



# NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION



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### Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting

January 6, 2020, 5:00 pm

Annual Conference, January 6, 7, 8 & 9 2020

Ramada Inn, Bismarck

**Your association has caps, a couple of jackets and vests, and padfolios and a few other items for sale.**

**Contact Stan Wolf @ (701)730-6786 for more info.**

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**\*\*NEWSLETTER\***

## Members, Keep Up The Good Work

You, our members have done your job in reducing our costs for the paper edition of the newsletter. The board understands that some of our members cannot receive the newsletter by e mail, or prefer the paper edition. But we want to continue to reduce the paper copies, so keep sending in your e mails for the electronic version of the newsletter.

Also, as weed boards get new members throughout the year, please let us know, so we can update our list. We find where former members continue to receive the newsletter, and new members do not. Unless we are notified, we have no idea the comings and goings of board members.

## Presidents Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a great summer or what little summer we did have! The weather was not our friend this season. Between the rain and wind and then more rain it was a difficult spray season. I hope everyone made the best of the little nice weather we did have. With the wet weather we did have, I found new areas where weeds have never been before.

We had an average year for leafy spurge beetles. We collected over 100 releases and handed them out to landowners. This is a great resource to capitalize on if you have areas that are too tough to spray. We also got out and helped with applying Canada thistle rust to rosettes this fall. Hopefully we can establish this biocontrol and be able to distribute it across the state in the future.

As many of you all know palmer amaranth was found in three more counties this year. Morton, Grant, and Emmons county. Now is the time to go out and look for it. If you suspect a plant to be palmer amaranth contact your local weed officer or NDSU extension agent to help properly identify it. Now is the time to try and stay ahead of this plant when we find new areas and try to eliminate it before it gets out of hand.

I am hoping the weather will straighten out and we have a long fall where we can get out and get some more work done before winter sets in. Weed control is an ongoing effort with new plants emerging or existing plants being found in new areas. If you ever have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact your local weed officers or NDSU extension agents or the ND Dept of Ag. Someone will find you the answers you are looking for and get you on the right direction.

Again, I want to thank everyone involved in weed control across the state! I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual convention! Hope everyone has a great rest of their spray season!

Begin.... The rest is easy...

Jamen Windish  
2019 NDWCA President

**Area Meeting agenda's - LAP funding - formula for revising LAP needs to be updated. Bring your ideas to the meeting. Changes to NDWCA by-laws**

**NDWCA 2020 Annual Meeting & Conference Registration Form**

**Ramada Inn, 1400 E. Interchange Ave, Bismarck, ND**

**January 6, 7, 8, & 9 2020**

**PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AND COMPLETE FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING!**

This form does not register your hotel room. For room reservations call Ramada Inn @701-258-7000 Group: NDWCA: Room Rates: \$84.60 Single; Double \$94.00 A block of rooms has been reserved. Please mention that you are booking your room for the NDWCA Conference. To be guaranteed a room, book by November 23.

**Hurry before they are all gone!!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I AM A VOTING DELEGATE \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Check)

NAME OF COUNTY/CITY OR ORGANIZATION I AM REPRESENTING  
\_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION BEFORE  
DECEMBER 20 \$130.00 \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION AFTER  
DECEMBER 20 \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes coffee breaks, Wednesday noon lunch & banquet, Thursday breakfast

**FOR EXTRA (SPOUSE) MEALS**

Spouses Luncheon Wednesday 11:00 am \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Noon Lunch 11:00pm \$21.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Banquet (Social @ 6:00pm) 7:00pm \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Breakfast 6:30 am to 7:45am \$13.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***THIS FORM MAY BE USED TO BECOME A NDWCA MEMBER***

***EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE CONVENTION***

2020 FULL MEMBERSHIP **\$275** (VOTING MEMBER) New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

2020 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP **\$175** (NON-VOTING MEMBER) New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

***Grand Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_***

***No refunds will be allowed for cancellations after December 31, 2019***

**Questions for NDWCA call 701-527-6544 or e-mail: [ndwca@westriv.com](mailto:ndwca@westriv.com)**

Please send Registration Payment to: **NDWCA 6135 Hwy 49, Elgin, ND 58533**

# **NDDA Report**

By Richard Weisz

**Palmer Amaranth Update:** Palmer amaranth has been found in three counties this year. PA was found in Emmons, Grant and Morton counties for the first time. Each situation was in a cropland setting. The county weed officers and extension agents have been diligently educating county residents and plants are being removed as they are found. Last year, PA was found in 5 counties, and in all but one of those situations, no PA has been found in 2019.

**LAP and TAG Update:** All eligible counties should have received their Notice of Grant Awards for the 2019-2021 Landowner Assistance Program and Targeted Assistance Grant financial information from NDDA. Please have these signed and returned to Richard as soon as you are able. The grant start dates will be July 1, 2019, so if you have eligible expenditures prior to signature date, these can still be reimbursed. Please note, this year's LAP agreements are for 1 year only, rather than the full biennium as in previous years. This is to allow for counties not eligible in 2019 to plan in their budgets for the 2020 fiscal year. Funds left over from 2019 will be added to remaining available dollars and be distributed to counties July 1, 2020.

**LAP Formula:** During the September NDWCA directors meeting, a committee was formed to discuss the LAP formula and how to more effectively distribute funds to eligible weed boards. The current formula is distributed as 40% based on eligibility, 40% based on non-cropland acres in the county, and 20% reported acres of noxious weeds. How counties report acres infested with noxious weeds has been a complicated factor, and the committee will be reviewing how counties evaluate their infested acreage to establish a method more consistent across the state. The committee will also entertain other formula options to present to the Agriculture Commissioner.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Richard Weisz at 701-328-2250 or [rweisz@nd.gov](mailto:rweisz@nd.gov).

## **Education Committee Report**

Submitted by Derrill Fick

The committee is getting information out to the schools across the state for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to create posters for our annual noxious weed awareness poster contest. These posters are submitted to the committee and then we vote on them at our annual meeting. Once a winner is decided we present the winner with a plaque and also tee shirts are made with the poster on them. To keep this contest moving we would like people to ask their local schools if their students will be involved in this contest. I will have the information available if anyone is interested. You may email me at [Derrill.fick@wardnd.com](mailto:Derrill.fick@wardnd.com)

### **AREA MEETING SCHEDULED SET**

**AREA II - Monday, October 14 - 9:00 am cdt**

**(New location) - Stutsman County Extension Service - 502 10th Ave SE, Jamestown**

**AREA II - Tuesday, October 15 - 9:00 am cdt**

**Ramsey County Courthouse - Devils Lake**

**AREA III - Wednesday, October 16 - 9:00 am cdt**

**North Central Research Center, Minot**

**AREA IV - Thursday, October 17 - 9:00 am cdt**

**Morton County Highway Department - Mandan**

**AREA V - Friday, October 18 - 9:00 am mdt**

**Billings County Weed Control Office - Fryburg**

**Executive Secretary Corner**

So where has the summer gone? In my neck of the state, the weather sure did not cooperate with spraying. The way it looks, North Dakota will be somewhat wetter going into winter than normal. Hopefully the whole state can say this.

The area meetings are fast approaching, a week earlier than normal as well. I hope that someone from each county can your area meeting. County reports will be given. Please have a copy for me as well, so I can put in the minutes exactly as you give it. Areas 2 and 3 will have elections for director.(2 year term). Also, Areas 1,2 & 3 area eligible for nominees for 2nd vice president. BUT, that person can be nominated from any area, just have to come from those three areas. Agenda items : LAP Formula. We will be looking for your input on changing the formula to better serve your needs. How do you report your acres? Let us know at the area meeting! Also we will be discussing a proposed change to the by laws.

Also, I will be selling NEW travel mugs and cups at the area meetings. The cost is \$25 each, two sizes, and if purchased, a certificate for free engraving as well. They would make great x-mas gifts or purchase one for every board member in your county or city, as a show of appreciation for being a board member.

I hope to see many of you later in October.

The November newsletter will have a rather complete conference schedule, along with another registration form in case you misplace this one, or delete the e mail before you realize what you have done.

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