December 7, 2018

Registration is Open for the 2019 Great Western Conference

The Arizona Pest Professional Organization (AzPPO) would like to invite you to attend the 2019 Great Western Conference & Expo. The Conference will be held at the Mesa Convention Center Wednesday, March 27-28, 2019. We are excited to welcome top notch speakers, including keynote speaker and entomologist Dr. Philip Koehler, who will be discussing Bed Bug IPM & Prevention.

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Important Dates and Events

Wednesday, Dec 12: Certification Training

Thursday, Dec 13: Certification Training

Wednesday, March 27: 2019 Great Western Conference

Join Us for Bugs N' Balls
With the outcome of the 2018 midterm elections, the political landscape in Arizona has changed with Democrats securing unprecedented contemporary election victories in federal and state elected offices. In particular, the successful campaigns of Sinema, Hobbs and Hoffman for US Senate, Arizona Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction, respectively, are significant. That is, these campaigns represent statewide victories that were previously held by Republican candidates for a combined average of approximately 20 years each.

Democrats picked up Congressional District 2 (southern Arizona), with the election of Congresswoman-Elect Ann Kirkpatrick. The seat was previously held by Congresswoman Martha McSally (R). All congressional incumbents won their respective re-elections. The other open seat in CD 9 (Greater Phoenix Area) remained Democratic with the election of Congressman-Elect Greg Stanton, the former Mayor of Phoenix.

From a state government perspective, the Arizona House of Representatives significantly closed the gap between the Republican majority and the Democratic minority, creating a 31-29 lower chamber composition. Previously, Republicans controlled the House by a 35-25 margin. The Arizona Senate remains a 17-13 Republican Majority. Likewise, Governor Ducey (R) won re-election to a second term by securing 58% of the vote. Despite the political rhetoric of Arizona turning purple, it is important to recognize that the
Governor’s Office and the Arizona Legislature remain in Republican control, though, admittedly by a narrower margin in the House. Accordingly, one should expect legislative conservatives to wage a strong effort to preserve conservative positions on major policy initiatives.

What is unknown is how the Republican majority will manage its thin margins in a way that does not trigger more moderate or pragmatic Republicans from forming political coalitions with newly empowered Democratic minority.

More specifically, with a 31-29 Republican majority in the House, it only takes one Republican to feel disenfranchised on a policy matter to force an impasse.

- Stuart Goodman, Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs

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