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## **Deliberate Progress**

As announced in WTT's October issue, the National Spraymen's Association is planning its first convention in 1966, but leaders are experiencing some delay choosing a site and date. Officers favor Florida where out-of-state delegates might combine pleasure with business and a larger attendance might be assured. Trouble was, however, that it could not be held during this winter's "off season" when hotel rates are lower in the beach areas because there hasn't been enough time to legalize bylaws, nor to publicize the event. By the time both steps could be realized, spring and summer would be here. Spraymen are busiest then and few could get away. Others propose the meeting be held in the Midwest to equalize travel time and expense and to draw a greater number of participants from all parts of the country.

While these deliberations continue, NSA board members are actively seeking legal counsel to draw up a proposed constitution and bylaws, acceptable to all segments of the industry, to be voted upon at the convention.

In this formative period delays are to be expected. Organizers have their own businesses to run. The time they put in to get NSA on the road is contributed. So far about \$500 has been gained from membership dues, not enough of course to hire an association secretary nor pay for the printing and mailing expense incurred to date. Personal sacrifices in time and money are needed and it is coming from a number of sources.

Many excellent objectives have been set forth. NSA will work on national, regional, state, and local levels to upgrade the industry. Serious investigation into insurance premiums is required because many CAs feel they are subject to a disadvantageous rate structure. Contact with Washington is to be established so industry interests can be voiced on legislative proposals coming from federal agencies. Suppliers are to be encouraged to develop and research more effective pesticides better suited to outdoor spraymen uses. An educational program on legislation, new chemicals and equipment, use recommendations and restrictions, etc. is another aim.

All these objectives take time to put into realization. Progress moves slowly, but deliberately. It is hoped that to-be-expected variations in approach and timing will be resolved through steadfast determination. Outcome will be the realization of a better, stronger contract applicator industry.

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