

AZPPO Day at the Capitol March 16, 2017

Program Schedule

- 8:00 am Set-up table with Bagels, Donuts and Coffee.
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am – AZPPO members to staff the table and talk with legislators and legislative staff
- Parking is available on the east side of 17th Avenue, across from the Capitol and Legislative Chambers, same parking lot you park in for the Dept of Agriculture (See attached map)
- AZPPO members attend meetings with their legislators (see attached script to help scheduling an appointment). *AZPPO members should start scheduling meetings with legislators now.*

Meeting with Legislators - Introductions

- Introduce yourself and give a brief over-view of AZPPO
- If you live in the legislator's district, please identify yourself as a constituent
- If you have offices or branch offices in the legislator's district, you may want to identify the property / area

Meeting with Legislators - Talking Points on SB1121

- Ask the legislator to support the AZPPO bill, sponsored by Senator Griffin
- Give the following reasons for support (always be positive even if the legislator is difficult)
 1. Support the background check requirement for qualified applicator
 2. Support clarifying the existing local preemption

Meetings with Legislators – Conclusion / As you are leaving...

- Leave your business card and fact sheet on SB1121
- Ask the legislator to add you to their email list for constituent communications
- Remind them to use you as a resource for any pest control issues or issues on behalf of constituents
- Thank them for their time!
- When you get back to the office –add them to your social media (Facebook and LinkedIn)

How do I find my state legislators (everyone has 2 Representatives and 1 Senator – not to be confused with your US Congressional Representative or US Senator)

- If you do not know your legislators names click here to find your legislative district (enter your address in the yellow area in the middle of the screen) - <http://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>
- Once you know your legislators names or your legislative district –
 - State House of Representatives - <http://www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster/?body=H>

- State Senate - <http://www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster/?body=S>

Scheduling a meeting with your legislators

- Call the legislator's office (see links above or attached list of Representatives and Senators) and let the assistant know you are a constituent and that you would like to meet with the Representative or Senator on Thursday March 16th. You will be at the legislature for AZPPO Day at the Capitol and you would like to discuss SB1121. Attached please find the sample script.
- The assistant will likely not schedule the meeting immediately.
- The assistant may follow-up with you in a few days or you may have to call again
- Sometime meetings can be difficult to schedule to you have to be nice, respectful, patient and persistent.

Sample Script – Scheduling a meeting*

Hello (assistant name). My name is _____ and I live in Representative / Senator _____ district. I am also a member of Arizona Pest Professional Organization and we are having our legislative day at the Capitol on Thursday March 16th. I was hoping to schedule a quick meeting to introduce myself and AZPPO to Representative / Senator _____ and also discuss SB1121 on March 16th.

*Usually the assistant will have to call you back after checking with the legislator. Some legislators will not schedule more than a week or so out so you may have to follow-up again (and again) to get the meeting scheduled.