

AAPCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 6, 2014

Conference Call

AAPCO President, Tim Drake, convened the meeting at 11 a.m., EDT.

Participants on the call were: Jeff Comstock, Past President; Chuck Moses, President Elect; Dennis Howard, Director; Steve Dwinell, Director; and, Grier Stayton, AAPCO Executive Secretary. The Board of Directors discussed the following items:

1) Filling of Board Vacancy

Amy Bamber informed Drake that she will be submitting a resignation letter as an AAPCO Board member since she no longer is employed at the Montana Department of Agriculture. The replacement of a Board member as provided by the AAPCO By-Laws was discussed. The By-Laws state the Board can select a member to fill the unexpired term of any Board seat vacated. Drake asked the Board to consider a replacement for Bamber. Several names were floated. Drake asked that a gender and regional balance be considered. Dwinell motioned and Moses seconded, Drake will contact Janet Fultz, TX Department of Agriculture and if Fultz is unable or unwilling to serve out the term, Drake will contact Tim Creger, NE Department of Agriculture.

2) Allocation of PIRT Funds

Drake relayed that Amber Davis, U.S. EPA, PIRT (Pesticide Inspector Residential Training) Coordinator, informed him of the release of \$250,000 for PIRT training. The allocation of these funds (which include carryover from last year) is required by May 2014. Once allocated the funds may be used as carryover in 2015. Interest in hosting PIRT for 2014 has been expressed by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture and the Virginia Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services (possibly). An announcement on the availability of funds is expected tomorrow (May 7th) from Amber Davis. The announcement will be distributed through the AAPCO email lists. Moses asked what the focus of this year's PIRT would be and Drake replied that the state lead agency can make that decision. Moses expressed Nevada's interest in greenhouse and container/containerment training and may consider applying.

3) AAPCO Newsletter

Comstock suggested drafting/publishing the next AAPCO Newsletter after the joint SFIREG POM/EQI meeting in May. Topics will include a “self-introduction” from President Tim Drake; an overview of SFIREG from Steve Dwinell; a 2 paragraph explanation of AAPCO activities relating to the proposed revisions to the Worker Protection Standards (Comstock will contact Chuck Andrews, CA, for input); impact of the proposed redefinition of Waters of the U.S. (Comstock); an update on pollinator issues by Steve Dwinell; and a side bar on the AAPCO 2015 spring meeting (date, location, request for topics, speakers, etc.)

4) AAPCO Consideration of AAPSE Draft Letter to EPA re: 25(b) Exemptions

The Board reviewed the draft AAPSE letter received via email, April 23rd, from Andrew Thostenson, ND State University, Extension Service. Moses and Drake suggested the letter needed to be “toned down” on criticism of the EPA if AAPCO was to endorse. Dwinell stated there was no need for the letter since the current issue is one of a stalled enforcement effort at EPA. He suggested discussing the matter with Jack Housenger, OPP Director, at the June meeting of AAPCO officers and EPA senior management. Dwinell added that EPA continues to ask AAPCO for documentation of harm from the sale and use of 25(b) exempt products. Past minutes of discussion reflect this issue has been appropriately dealt with by AAPCO. Drake agreed to call AAPSE and discourage them from sending the letter.

5) EPA Response to ASPCRO Letter re: Pollinator Protection Labeling

The Board reviewed a copy of the April 23, 2014, EPA response to ASPCRO (Assoc. of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials) comments relating to EPA’s guidance for pollinator protective labeling. Dwinell stated there will be a meeting to discuss the pending Pesticide Registration Notice on this topic – scheduled for May 14th, with EPA and state lead agency staff. SLAs and AAPCO may comment on the PRN once published, but they will have input on the PRN during the May 14th meeting. The PRN is expected to be published in June. Dwinell suggested AAPCO and NASDA letters of support of the PRN. Comstock asked that the topic be placed at the top of the June SFIREG senior management meeting.

6) AAPCO Response to National Stakeholder Team for PSEP Funding Support

Moses referenced his draft letter in response to the National Stakeholder Team request for support. He noted AAPCO options:

- a) Respond by phone call
- b) Respond by formal letter
- c) Do nothing

Drake stated that from his perspective, AAPCO is supportive of PSEP funding. Dwinell asked if the unexpended \$250,000 of PIRT funding could be added to the \$500,000 of PSEP funds. Drake stated the question is worth asking and agreed to contact Amber Davis. Moses expressed doubt if the funds could be re-routed.

Drake offered to draft a letter of PSEP funding support. Moses felt AAPCO should encourage their members to work with PSEP coordinators and discussed other recommendations in his draft letter. He noted that the process has been supported throughout by the AAPCO representative on the Steering Committee. Jim Burnette, NC, is the new AAPCO representative on the Steering Committee and Dave Scott, IN, is on one of the sub-committees. Drake suggested that Burnette participate on the next Board conference call to discuss any issues. Moses suggested the AAPCO response letter be tabled until the next call. Drake agreed to contact Burnette and John Scott, CO, (to ask if ASPCRO if they had been contacted by the Steering Committee). Dennis Howard agreed to ask for Ed Crow's input on the issue (as AAPSE liaison to AAPCO).

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



H. Grier Stayton
Executive Secretary, AAPCO