



# Texas Vegetation Management Association

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## THE CLIP

### The Stella Will Host TVMA in 2018

After much deliberation, TVMA has chosen to move the annual conference to the Stella Hotel at 4250 South Traditions Drive, Bryan, TX 77807. We have also moved the conference forward a week to October 22-24<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship golf tournament will be the Monday the 22 at the Briarcrest Golf Club with lunch being served as always. There are new activities in the planning stages for Monday and Tuesday evenings to help attendees network while allowing time for a jaunt into College Station or Bryan to entertain peers. For example, one of those ideas is a corn hole tournament. Save the dates for a new experience with continued educational opportunities available from as many as ten states in addition to ISA, TDA, and structural pest control.

In October of 2017, we had over two hundred in attendance with excellent speakers, new av equipment to enhance speaker presentations, several new sponsors and many faithful sponsors who participate each year.

Come for the educational classes but take advantage of the camaraderie and networking to enhance your coming year. Put the date on your calendar and make plans to join TVMA and many in the industry.



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### Several Board Positions Open

Let the TVMA office know if you would like to run for a board position to introduce new ideas and help the association grow. There is a lot of work to be done and your ideas and hands on work to become even more active are very welcome.

# Presidential Update

I'd like to take a few minutes to thank all the attendees from the 2017 conference for making it another enjoyable and educational meeting. We were fortunate to have great sponsors and attendees, and hope you will all return for the 2018 conference. Unfortunately, due to costs at Horseshoe Bay, the association was not successful in adding much to the scholarship fund. Due to further rising costs, the board had to look into other venues. After an extensive search we decided to move to the Stella in Bryan. We think everyone will enjoy the new facility, and they have promised some delicious chicken meals (HaHa!). The location should be close enough to airports for those flying in, and centrally located enough for those driving.

The website update made registration online easier last year, and we welcome suggestions for further improvement. Please reach out to me, Kedrick, or Dustin with your input.

We would like to challenge all members to reach out during the year to others you may know who might enjoy the TVMA. We are always looking to grow our membership and add new sponsors. Of course, we feel that the educational and networking opportunities offered to our members are well worth the registration fees. If any of you have suggestions for improvement, we would welcome your feedback.

Again, thank you all for your commitment to our organization. I look forward to serving you throughout the year.

Amanda Sexton



As some of you know, Kay had a stroke on April 3 and has been in ICU at St. David's Main Hospital in Austin since then. She struggled with her breathing for a while, but the doctors seem to have resolved the issue. She is following some commands, but only on her left side. She has been able to speak in the last few days, but it's very limited. It will just take time to see what functions she will be able to recover and to what extent. The doctors tell us that each improvement is a great victory. By next week, she should be moved to Care Inn Rehab Center for her long-term care. We sincerely appreciate the thoughts, prayers, and well-wishes for Kay and our family.

At this time, we are asking that Dustin be your primary point of contact. He may be reached at [dustin.dippel@chbinc.org](mailto:dustin.dippel@chbinc.org) or 979-968-5612. Cards may be sent to our office at: CHB Consulting, 395 FM 155, La Grange, TX 78945.

Thank you,  
Donnie Dippel

## TVMA Mission Statement

To promote and support the vegetation management industry in Texas through professional development, continuing education and training, sound environmental stewardship, and academic scholarship for its members and the public; to assist and cooperate with legislative and regulatory agencies.

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## Dicamba Regulation Update

According to new label regulations; the EPA is requiring all applicators of low-volatility dicamba formulations, including XtendiMax® Herbicide with VaporGrip® Technology, FeXapan® herbicide plus VaporGrip® Technology (DuPont), and Engenia® Herbicide (BASF) to complete mandatory training. There are several additional requirements that have been added to these product labels as well.

In Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Louisiana; no additional training is currently required for dicamba formulations not related to dicamba ready crops.

Several states are working on reciprocal agreements. Currently, Texas training has been reciprocally approved in Oklahoma and New Mexico, but is not accepted in Arkansas or Louisiana.

In Arkansas, training must be completed and proof of training must be kept by the applicator for any dicamba application. All applicators must be licensed. From April 16<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> dicamba applications are prohibited with the below exceptions:

Applications of products containing dicamba made to pastures or rangeland are allowed provided the application site is no closer than 1 mile in all directions from sensitive areas and non-target susceptible crops as identified by the product label.

Applications of products containing dicamba for turf, ornamental, direct injection for forestry activities and home use are allowed.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me, or to an expert in your area.

## 2017 Annual Conference



Congratulations to George Pylant with Sprayco on winning the TVMA Lifetime Achievement Award.





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