

Member Minute

FEB. 25 ANNUAL MEETING

Officers elected, 2021 priorities set

MCFA's membership gathered by Zoom conference Feb. 25 to ready the organization for its 2021 work. Minutes have since been provided to members.

MCFA's current slate of **volunteer officers** agreed to continue in their positions, and **were re-elected**:

- Chair Jim Cranney, CCQC
- Vice-Chair Dave Epstein, Northwest Horticultural Council
- Secretary Caroline Stringer, California Fresh Fruit Association
- Treasurer Robert Guenther, United Fresh

A [2021 Work Plan](#) was presented **for member review**. Please provide comments ASAP to MCFA Legal Counsel [Ed Ruckert](#). MCFA's 2021 priorities are:

- Endangered Species Act (ESA) implementation
- the role of epidemiological studies in human health pesticide risk assessments
- use of real-world monitoring data in conducting drinking water assessments
- evaluating pesticide exposure impacts on pollinators
- harmonizing Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) globally
- funding for IR-4 and U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Pest Management Policy
- use of antibiotics and other antimicrobial products in horticulture
- supporting continued pesticide-use surveys to inform the agencies' decision making. **END**

ON THE RECORD

MCFA comments to EPA

Since our last member update, MCFA has submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency on a range of topics.

MCFA comments are developed through our Technical Committee, which is composed of and led by industry volunteers:

- Extensively challenging a petition from an environmental NGO to revoke neonicotinoid tolerances ([Aug. 31, 2020](#))
- Endorsing two ad-hoc reviewers to help the FIFRA Science Advisory Panel explore use of new methodologies to evaluate potential pesticide neurotoxicity risks to human health ([Aug. 17, 2020](#))
- Challenging draft Endangered Species Act Biological Evaluations for two key pesticides as overly conservative and not reflecting their real-world use ([July 2, 2020](#)) **END**

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Funding urgently needed

Due to declining dues receipts in recent years, MCFA now finds itself in the red financially, MCFA Treasurer Robert Guenther told the membership Feb. 25.

MCFA Chair Jim Cranney has pledged to get MCFA back on sound financial footing this year – but we need members' help.

Current members are asked to **increase your contributions for 2021**, and to **suggest possible new members** to MCFA leadership. Download a dues invoice [here](#). **END**

MEMBER CALL TO ACTION

MCFA needs you to...

- **Pay your 2021 dues now.** Download an invoice [here](#) – and please increase your dues this year.
- **Review and provide comments on** the proposed [2021 Work Plan](#) to MCFA Legal Counsel [Ed Ruckert](#).
- **Share this update with your members.** Show them that MCFA's work is vital, and that our dues are a good investment. **END**