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The Officers and Board of Directors hope each of you have a joyous holiday season, and a safe and healthy new year!

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TVMA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005



TVMA has a brand new slate of leaders for the 2004-2005 conference year! New Officers and Board Members for 2004-2005 include:

David Wall, of Xcel Energy in Amarillo, TX assumes the duties of TVMA President. David provided outstanding service and tireless efforts to the Association while he planned our successful 2004 Annual Conference, just completed in San Antonio!

Ray Erwin, of the BASF Corporation in Sachse, TX, was elected as Vice President. Ray looks forward to developing our annual conference in South Padre Island, TX during October of 2005! Ray just completed a term of service on the TVMA Board of Directors.

Rick Bennett of Helena Chemical Company in College Station, TX, was elected as a TVMA Board Member. Rick will serve in the At-Large board member category through 2007. Rick also serves as our TVMA Training Committee chair.

Howard Pierson of Chemical Weed Control in Ovilla, TX, was elected as a TVMA Board member in the Contractor position. Howard also chairs the newly created Research Committee which will explore ways that TVMA can provide grants to entities conducting vegetation management research beneficial to the membership.

Rounding out your TVMA leadership team are the following members who remain on the officer / board member roster:

Treasurer—**Myron Rabalais**, DuPont Vegetation Management, Katy, TX

Secretary—**Paul Northcutt**, TNT Training, Austin, TX

Board Member **Stan Jones**, Red River Specialties, Inc., Pasadena, TX

Board Member **Don Telge**, TNT Training, Austin, TX

Board Member **Craig Johnson**, LCRA, Austin, TX

Board Member **Brent Jones**, City of University Park, TX

Board Member **Steve Prather**, Texas DOT, Austin, TX

Board Member **George Pylant III**, Houston Spraying & Supply, Houston, TX

Board Member **Jim Crusier**, AEP, Corpus Christi, TX

The complete list for all officers, board members and committee chairs, as well as their phone and fax numbers, and email addresses are available on the Leadership page on your TVMA web page (<http://www.tvma.net/leaders.htm>).

Also, many, many thanks to immediate Past President **Steve White**, Davey Tree, Austin, TX for all his leadership, and to **Mike Meador**, Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Corpus Christi for his leadership on the Board of Directors.

Want to volunteer for serving on a TVMA committee? We'd love to have your talents and expertise. Just send an email to webadmin@tvma.net.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—DAVID WALL, Xcel Energy



November 1, 2004

Greetings from the Texas Panhandle! It's snowing! This morning we had about four inches on the ground with more falling. The family and I are lucky to live on the rim of the Palo Duro canyon outside of the town of Canyon. As you can see, we have mule deer that come and visit. This deer has ten points and a spread of twenty seven inches. Shucks – no hunting allowed.

We had a great TVMA conference in San Antonio. It was nice to see all the professionals in our industry from across the state. Thanks again to the conference committee for their hard work organizing and coordinating the conference. Please thank these folks for their efforts: **Buddy Hudson, Rick Bennett, Brent Jones, Craig Johnson, Don Telge, James Koenig, Michelle McAfee, Paul Northcutt, Rob Brooks, and Steve Prather.**

Thanks again to all of our conference sponsors. We had twenty sponsors this year that showed their support to our association. Special thanks goes to our upper level sponsors who were: **LCRA, Alligare LLC, BASF, DuPont Vegetation Management, Davey Tree, UAP Timberland, Dow AgroSciences, and TNT Training.**

Thanks to our corporate sponsors for the golf tournament and skeet shoot. **Davey Tree** sponsored the golf tournament and **LCRA** along with **Dow AgroSciences** sponsored the skeet shoot. Both of these events along with the silent auction and door prize board raised approximately \$2,600 for the TVMA Scholarship fund. Thank you for supporting these efforts.

Congratulations to **Ray Erwin** for becoming our new Vice President. Ray along with the 2005 conference committee will do a great job planning next year's conference at South Padre Island. Congratulation also goes to **Howard Pierson** and **Jim Cruser** for becoming Directors, and to **Scott Dunham** on chairing the Membership Committee.

A special thanks goes to immediate past president **Steve White** for his leadership and guidance during the past year. Thanks Steve for your commitment to the TVMA and our industry.

During our Board Meeting at the close of the conference, we picked the committee chairs and established the committees' responsibilities for the year. Two new committees were created.

- The **Research Committee**, chaired by **Howard Pierson**, will develop guidelines for the TVMA to award financial support to vegetation management related research projects.
- The **Advisory Committee**, chaired by me, will consist of state agency "key contacts" to enhance communication with the TVMA.

Existing committees, chairs, and responsibilities are as follows:

- The **Legislative Committee**, chaired by **Rich Hendler**, will organize our Legislative Dinner in Austin, which will be in early 2005.
- The **Internal Audit Committee**, chaired by **Ron Held**, will conduct an internal audit of the association's financial records. The audit is due on February 28, 2005.
- The **Membership Committee**, chaired by **Scott Dunham**, will be announcing a membership drive and will be contacting past members to renew their memberships.
- The **Historical Committee**, chaired by **Bruce Moore**, will be working with Paul Northcutt to place past association records on our web site.
- The **Training Committee**, chaired by **Rick Bennett**, will be coordinating all TVMA training workshops.
- The **2005 Conference Committee**, chaired by **Ray Erwin**, will be organizing our annual conference at South Padre Island.
- The **Scholarship Committee**, chaired by **Rob Brooks**, will solicit contributions to this fund and will award scholarships to deserving college students in the state.
- The **Editorial Committee**, chaired by Paul Northcutt, will be enhancing our web site and publishing our newsletter.
- The **Nominating Committee**, chaired by me, is responsible for soliciting candidates for open officer and director positions.
- The **Awards Committee**, chaired by me, is responsible for soliciting candidates for the Life Time Achievement Award.

As you can see, there are a lot of committees that are working to improve our association so that we can better support our industry. There are many opportunities for all members to get involved to help out. Please contact the committee chairs if you are interested in joining a committee. Thanks. David Wall

TVMA Membership Drive

TVMA is always looking for ways to bring new members into the Association. **Scott Dunham**, your membership committee chair, is currently working on a New Membership Program which will be discussed at the upcoming December 2004 TVMA Board Meeting. Just as soon as the program has been approved by the Board, we'll distribute the information to you.

However, we need your help! The best way to bring in new members is for each existing member to recruit someone within his or her circle of friends or associates!

I'm sure that you know someone who would benefit from membership in TVMA. Remember that General membership in the Association is only \$25! What a deal.

Don't wait until the new membership program is announced! Get a jump on it and recruit someone for TVMA now.

You can download and print the TVMA Membership Brochure off of the web page, complete the new member information on the form, and send it in. **Be sure to put your own name on the form so we can credit you for recruiting a new member. The membership form is available at <http://www.tvma.net/tvma-brochure.pdf>.**

2004 Scholarship Winners

Each year, we try to reward outstanding undergraduate students who are hoping to pursue a career in vegetation management. This year, we awarded scholarships to four outstanding young people:

1. **Angela Reid**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX;
2. **April Thomas**, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX;
3. **Gary Harris**, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX; and
4. **Jewel Arthur**, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX

Each of these scholars will receive a \$1,000 check to help them finish their degrees. ! For more information, contact **Rob Brooks**, Dow AgroSciences, Scholarship Committee Chair at 409-752-7267.

Keep your Membership Active in 2005

If you attended the TVMA Conference in 2003, but didn't attend in 2004, this could be your last issue of the CLIP! Those of you who are in that category will be receiving a letter soon from TVMA asking you to remain an active member by paying your General Membership Dues.

General Membership in TVMA is only \$25 per year, and helps us defray the postage and overhead costs of keeping you informed and up-to-date on your Association and on the Vegetation Management Industry in Texas.

You can download the TVMA Membership Brochure at <http://www.tvma.net/tvma-brochure.pdf>.

Just mail it in with your \$25 check today!

Or, you are welcome to complete the form below, copy it or detach it from your newsletter, and send it in to TVMA. **Please remain an active member of TVMA! Your support is needed and your small annual dues help us maintain the activities and programs necessary to remain *The Educational Resource for Vegetation Managers in Texas*.**

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

My \$25 Check is enclosed (Payable to TVMA) _____

Bill Held—TVMA's 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner



Each year, TVMA awards it's highest honor to the individual judged to have made a lasting impact on the vegetation management industry in Texas. **This year, our 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award winner was Bill Held of Houston Spraying and Supply Company.** Bill was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1926 and passed away on May 16, 2003 in Houston, TX. Bill attended college at the University of Illinois, Texas A&I and graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in Horticulture and Agronomy.

After working in the citrus industry, and Dow Chemical Company, Bill and his brother-in-law, Harold Fiedler, started Houston Spraying and Supply Company. Their company sold herbicide products and provided vegetation management services to a variety of customers in Texas. Bill also designed and developed spray equipment to meet the needs of their customers. Bill helped start the Houston/Galveston Area Vegetation Management Association which has been active for over 30 years. Bill and his wife Ethlyn had three children, Gregory, Valerie and Ron. Ron continues to run the business that his father and uncle started.

Bill was an icon in our industry and a true professional. He was highly regarded as someone you could count on to provide whatever you needed. Bill always took the time to listen to you and give advise.

Accepting the award on behalf of his Father was long-time TVMA member Ron Held.

TVMA Elects Honorary Members

The TVMA By-Laws provides for Honorary Members. That title is bestowed upon individuals who have made significant contributions to the vegetation management industry and have been active supporters of the Association. During our 2004 Annual Conference, the following 4 Honorary Members were elected by the membership. **Congratulations** to each of our Honorary Members!

1. **Jim Thrash** (2003 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner)
2. **Bill Held** (2004 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner)
3. **Dr. Mary Ketchersid**, Texas Cooperative Extension
4. **Dr. Don Renchie**, Texas Cooperative Extension



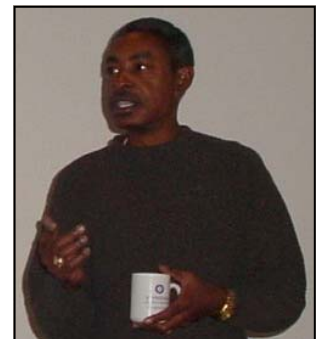
Jim Thrash



Ron Held



Dr. Mary Ketchersid



Dr. Don Renchie

Why Should You Be a Member of TVMA?

- TVMA offers certification training and CEU's at very reasonable costs
- TVMA offers great opportunities to network with vegetation management specialist from around the state
- TVMA offers a liaison to our legislators and regulators in an effort to keep our industry fair and balanced
- TVMA offers an excellent introduction of the IVM industry to college students and graduates
- TVMA wants to expand our base to better serve Texas' vegetation management industry

Thanks to our UPPER LEVEL Exhibitors for 2004!

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2004 Annual Conference Attendee List is Now on the Web

Trying to remember who the vegetation manager was you met at the Conference who was from Rosharon, TX? Can't quite put a name to a the smiling face from Ovilla, TX? Looking for an address of the supplier from Muleshoe?

Well, scratch you head no more, because the 2004 TVMA Annual Conference Attendee list is now on the TVMA web page.

Just point your browser to <http://www.tvma.net/04-tvma-final.htm> and your troubles are over! Still need some attendee info? Just give TVMA a call at 512-933-9930 and we'll do our best to look it up for you.

Has your Address Changed?

Please help TVMA make sure we have your correct address, phone, fax and email information. Just send any address corrections, phone, fax or email updates to:

TVMA—6402 Betty Cook Drive, Austin, TX 78723-3313. or email the information to

webadmin@tvma.net.

THANKS for helping us keep our membership database correct.

TVMA Thanks our Corporate Sponsors

This year in San Antonio, we had a GREAT exhibit hall! 20 companies displayed their products, equipment and services to our attendees. Thanks to each of you who helped make our 2004 Conference such a outstanding event! In this issue, we highlight our Platinum and Silver Sponsors and one of our Bronze Sponsors. We'll highlight the remaining Bronze Sponsors next issue, and each of our remaining sponsors throughout the year.



LCRA was a Platinum Sponsor in 2004. LCRA plays a variety of roles in Central Texas: delivering electricity, managing the water supply and environment of the lower Colorado River basin, developing water and wastewater utilities, providing public recreation areas, and supporting community and economic development. LCRA mission statement: The mission of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is to provide reliable, low-cost utility and public services in partnership with our customers and communities and to use our leadership and environmental authority to ensure the protection and constructive use of the area's natural resources. For more information on LCRA, contact **Craig Johnson** at 830-798-3168, or email Craig at craig.johnson@lcra.org.



Alligare, LLC
PO BOX 3371
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Alligare was a Platinum Sponsor in 2004. Alligare develops and provides innovative products for minor uses and niche applications. As the pest management market has evolved, and generic products grow, major manufacturers have focused efforts on major row crops. Alligare works directly with manufacturers from around the globe to bring the highest level of product service and quality to the end user. Drawing on their extensive knowledge, Alligare's experienced team provides product and service faster and more cost efficiently than a traditional sales force. Alligare's vision statement is to develop new, and re-introduce mature products for the specialty pest management market. For More information on Alligare, contact **Devlin Reynolds**, 1218 Hillside Drive, Gastonia, NC 28052, Phone 704-689-1393, Fax: 704-973-7777, or email Devlin at dreynolds@alligarellc.com.

BASF **BASF was a Silver Sponsor in 2004.** BASF Agricultural Products is one of the largest providers of crop solutions in the United States. We supply a wide variety of agricultural herbicides, fungicides, plant regulators, insecticides and seed technology – products that are used in the production of nearly every crop grown in the United States. **Our Vision** is To be the best provider of knowledge and innovative solutions for crop protection, in the eyes of our customers, employees and the public, by: Nurturing partnerships with our customers and suppliers for mutual benefit; Providing a work environment that fosters teamwork, accountability, personal growth and job enjoyment; Being recognized as responsible corporate citizens in the communities in which we work and live; Recognizing the relationship among the needs of society, the environment and our products in supporting the sustainability of North American agriculture. **Our Mission** is To be a developer, manufacturer and marketer of quality crop protection solutions that make our customers' products better. For more information on BASF, contact **Ray Erwin**, 7307 Vista Ridge Lane, Sachse, TX 75048, Phone: 972-429-5146, Fax: 972-429-5087, or email Ray at erwinc@basf.com.



DuPont Vegetation Management was a Bronze Sponsor in 2004. DuPont has been a leader in Vegetation Management for over 43 years. Their herbicides offer control of vegetation in ways that are often more efficient and environmentally sound than mechanical methods, such as mowing, chain sawing or grading. Their unique chemistries give them the opportunity to act as responsible environmental stewards. Part of this responsibility is to help the land develop the healthy diversity of vegetation as nature intended. The use of herbicides with mechanical, biological, and cultural control methods enables them to help nature ensure a healthy, diverse land for today and tomorrow. For more information on DuPont Vegetation Management, contact **Myron Rabalais**, 21839 Blossom Brook Lane, Katy, TX 77450, Phone: 281-828-1109, Fax: 281-828-0921, or Email Myron at myron.j.rabalais@usa.dupont.com

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www.tvma.net**

South Padre Island in 2005!



Make your plans now for our 2005 Annual Conference in Exciting South Padre Island, TX! Although the date or specific conference venue has not been finalized, we will host our 2005 Annual Conference during October of 2005!

Keep posted by checking out your Association's web site (www.tvma.net) for the very latest on our 2005 Annual Conference! Want to be the first in line to secure your exhibit booth? Send an email to webadmin@tvma.net!

2005 TVMA Board Meetings

Each TVMA member is invited to attend the TVMA Board of Directors meetings which are held quarterly. If you can't attend, you are encouraged to submit any items you wish discussed by the TVMA leadership.

To access the dates, location and agenda for our upcoming Board Meetings, just go the "Leadership" page of your TVMA web site (www.tvma.net/leaders.htm). To send a suggestion that you would like the leadership to address during an upcoming board meeting, just send an email to webadmin@tvma.net.

Upcoming Board Meetings currently schedule include: (1) December 7, 2004, LCRA Facility, Lake Buchanan, TX; (2) February 8, 2004, TDA Offices, Austin, TX—Legislative Dinner will be held at 7:00 pm the same date. (3) May, 2005 (location to be determined); (4) August, 2005, South Padre Island (location to be announced). To find the latest schedule and agendas, go to <http://www.tvma.net/BdofDir.htm>.



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