

AMAA Newsletter

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Sheets Reelected AMAA President

Bill Sheets, Big Sandy Flying Service, Big Sandy, was reelected president of the Association of Montana Aerial Applicators (AMAA) Feb. 20 at a board of directors meeting in Helena.

Also elected for another year were **Mike Biggerstaff**, Big B Flying Service, Stanford, vice president; **Jim Heppner**, Frontier Aviation, Dutton, secretary, and **John Semple**, S.B. Spraying, Helena, treasurer. Other members elected to terms on the AMAA board of directors during the annual meeting Jan. 20 in Great Falls are: **Roger Stradley**, Agricola Pennatus, Belgrade, **Buster Ness**, Ag Air Inc., Chester, **Andy Taylor**, Taylor Aviation, Fort Benton, **Boyd Morgan**, Quality Spraying Service, Belgrade, and **Ron Rowland**, G & R Air Spray, Geraldine.

Exofficio directors named to the board are **Lee Ohlinger**, DowElanco, Ulm, and **Jerry Stephens**, DuPont Ag Products, Billings.

AMAA Cards

If you're an AMAA member who has not yet received a membership card, contact either Bill Sheets or John Semple.

Membership cards were distributed during the annual meeting Jan. 20 in Great Falls.

First Annual Meeting Success in Great Falls

The Association of Montana Aerial Applicators (AMAA) first annual business meeting Jan. 20 at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls was a success with about 40-50 aerial applicators along with crop protection company reps and government officials in attendance.

The highlight was an address by **Congressman Ron Marlenee**, Montana's eastern district representative in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Charlie Adams, Missouri, national vice president of the National Agricultural Aviation Association, represented NAAA at the meeting.

DuPont Ag Products sponsored refreshments during the meeting while **CIBA-GEIGY** treated us to hors d'oeuvres and **Sandoz** to drinks during the cocktail hour preceding the annual dinner which was sponsored by **DowElanco** and **Miles**. A big thanks to the companies for their participation!

During the business meeting, the bylaws of the association were approved by the membership, a questionnaire was distributed to ask the membership for its concerns, the 1992 board of directors was elected and plans for 1992 were discussed.

AMAA members who did not sign up for committees during the annual meeting and are interested in serving on a committee should contact Bill Sheets, president.

About 45 aerial applicators attended the pesticide workshop the following day. The workshop, which was worth six recertification points, featured a special breakout session for aerial applicators--a first for the workshop sponsored by MABA.

Calibration Fly In Planned for April

After AMAA's first successful calibration fly in in Lewistown last September, another one is being planned for April. A committee has been appointed to work out the details and is looking at the second week in April for the time but has not yet decided on the location.

Committee members are Mike Biggerstaff, John Semple, Roger Stradley, Boyd Morgan and Orville Moore. Watch your mail for dates and details. If you have questions or suggestions, contact any of the committee members.

