Pests – Jim Fredericks, NPMA

11:45 – 12:00 NPMA Update – Jim Frederiks, NPMA

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00-1:10 PM Thank you and Introduction to our sponsors

1:10 – 2:55 PM Brown Marmorated StinkBugs – Joe Barile, Bayer

2:55 - 3:10 PM Break

3:10 - 4:25 PM Agriculture & Rural Development “MDARD Update” Gary King, - Michigan Department of Rural Development

4:25 – 4:45 PM Pollinator Protection Working Group – Mark Sheperdigian, BCE, Rose

4:45 – 5:00 PM – Wrap up and bubble sheets
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Thousands of homeowners turn to NPMA each year for expert advice on dealing with pests and to find qualified professionals in their neighborhood. In most cases, NPMA member companies service several zip codes in addition to the zip code for their business address.

If you have five minutes, by simply following the steps below you can make sure that consumers can find you in all of the zip codes you service.

**Step One:** Go to [NPMA’s website](#) and login with your User ID and password to the Manage My Group area of the site. (Your UserID is your email address and your password is “npma” unless you changed the settings when creating your profile. *(Note: You must be a company administrator to access this area of the site.)*

**Step Two:** Click on “Company Information” from the drop down menu.

**Step Three:** Click on “Edit Company” under the location you would like to update the service areas. *You have the option of placing all of your zip codes on your headquarters location or placing them on each branch location. Choose the option that works best for your company!*

**Step Four:** Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the Service Area section.
1. Download the Excel template found on this page.
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3. Save the file on your computer.
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5. Click Upload file.
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• $450 – Late Registration (after 12/16/16) and Walk-ins
• $195 – Single Day Registration Fee

Online Registration
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Walk-In Registration

East Foyer of Stewart Center
Registration Hours:
Monday, January 9th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, January 10th, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday, January 11th, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Advance payment is required by December 16 to receive registration discounts. Walk-ins are welcome with payment. The fee includes coffee breaks, Monday’s Exhibit Reception, Tuesday’s box lunches and the award luncheon on Wednesday.

For lodging and travel information please visit: www.conf.purdue.edu/attend/lodging.aspx

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MPMA Launches NEW Web-Site

The Michigan Pest Management Association has been working hard to update and launch our new web-site. Please visit it often at [www.mipma.org](http://www.mipma.org) for updated news and information concerning training and other MPMA Events.

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NPMA Launches Executive Leadership Program to Develop Future Association Leaders

Applications being accepted until December 9

November 17, 2016 (Fairfax, Va.) - The National Pest Management Association announced today the creation of the Executive Leadership Program, an initiative designed to find passionate, committed, and engaged individuals from all parts of the country who want to enhance NPMA and the membership experience.

“NPMA’s success is contingent on our ability to work in the best interests of our membership and hearing from different voices plays an important role in our understanding of what is important to them,” stated NPMA CEO Dominique Stumpf. “However, limited resources often make it difficult for aspiring leaders to become involved in the association. Through the ELP, NPMA will provide the necessary resources so that candidates can participate in a planned curriculum that prepares them for association leadership.”

Through the program, participants will receive the tools they need to be future leaders within the organization. Elements include the history of NPMA and its future plans; skills training in the areas of networking, cultural competency and more. In addition to self-study, participants will engage in monthly conference calls with NPMA leaders and work with a mentor. NPMA will also provide registration and travel to both Academy and PestWorld 2017.

Applications are being accepted until December 9. Visit http://npmapestworld.org/about- npma/executive-leadership-program/ to learn about the applicant criteria and to download the application.

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The National Pest Management Association, a non-profit organization with more than 6,000 members, was established in 1933 to support the pest management industry’s commitment to the protection of public health, food and property, reflected both in the continuing education of the pest control professional and the dissemination of timely information to homeowners and businesses. Visit us at
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