2019 President’s Message

Hello fellow vegetation management professionals,

As your 2019 Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council president I want to welcome you back for another year of vegetation management. The 2018 conference in Hershey PA was a great way to jumpstart our annual meeting and get us back on track. 2019 promises to be an active year for those in the green industry and your MLVMC board is actively putting together our upcoming annual meeting. Please mark your calendars for Sept. 30-Oct. 2. This year’s conference will be held at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside in historic downtown Norfolk, VA right on the banks of the Elizabeth River. This part of Virginia figures heavily in the founding and defining of our nation. There is a lot to see and do in the area and we hope you will be able to join us. Whether you like water sports and the seafood that comes from the surrounding rivers, bays and ocean, or you’re a land lubber who prefers to keep your feet dry, it is an area that is rich in diversity with roots older than our nation and has something for everyone.

I’d like to thank our sponsors for being a life force for MLVMC through the years. You’re going to like the Sheraton’s very visible and recently-renovated venue in which to set up and network with attendees and potential clients.

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Golf anyone? The tournament at Hershey was a huge success. With that as our standard, we’ve chosen a great local favorite called Bide-A-Wee. Opened in 1956, this course underwent a Curtis Strange renovation in 1999. The result is a staple of the Tidewater area that consistently receives great reviews. The Captain’s Choice tournament on 9/30 will include some great prizes such as closest to the pin and longest drive. All profits from this tournament will go to the MLVMC Research Fund which we will discuss in greater detail at the conference. Whatever your skill level, sign up and join us for a great time with friends old and new. On days two and three many of our speakers, who are well known across the country, will compare the economics of right-of-way management methods, give updates on what’s going on in Washington, D.C., and help us to encourage a landscape that benefits pollinators. We’re planning a signature field tour to get up close and personal to rare plants and new technologies you may not have considered using yet. And don’t forget your recertification credits from states across the eastern seaboard and beyond. This conference will go to the heart of your business interests and will make learning an enjoyable and rewarding experience from which you can collect new ideas to implement at home.

Having too much fun yet? Don’t go away until you’ve joined us for the Spirit of Norfolk boat tour and dinner cruise social event on Tuesday night. You’ll experience delicious food and a first-rate boat ride showcasing fellow nautical travelers and local views.

I hope you’re as excited as we are to be a part of this experience. I can’t wait and it’s only April. Keep your eyes peeled for when we roll out notices to sign up. Thanks to our old friends for supporting us through the years and for you folks who are new to the scene. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you this fall in Norfolk.

Sincerely,

Sam Vaughan
President, MLVMC, www.Mtn-lake.org
2019 Conference Details

Field Tour: Afternoon of October 1st, bus tour focusing on Dominion Energy Distribution and Transmission Lines.

- Meeting (Pesticide Re-certification Credits, ISA CEU’s)
- Monday Golf Outing (Separate Registration) - Bide-A-Wee Golf Course, Portsmouth, VA.
  Proceeds from registration & hole sponsorships will benefit the Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council's Research Fund
- Monday Evening Opening Reception at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside
- Tuesday Dinner Cruise, Spirit of Norfolk.

Online registration is now OPEN! Conference, hotel reservations, and golf tournament!

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2018 Annual Meeting Recap

The meeting at Grantville, PA (just a few miles from Hershey) was a great way to get back on track after a year off. Knowing the dedication of our membership and the degree to which a large percentage of you were involved in hurricane service restoration work, it was with great disappointment that your Mt. Lake leadership felt the need to cancel the 2017 meeting. The flip side of that is that our disappointment translated into gratitude from those you served and worked hard to help.

For 2018’s event, president Justin Mease ordered up beautiful weather that showcased the fertile, rolling terrain which drew in the early pioneers who would settle the area and call it home. Speaking of drawing in, over forty of us converged on Manada Golf Course for the annual Captains Choice golf tournament, making this one of the most successful tournaments we’ve ever had. Guest speakers covered a range of topics from drones, safety, and automation to invasive insects, pollinators, and shared goals among different disciplines in the vegetation management industry. The field tour featured IVM maintenance techniques that demonstrate our industry’s ability to adapt and incorporate new ideas and technologies while addressing the age-old tenet of customer satisfaction earned by customer interaction and hard work. Troegs Brewery presented a great venue for the membership to gather, relax, and network with friends old and new while sampling the offerings of the micro-brewery explosion in America.

In closing we would like to extend a firm handshake of thanks to our sponsors who have been the backbone of our organization and continue to support the good work of the Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council.

The Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council conducted its first meeting in 1954, when a small group of vegetation managers and university researchers met at the Mountain Lake Resort and Hotel in southeast Virginia.
Recertification Requests

As always, Mountain Lake will offer CEUs and Recertification Credits for the agenda for the 2019 Annual Meeting in Norfolk, VA. This is an important service to our membership and helps fill the educational responsibilities of the association.

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September 30—October 2nd, Norfolk, VA

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