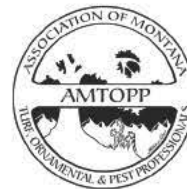


AMTOPP Winter News



January 2020

The Conference Is Coming!

Remember



To bring a bag, a box, or many bags or boxes of non perishable food.

Let's hit 2,000 pounds!

All donations are made to the Anaconda Food Pantry



Needed

Auction Items

Help make the Silent Auction fun and filled with good items. Pick up something between now and then and help fill the tables.

DEADLINE !

January 6 is the last day to take advantage of the discount for early registration!

It is also the day that Fairmont releases the block of rooms that are set aside for the conference.

So to save money REGISTER NOW and to ensure you have a room at Fairmont - make those reservations now!

Don't delay - register today!

Many ways to sign up:

Form inside this newsletter

On-line - www.amtopp.org

Call the AMTOPP office

We Got The CEU's for you!

See the workshops that qualify for continuing education credits.

You can earn up to six CEU's from the Montana Department of Agriculture for Ornamental and Turf.

Other categories with the Dept. of Ag that you may earn CEU's for are listed below. Each category will be listed on the sign-in sheets.

10 - Dealer

30 - Agricultural Plant Pest Control

32 - Agricultural Vertebrate Pest Control

33 - Forest Pest Control

34 - Ornamental & Turf

36 - Aquatic Pest Control

37 - Right of Way Pest Control

39 - Demonstration & Research Pest Control

40 - Ind Inst Struct & Health Related

44 - Special Utility

45 - School IPM

54 - Rodent

55 - Regulatory Weed

60 - Private Agricultural Pest Control

There are eleven Urban IPM credits, however some are during the same hour.

ISA credits are also available and the different categories are listed on the sign in sheets.

More credits to offer now in irrigation.

President's Message



Hello and happy new year AMTOPP members. It is hard to believe the year is over, and January is upon us.

Just a reminder of what we have lined up for the 2020 conference.

First, the days in which the conference is held have changed to January 22-24 (Wednesday – Friday). The change was due to availability of the conference rooms at Fairmont. Hopefully, the change of days will work out for everyone. The board would like feedback from the members on the change of days.

In addition to the change of days, changes have been made to the pre-conference schedule. Typically, the day before the conference, AMTOPP offered ISA testing and First Aid training. Both will continue to be offered. However, there will be additional educational and training opportunities available.

On Wednesday January 22, 2019 there will be two full day workshops. They will begin at 8am and end at 5pm. The first being a Landscape Irrigation Technician Class. The Irrigation Association will provide the training. The other opportunity is an Electrical Hazard Awareness Program. Again, both classes will begin at 8am and end at 5pm. Both classes have limited space so be sure to get signed up, soon.

The following day, Thursday, January 23 at 8 am the opening session will open the annual general meeting and conference. At 8:30 this year's keynote speaker, Donna Gaukler from Missoula's Park and Recreation Department will kick everything off.

Following Donna's keynote, the conference will branch out to several different training and educational opportunities. Each hour will offer several classes to choose from. This arrangement better reflects AMTOPP's diverse membership. AMTOPP's membership includes pesticide applicators, irrigators, arborist, educators, and of course lawn and turf specialist. The board worked hard to provide each with a class specific to their field, however, please feel free to attend any class you

would like regardless of your field.

With each hour offering different classes, the number of speakers has grown as well. Please, take the time to talk with and thank the speakers. It is their willingness to share their knowledge that has helped all of us become more knowledgeable and proficient at the work we do.

A tradition that started a few years back will continue on Thursday night during dinner, a "look back" through the year with AMTOPP. This presentation will give everyone a chance to see what all goes on under the AMTOPP name throughout the year.

We have a couple of board vacancies that need to be filled. If you would like to be considered or know someone that you think would be a good prospect, please contact me or one of the board members or the AMTOPP office. The names will be presented during the conference with voting to take place on Friday, January 24, during the lunch period.

Another item that will be coming up for a vote is an Amendment to the By-Laws. I know there have been several put forward over the past couple of years, however as the organization grows and evolves over the years some things need to be clarified or changed to fit the current needs of the association. You can read more about the proposed change on page 6 of this newsletter. This Amendment will come before the members on Friday, January 24, 2020 for a vote.

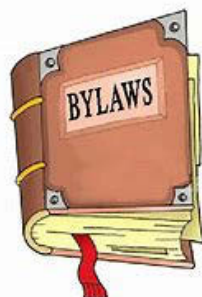
As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or another board member.

With that said, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference.

Jason Stringer
President of AMTOPP

Proposed By-Law Amendment

There will be a By Law Amendment put forth for voting on Friday, January 24, 2020. For all voting members there will be a ballot enclosed in your registration packet. Discussion will be opened before the vote.



AMENDMENT TO THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA TURF ORNAMENTAL AND PEST PROFESSIONALS BY-LAWS

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section 4.14 ATTENDANCE

(b) Any Board member missing three or more meetings within a calendar year without prior notification to any Officer or the Executive Director will be asked to resign.

Adoption:

The New By Law reads:

(b) Any Board member missing three or more meetings within a calendar year may be asked to resign. The decision for requesting a resignation will be at the discretion of the board after a review of each absence has been considered. A two-thirds majority vote of board members will be required.

AMTOPP CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Start	End	
4 PM	6 AM	Early Check In - Registration Area of Conference Facility

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Start	End	Workshop Information	Room
8 AM	5 PM	Certified Irrigation Technician Class - Nick Millward - Irrigation Association	103
8 AM	5 PM	FULL Electrical Hazards Awareness Program (EHAP) Sam Kezar - 8 ISA CEU's	108
8:30 AM	12 PM	ISA Testing	146
12 PM	4 PM	First Aid/CPR - Robert Winston - Victory Insurance - 4 ISA CEU's	107
12 PM	8 PM	Vendor Set Up - Cutthroat, Grizzly, Meadowlark and Hallway	
5 PM	6:30 PM	Board Meeting ROOM 107	
6 PM	8 PM	Early check In - Registration Area of Conference Facility	

Thursday 23, 2020 - Registration Desk Open @ 7AM

6:30 AM	8 AM	Vendor Set-up in Cutthroat, Grizzly, Meadowlark, and Hallway	
7 AM	8 AM	Continental Breakfast - Foyer	
8 AM	8:30 AM	Opening Session - Jason Stringer - AMTOPP President	Cutthroat Room
8:30 AM	9:50AM	Keynote Address - Donna Gaukler - Parks & Recreation City of Missoula	Cutthroat Room

WORKSHOPS

10 AM	10:50AM	Scales Patrick Anderson <i>Rainbow Treecare</i> CEU's -ISA-MDAs	Lawns Victor Gust <i>Warne Chemical</i> CEU's - MDAs	Landscape Fundamentals Dudley Marburger <i>Dudley's Trees</i> CEU's - ISA - IPM-MDA	Chipper Operator Certification Kevin Kowallic <i>Morbark</i> this is a 4 hour class 2nd part after lunch Max attendance is 30 CEU's - ISA
11 AM	11:50 AM	ANSI Z133 Update Sam Kezar Aspen Arboriculture Solutions CEU's - ISA	Voles Stephen Vantassel <i>MT Dept of Ag</i> CEU's - IPM-MDAs		
12 PM	1:20 PM	Annual Membership Luncheon, Exhibitor Personal Introductions,(12:15-12:45) and Business Meeting (12:50-1:20)			
1 PM	5 PM	Test - Certified Irrigation Technician Test - Room 103			
1:30 PM	2:20 PM	Overview of Insect Issues Affecting Regional Landscape Plants Whitney Cranshaw <i>Colorado State University</i> CEU's - ISA - IPM - MDA	Regulatory Updates Jolene Hendrix <i>MT Dept of Ag</i> CEU's- ISA - MDA	Sports Field and Park Turf Maintenance Larry Musser and Steve Hagy <i>PRZ Consulting Part 1</i> CEU's - MDAs	Chipper Operator Certification continued Must have attended morning session to attend afternoon
2:30 PM	3:20PM	Hazard & Danger Tree Felling Sam Kezar Aspen Arboriculture Solutions CEU's ISA	Deer Control Stephen Vantassel <i>MT Dept of Ag</i> CEU's - IPM-MDAs		
3:30 PM	4:20 PM	Trade Show Open and Open Mic for Exhibitors			
4:30 PM	5:20 PM	Sales/Marketing Tree Treatments Joel Spies <i>Rainbow Treecare</i>	Noxious Weeds Jasmine Reimer <i>Dept of Ag</i> CEU's - IPM-MDAs	Characteristics for Proper Tree Selection Christopher Boza CEU's - ISA - IPM	Diagnosis & Control Of Plant Diseases Common In Montana Eva Grimme <i>Schutter Labs</i> CEU's - ISA - IPM
5:30 PM	7PM	Social Mix with Cash Bar Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle - Cutthroat Room			
7 PM	9:30 PM	Dinner and Presentation - AMTOPP Through The Year			

AMTOPP CONFERENCE AGENDA (Continued)

Friday, January 24, 2020

Start	End	Description			
7 AM	7:55 AM	ISA Roundtable Discussion over Breakfast - Cutthroat Room			
7 AM	7:55 AM	Pre-Meeting Morning Social - Continental Breakfast - <i>Cutthroat Room</i>			
		WORKSHOPS			
		Ponderosa	Sapphire	Bitterroot	Room 107
8 AM	8:50 AM	Northwestern Energy Vegetation Management Program Scott Bernhardt <i>Northwestern Energy</i> CEU's - ISA	Emergency Spill Response Tonda Moon & Kima Traynham <i>MT Dept of Ag</i> CEU's - MDAs	Recognizing and Working with Beneficial Insects in Landscaep Settings Whitney Cranshaw <i>Colorado State University</i> CEU's - ISA - IPM - MDA	Crane Class Introduction and Demonstration Peter Nieves-Sosa <i>The Crane Man</i> (3 hours class) 2 hrs after trade show
9 AM	9:50 AM	Trade Show Open			
10 AM	10:50 AM	Pricing Best Practice for Tree Healthcare Joel Spies <i>Rainbow Treecare</i>	Sports Field and Park Turf Maintenance Larry Musser and Steve Hagy <i>PRZ Consulting</i> Part 2 CEU's - MDAs	Insect CSI (crime scene investigation) Diagnosing Whitney Cranshaw <i>Colorado State University</i> CEU's - ISA - IPM - MDA	Crane Class Introduction and Demonstration continued 3 ISA CEU's Weather Permitting
11 AM	11:50PM	Bacterial Patrick Anderson <i>Rainbow Treecare</i> CEU's - ISA - MDA			
12 PM	2:30 PM	Lunch Voting: By-Law Change and Board members Introduce Executive/Board of Directors Raffle Drawing			
2 PM	5 PM	Exhibitors Take Down Exhibits			
3:30 PM	5:3PM	Board Meeting - ROOM 107 All Members Invited and Welcomed			

Incoming President's Message



I think it can be said without much argument that this year's conference will be one for the books. I can't think of another conference, AMTOPP or otherwise, that I have been this excited about! Not only do we have some great speakers and trade show exhibitors, but we also expect a great attendee turn out as well. We also

have some great new opportunities (especially our new irrigation track) for new and existing members alike to get excited about.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our board members for their tireless efforts throughout this year to put together this year's conference. Putting on a conference is difficult enough, but we are also actively expanding our agenda and recruiting new members, and the members of this year's board have really outdone themselves. And while all of our board members have really pulled out all the stops, I would especially like to thank our outgoing president Jason Stringer for an outstanding job the last two years he has been in office; I will certainly have some big shoes to fill in the coming year!

I would also like to say thank you to the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve in the capacity as president for this coming

year. It is a great responsibility and an even greater privilege to serve such a great group of people. I have said it before, and I will say it again (and not for the last time!) I would likely not still be in the green industry had it not been for my membership in AMTOPP, and for the encouragement and continued support of its members. Groups like AMTOPP do a great service for the green industry and I am proud to be a part of such a great group of people whom I can share the fellowship of the outdoors.

Finally I would like to extend an invitation to the membership to consider joining the board and get in on all the fun! Even if you are not able to make the time commitment to join the board this year, we always appreciate any suggestions or help that you may be able to offer. If you have interest in a board position, would like to volunteer for our annual Field Day, or have other ways you would like to contribute, please feel free to approach myself or any other board member for more information.

I hope your experience at the conference will be beneficial and provide you with something to use in the coming years.

Cooper Elwood
2020 AMTOPP President

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AMTOPP 30th ANNUAL CONFERENCE & MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION With EHAP & Irrigation - JANUARY 22 - 24, 2020

Fairmont Hot Spring - 1500 Fairmont Road, Fairmont, MT

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: 1-800-332-3272

REFERENCE: AMTOPP CONFERENCE FOR GROUP RATE **PRIOR TO Jan 6, 2020**

Company Name: (as it should appear on badge) _____

Name (1st attendee): _____

Contact name (if different from 1st attendee): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell: _____ Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Website: _____

Please list additional names of attendees from the same company, at the same address. Each individual must be employed by this company to receive the member rate. Please note discounted rate after two full price attendees from same member firm.

2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

5) _____ 6) _____ 7) _____

Membership Regular - (at same location) has a pesticide license	\$115 per company	\$
Membership Associate - no pesticide license	\$50 per company	
EHAP FULL NO REGISTRATION AVAILABLE		
Landscape Irrig. Class Attendance Yes ____ No ____ How many? _____	if attending full conf. \$50 per person for manual x _____ people	
Please circle the names of those attending the irrigation class.	Irrigation Only (Wed. Jan 22) \$250/pp (inc. man. _____ # of people	

The Post Mark for mailed registrations is used for the date.

Please Note: EHAP - FULL

Irrigation Class - A COUPLE OF SEATS LEFT

Conference Registration (postmark is registration date)	Prices Pre-Register Before 1-6-20	Prices Post-Register After 1-6-20	Number of Attendees	Registration Total
Member Rates (regular or associate)	\$280 per person	\$295 per person		\$
Additional attendees <u>after</u> 2 from same company	\$195 per person	\$210 per person		\$
Non-Member Rates	\$395 per person	\$410 per person		\$
Spouse attending - meals only (Mon/Tue AM & Lunch, Mon. Dinner)	\$95. Per person	\$95 per person		\$
TOTAL	Check/money order # _____			\$

FIRST AID CLASS - WED. JAN 22, 2020 - 12-4PM - PLEASE PUT ME DOWN FOR PEOPLE ATTENDING @ NC - LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

Conference registration includes attendance to all seminars, trade show and meals served during the conference.

Please make checks payable to AMTOPP. Mail completed form with check to: AMTOPP, 173 Cottonwood Rd., Townsend, MT 59644-9533. You may pay with a credit card through PayPal on the website: www.amtopp.org. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 6, 2020.**

Silent Auction Items are appreciated and do not have to be related to our industry If you would like a receipt, please send the value of the item(s) to trudieamtopped@gmail.com. Thank you for your support! See you at Fairmont!

I agree to abide by the Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental, and Pest Professionals (AMTOPP) ByLaws and any other reasonable codes or standards established by AMTOPP. (See website: www.amtopp.org for By-Laws (under Membership))

For AMTOPP Office use: Date Paid _____ Check # _____ /C.C./PayPal - Added to Membership File: _____

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