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Wilkinson is named director of PPPF

Jim Wilkinson, president of the Professional Lawn Care Association of America, is the new executive director of the Pesticide Public Policy Foundation.

"He possesses the unique capabilities that make him eminently qualified," says Eric Haupt, PPPF board chairman. Wilkinson owns a Ph.D. in agronomy; he headed a lawn care company; he worked with regulatory agencies for the PLCAA.

"The opportunity to work for PPPF interested me," Wilkinson says. "I like the regulatory, environmental issues arena."

Wilkinson will work for 3PF as a consultant on a contract basis in Providence, R.I. He says he will probably seek other clients.

First order of business will be to solicit funds for PPPF, the new executive director says. The PLCAA and the National Arborists Association have been the primary supporters. Wilkinson says he will seek to better involve the golf course, nursery and structural pest control industries.

Wilkinson was general manager of Old Fox Lawn Care, Providence, for the last seven years. Replacing him is John Kenenski, who was formerly operations manager.

Wilkinson succeeds Dave Dietz of Salem, Ore., who had been personally involved with the PPPF since its inception. Dietz is recovering from a serious automobile accident that put him into a coma earlier this year. He is currently at a rehabilitation center undergoing physical therapy.

A mail poll of PPPF members was unanimously in favor of discontinuing the association's contract with Dietz. In a letter to Dietz dated Aug. 13th, PPPF board chairman Erik Haupt of Bartlett Tree, Osterville, Mass., wrote:

"It goes without saying that we were grievedly saddened when we learned of the accident. On behalf of the Board, I extend my hand in thanks and appreciation for all you have done for the pesticide user groups. With kindest regards and wishes for a speedy recovery..."