



Washington Day

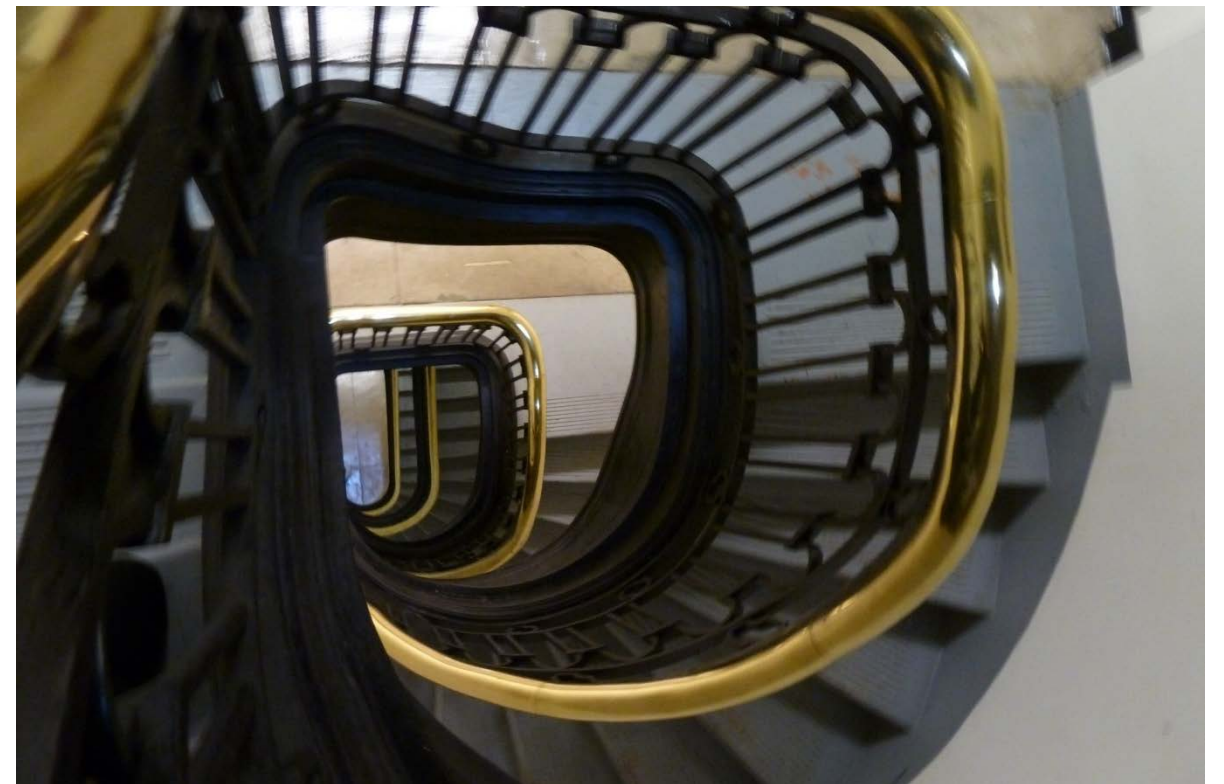
May 6-8, 2013

2013 Position Papers

- Endangered Species Act Considerations and Mosquito Control
- Mosquito Control on National Wildlife Refuges and Other Federal Lands
- Clean Water Act NPDES Permit Impacts on Mosquito Control Programs
- Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grants for Mosquito-borne Disease Surveillance

Lobbying

- Things to remember -
 - An umbrella in a car in GA is no use in dealing with a rainy day in DC
 - When you are running late, EVERYTHING will take longer
 - Thank goodness for cell phones and Elmer
 - DC is surprisingly hilly
 - There are lots and lots of stairs and very few elevators

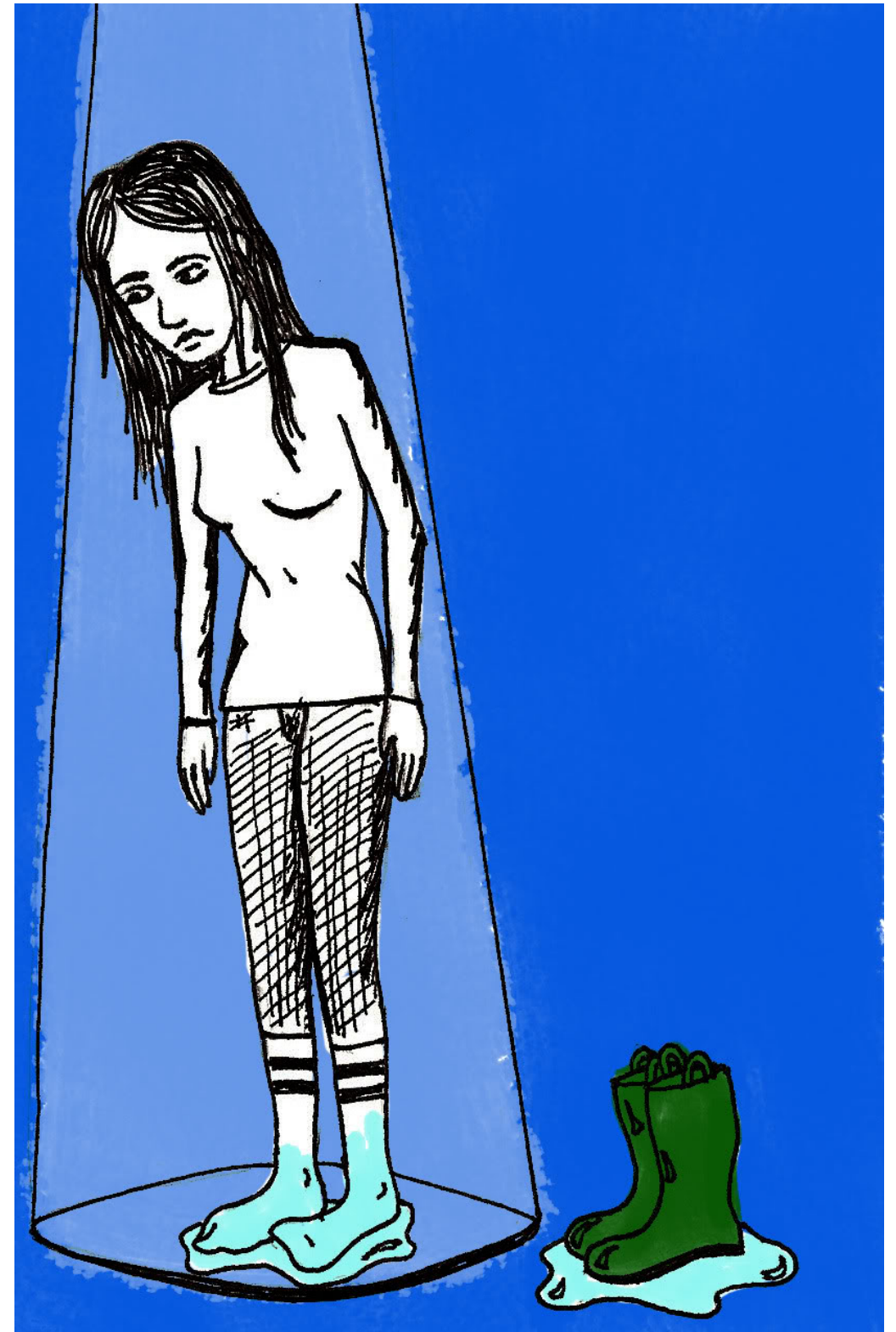


Lobbying

- And finally...
 - It really is miserable lobbying in wet socks

What, you expected me to say that well reasoned arguments concerning the funding of needed programs and the elimination of useless regulations actually made an impact on anyone in today's government?

All we can do is keep trying.



Whose Aides did we talk to about the issues?

- Appointments

- Senators
 - Saxby Chambliss
 - Senator Johnny Isakson
- Representatives
 - John Barrow
 - Jack Kingston
 - Rob Woodall
 - Phil Gingrey
 - Doug Collins
 - Austin Scott
 - Paul Broun

- Cold calls

- Representatives
 - Lynn Westmoreland
 - Sanford Bishop
 - Hank Johnson
 - David Scott
 - Tom Graves
 - John Lewis
 - Tom Price

Did we accomplish anything?

Probably not.

- We made connections with the aides of people who are on the committees that make the decisions that affect the various positions the AMCA feels are important
- We took info back to the AMCA that can be used for advocacy
- We reminded our legislators that we exist



Follow-up

- We sent a “thank you for your time” email to each of the aides we met with that same day.
- We sent a “sorry we missed you” email to each of the aides we did not speak with to let them know we left them position papers
- We sent emails with answers to every question raised by aides during the various meetings
- We periodically send all the aides reports on mosquito control and the arboviral disease status in Georgia



Thanks!

Any Questions?

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- AMCA, for putting together this program
 - Central Life Sciences, for providing scholarships
 - Elmer, for his brilliant scheduling
 - Fred and Ros, for getting all that exercise walking the halls of government trying to make politicians understand what ordinary people need

