

What is WVAA?

Aquaculture Forum
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West Virginia Aquaculture Association, Inc.

- Non profit, producer based organization.
- Affiliated with the National Aquaculture Association (NAA).
- Represents views of West Virginia Aquaculture Industry to other organizations.

Purpose

- Promote and protect the development and welfare of the aquaculture industry.
- Speak for the aquaculture industry
- Meetings and other activities for educational, promotional and policy making purposes
- Assist members in coordinating efforts and activities concerning production, marketing, sanitation and disease, educational programs, research programs, legislative and regulatory programs.

WVAA is a point of contact with

- Any group or agency engaging aquaculture industry on the state level.
- State agencies
 - Legislature
 - Department of Agriculture
 - WVU, etc.
- Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center
 - Board of Directors – Fred Hays.
 - Industry Summit – This is where priorities are set for what to spend money on!

What does WVAA do?

- Annual Meeting – Aquaculture Forum.
- Board Meetings (3x/year).
 - Sought to facilitate producer take over of Ma & Pa plant.
 - Letter to EPA regarding effluents rules
- Encourages aquaculture education.
 - Speakers, printed material, web site, display.
- Represent WV aquaculture to the Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center.

Who has a stake in WVAA ?

- Fish Farmers.
- Those who serve the grower.
 - Suppliers, feed, fingerling, equipment, etc.
 - Lenders, Insurance companies.
 - Farm Employees.
 - Fish distributors.
 - Gov't Agencies
- Those served by the grower.
 - Fee Fishing, fishing clubs, resorts, housing developments, retail stores.
 - Fish distributors
 - Processors.

WVAA Dues

- Active member, \$25 each year paid at the beginning of the year.
- \$15 of dues for each producer is sent to the National Aquaculture Association.
- NAA works on the national level, distributes a newsletter to producers.
- WVAA has a voting privileges in NAA.

Board of Directors

- Fred Hays
- Mike Nardella
- John Fitzgerald
- Morgan Sheets
- David Cooke
- Amy Cimarolli
- Paul Lovett

Officers

- Selected from the board of directors.
 - President – Fred Hays
 - Vice President – Paul Lovett
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Amy Cimarolli

Committees (not active)

- Budget
- Membership
- Other committees as needed (for example:)
 - Legislative
 - Promotion
 - Research
 - Education
 - Health

**“History is made by those
who show up” – Ken
Cline**

The future of WVAA
Is up to you.