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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The theme of this year's 10th annual convention was Proud Past--Bright Future. The proud past was recognized by this being the tenth anniversary of the NAICC. Ten, five and new membership pins were presented.

David Harms, President, Garry Raymond, Executive Vice President, and all committee members can be proud of the progress made this past year. David Harms obtained his goals of improving the financial health, membership (25% incoming in members and sustaining members) and setting a new attendance record at this year's annual convention. David and his wife, Bobbi Harms, deserve a big "That-a-boy."

As we look toward the future it is bright for the NAICC and its members. The need for third party, unbiased information is increasing. The fact that we are operating in a mature industry is causing companies to take greater risks to get a big share of the pie. Couple this with increased environmental concerns and highly technical products entering the market; and we find the industry

and our customers counting on us, the independent consultant, to help them sort out all the facts and interactions.

In looking forward, the new Board of Directors should focus on the following objectives:

- Continue to follow a sound business and marketing plan.
- Promote educational activities and establish a professionalism standard for our profession
- Foster communication among members through the newsletter and other sources
- Continue to explore obtaining insurance for our membership

My objective, as president, is to have an active involvement by all members, especially new members. I'm looking forward to the coming year and your support. Please call (507) 889-4371 or write if I can be of assistance to you or if you have suggestions about how to improve our organization. Thank you for the opportunity to be your president for 1988-89.

Dr. James S. Ladlie
President, NAICC

EPA MEETING REPORT

PESTICIDE USERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE -
Summary of meeting held October
15-19, 1988 at El Centro, CA

Administrator Doug Campt welcomed
the group to the meeting and then:

1) Outlined the reorganization
which has been accomplished in the
Office of Pesticide Programs.
Changes were made to meet changing
demands of congress and the public,
with the major goal of better
communications with the public,
federal agencies and pesticide user
groups.

2) Discussed the revised FIFRA
(FIFRA-Lite)

a. Emphasis on re-registration may
cause some chemicals and uses of
chemicals to fall through the
cracks. That is particularly true
of minor crops and lesser used
chemicals. He urged commodity
groups who may be concerned, to
become involved.

b. The new FIFRA has increased
criminal penalties.

c. It has made the Science
Advisory Panel permanent.

d. It requires a detailed
implementation policy strategy,
which will be put into a fact sheet
by OPP.

3) Chemigation (under label
improvement program) is still not
completely resolved. No decision

has been reached concerning
alternatives to the selenoid check
valve required by EPA but found to
be expensive and short-lived.
Approval of methods of protecting
ground and surface water from
chemigation contamination by other
than sprinkler irrigation systems
still remains to be resolved also.

4) EPA has decided on a course of
action in regard to the so-called
"Delaney Paradox". The Delaney
Clause indicates that NO PRODUCT
KNOWN TO CAUSE TUMORS CAN BE ALLOWED
AS A RESIDUE ON FOOD, NO MATTER HOW
SMALL THE RESIDUE. This is contrary
to a FIFRA clause allowing residues
of pesticides determined by a
risk/benefit ratio process. With
continually improving abilities to
find smaller and smaller residues
(now into the Parts Per Trillion
categories), The National Academy of
Science report on the problem has
recommended a "negligible risk"
criterion, rather than a "zero risk"
with carcinogens. EPA has decided
to follow that concept. Older
chemicals in the re-registration
process will be treated in the same
way as new registrations.

5) EPA has asked Fish and Wildlife
Service to take a re-look at the
list of specific chemicals, and to
redraw maps based on actual
occurrence rather than the type of
habitat where the endangered species
MIGHT be expected. Many states are
beginning to put together plans for

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complying with the act.

6) EPA is considering the possibility that, for specific chemicals on specific pests, there might be a possibility of reducing application rates, rather than eliminating a chemical's use.

7) The National Groundwater Survey is continuing. States are in the process of developing the strategy they may use in attempts to prevent further contamination, and clean-up known contamination. It appears that EPA is convinced the differences in aquifers, ground and surface water sources require smaller geographic entities to develop strategies to handle localized situations.

8) One of the major activities within EPA which will impact Consultants is the study being carried out for Certification and Training of pesticide users. Where presently we have 2 levels of certification, private and commercial. They are considering the need for three levels of restricted use chemicals, to be handled by more in-depth certification training. There is even some consideration being given to "prescription use" chemicals.

9) EPA is giving further

consideration to what data should be required for the registration of microbial "pesticides".

10) The EPA is putting much effort into a "label improvement program" aimed at making labels more uniform and easy to read. There is consideration being given to a "generic label" which would include all the things common to all pesticides. Such a generic label would thus allow for the container label to contain only those items specific to that pesticide.

11) Disposal of container and rinse water is receiving a lot of study. Trends towards bulk containers and repackaging are being studied. Expect some changes in container regulations to help meet the increasing problem of container disposal.

I believe these are the high points of this meeting. The next PUAC Committee meeting will be in Washington in April. If you have concerns that you would have me bring to OPP, please get in touch with me.

Submitted by,
Earle Raun

MEMBERSHIP PINS

At the convention the five and ten year members were presented a special lapel pin. It was a very challenging process putting the list together since we had to work with three separate sets of records. We will send pins to the members who did not attend the convention. If you are aware of any changes in the following lists please contact Garry Raymond with the correct information as soon as possible.

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THANKS BILL!

The NAICC Board of Directors would like to thank William A. Gilbert for all his years of dedicated service to the organization as Treasurer. The job of treasurer is a very challenging one. Bill is to be commended for a job very well done, he is a true professional. Finishing his tenure with the books in the black is a real feather in his cap.

CONVENTION ODDS AND ENDS

All members who attended the convention will receive a convention proceedings packet in the near future. The packet will contain copies of the speeches, a list of the speakers, a list of sponsors, the state conservationists mailing list, and other convention data.

Members who did not attend will receive a lapel pin in the mail in the near future.

The feedback from the convention has been extremely positive. The success of the convention was truly a team effort, all the members of the convention committees are to be commended. The 1989 convention committees have a hard act to follow.

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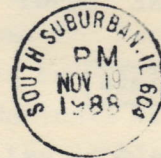
The new NAICC Board of Directors is listed to the left.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

We wish you and your family a very happy thanksgiving. It is the time of the year when we all need to reflect.

NEXT ISSUE

The December issue will include an expanded update on the 1988 NAICC Convention.



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