

Organization of National Spraymen's Association

Forges Ahead As Group Proposes Convention in '66

Establishment of the National Spraymen's Association was given a forward thrust late in August when a group of spraymen met at the *Weeds Trees and Turf* offices in Cleveland, Ohio, to evaluate what has already been accomplished and to decide further steps needed to charter the group and elect officers. Spokesmen represented the contract applicator industry in Florida, Colorado, Iowa, and Oregon.

Interest has been running high for holding a formal organizational meeting, so investigations are now underway by the interim board of directors to set a time and place for the first NSA convention early next year.

Reason for the accelerating enthusiasm is a realization of what the national association can do to further an exchange of technical information, provide a united front in legislative matters, create an effective industry public relations program, offer guidance in better business management, etc.

Underscoring the need for more technical help, Carl Ripper of West Des Moines, Iowa, reminded the group that a national association can better attract top calibre vegetation specialists of national importance for its program.

Reviewing accomplishments to date, acting secretary-treasurer Craig Anderson, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., said copies of the proposed NSA constitution have been sent to nearly 50 spraymen expressing interest in the new trade association.

Further, Anderson reported, allied regional groups in Colorado, Florida, Washington, and Oregon have been contacted. Each has offered support of an active national voice for applicators engaged in weed and brush control, tree service, and turf management.

By long-distance phone, acting NSA president, Larry Nipp of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and board

member William Owen, Clackamas, Oregon, entered into the Cleveland discussions.

Owen said: "I want to congratulate the group meeting in Cleveland for all you've done and to tell you that there is no lack of interest by spraymen out here."

Nipp said: "We're all set down here in Florida to do all the necessary work to stage the first national convention if it is decided to hold it in this section of the country."

The group in Cleveland generally agreed that if the association is to provide meaningful service to the industry, annual dues of \$10 per member (suggested earlier) is not adequate. To date 15 members have sent in \$10 each to help defray out-of-pocket, get-started expenses. No one connected with NSA is receiving payment for his services and all travel expenses are being borne by pro-tem officers themselves.

If dues are so low nothing can be accomplished, "you're going

to drive away good industry men who would join if they felt the organization has a goal and a purpose," as well as the finances to do the job, Jim Omura of Denver said in Cleveland.

Accordingly, the interim board of directors suggested dues be set at \$25.00 for Active Members, and \$50 for Allied Members. Receipts will be used to further underwrite promotion and organizational expenses. For industry men interested in joining the NSA, there is an application blank below.

It is expected some 100 to 150 will attend the upcoming national convention which will include not only technical sessions, but will also elect a slate of officers, and official board of directors, and appoint committees to finalize the constitution and develop policies governing membership, finances, education, legislation, equipment, chemicals, etc. Dates and program details will be announced in *Weeds Trees and Turf* as they become available.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To: National Spraymen's Association
P. O. Box 23456
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33307

Date.....



Gentlemen: I am interested in joining the National Spraymen's Association for the furtherance of our industry's national interests and education. Enclosed is my check for \$..... covering dues for 1966.

Company Name

Company Address

City State Zip Code

My Name Title

Number of years in this business: years.

Type of Membership Desired*

Active \$25..... Allied \$50.....

Check one and enclose payment for dues as required by type of membership.

*Active Member is anyone presently actively engaged in nonagricultural vegetation maintenance and control.

*Allied Member is any supplier or manufacturer of chemicals and/or equipment to this industry.

Mail Check with Application Blank to:

NATIONAL SPRAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 23456, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33307

Additional Membership Application Blanks available from NSA at above address.