

AAPCO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2015
Conference Call

Meeting Convened at 1pm EST

Present on the call: Chuck Moses, NV President; Dennis Howard, MD President Elect; Steve Dwinell, FL; Bonnie Rabe, NM Director; Tim Creger, NE Director; Amy Bamber, AAPCO Executive Secretary

EPA Policy Development related to the National Pollinator Protection Strategy

Dwinell stated that EPA will publish policy details, including proposed label language, most likely in the Federal Register next week. There will initially be a 30-day comment period. Dwinell, who chairs AAPCO's Pollinator Protection Workgroup, asked the board to charge the workgroup with developing comments. He added that there will be SFIREG comments developed as well, but the AAPCO committee has additional stakeholders and the comments may be different than SFIREG's comments. The board agreed, and requested that Dwinell proceed.

SFIREG Chairperson Selection

The selection workgroup will have a call next week to begin reviewing candidates for the SFIREG Chair position.

AAPSE Liaison

Moses has communicated with AAPSE regarding the liaison position. At this time he recommends that the current AAPSE liaison to AAPCO fulfill both roles. The primary goal stated by Rabe is to maintain communication between the SLAs and PSEP programs. The board agreed to proceed in having the AAPSE liaison fulfill the role from both perspectives.

State-EPA Training

Creger gave an update related to the workgroup headed by Cindy Wire, EPA, to develop training for states similar to the Project Officer Training. He said that they have had a call and could potentially roll out the training by next spring. The workgroup wants to connect the training with all states by the end of 2016. They are in communication with Dea Zimmerman, and are working on a webinar or Power Point training.

AAPCO Communication to OMB to urge publishing of C&T Rule

Moses has reached out to OMB through an email, asking to speak with them about the importance of publishing the rule in a timely fashion to facilitate discussion at the PACT conference in August. He has not heard back, and has let Carol Black, WSU, know of his effort.

2016 Conference Planning

The board reviewed main points from the 2015 conference evaluations and developed a list of topics and session types for the 2016 conference. Bamber is to

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send out the assembled list of topics to the Board for review and further comment.

EPA request for AAPCO volunteer

Moses related that Dan Helfgott, EPA, has requested a member of AAPCO to sit on a state grant subgroup that advises the Office of Grants and Disbarment. The group has largely consisted of state environmental agencies in the past, and Dan felt both OGD and AAPCO states would benefit in developing an advisory relationship.

At 2:21 pm Moses moved to close the meeting. Howard seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Bamber".

Amy Bamber
Executive Secretary, AAPCO