

AAPCO BOD Meeting
March 6, 2016
Alexandria, VA

The meeting commenced at 2:03 pm

Introductions were made. Board members present were Tim Drake, Charles Moses, Dennis Howard, Bonnie Rabe, Rose Kachadoorian, Tim Creger, Dave Fredrickson, Amy Bamber.

Moses began the meeting by requesting any changes to agenda; there were none. Previous minutes had been previously approved.

Fredrickson gave the Treasurer's Report

There was a bit of a transition with Bamber replacing Stayton, with some additional expenses due to that. Funds are similar to last year, although it doesn't completely show due to holdover funds in Eventbrite, used for refunds. The funds are shown in the second part of the treasurer's report. We will have funds for folks who just want to come for one day, \$100, and for nonmembers who registered as members. Also, we are still waiting for SFIREG funds to come through for 2016.

Moses asked about AAPCO membership renewals. Fredrickson discussed Intuit (Quickbooks) and his use of that, and it has been an improvement and much easier. 3 weeks into renewal, we have 20 already. Tim Drake moved to accept, Creger 2nd, no opposition, so carried.

SFIREG Grant—there was an EPA desk review of 2014-15 expenditures. Time tracking procedures may need to be adjusted, but we haven't heard back from EPA. Fredrickson is hoping to put together a manual on how he works, a bit of SOP for the position. Black suggested going ahead and making the process changes without waiting for EPA.

Committee reports—won't be approved today, but discussed.

WPS--Pat Jones described a meeting next Thursday with NASDA and the commodity groups. He will invite Kaci Buhl to introduce PERC.

PREP—Black thanked steering committee members to get the programs up and running, and to begin planning early this year. Summarized the report. ACTION ITEMS: 1. Course lineup, should there be any courses that could have special invitations? 2. Dea Zimmerman is not allowed to travel to PREP due to travel budget constraints in FEAD. This decision by EPA appears to not meet grant obligations. WSU is sharing with AAPCO so they can consider impacts to their members regarding Dea's active participation. Dea is a content expert, EPA Liaison, the ears, her presence at AAPCO and PREP are to understand what issues PREP should be covering. This change is reflective of EPA's lack of engagement. WSU staff are facilitators, not content experts. Giguere echoed that SFIREG is seeing similar pullback at OECA and FEAD, and lots of folks who are new don't appear to understand the programs; thus, not appreciating the relationships and leadership necessary on the EPA side. Black stated that OECA puts in 50% of the funding and they were dismayed as well that Zimmerman won't be attending PREP courses. Perhaps OECA can pay her way. Drake stated that we need to refocus FEAD formally. Rabe agreed; Dea is more than a representative, because EPA representatives are not active participants. They

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need to participate. Zimmerman is the best participator. That is the most valuable money EPA could spend...Black said the issue is similar with a lack of WPS funds for EPA outreach. Jones agreed, adding that Fitz and Pont can't go to meetings or do in person outreach. Kachadoorian posited that someone has made a decision to no longer value the state relationships. It's a cascade of issues that are all similar. Drake came back to the idea that the word representative is the wrong word. We need to change the terminology.

Moses asked who is being told no? Black says they all are being told no. FEAD. EPA won't let Nancy go to a regional preSFIREG meeting.

Giguere suggests going higher than FEAD leadership, giving additional examples with Nicole Zinn's position.

Black is going to have a conversation with Jackie Mosby. If that is not successful, Black doesn't mind going higher.

Dwinell commented that it seems like we don't have a relationship with Jackie Mosby. It has been difficult to establish that.

Comstock noted that there has been an infusion of non-pesticide people into the program, and they don't recognize that the statue is different,

Fredrickson offered that this is déjà vu. These individuals don't realize states have use, enforcement, certification, and that seems to be reflected in the WPS decisions. Giguere added it is similar to PO training, but higher management folks now. Giguere—seems likely, but....the folks who rolled out the WPS and C&T rules didn't appear to have experience with FIFRA, even though they do. So what is that about.

Moses and Black will be consistent in their message. Black is very surprised, and if EPA needs 10K for Zimmerman's travel, and that is 5K OECA, so 5K OPP—they can't find that? Drake offered that this decision appears to have been made separate from actual funding concerns. Moses will discuss with Housenger and Jones tomorrow. Rabe agreed with that approach, because this needs to be addressed at the top. This is an issue for SFIREG and JWC and we see it impacting the committees. This is not *one thing*. This is across the board, and now we are seeing Zimmerman affected, which is huge. But we are feeling it in the committees. Dwinell suggested the states consider NASDA as an ally, because sometimes the directors can help get a message across. Jones gave another example where EPA didn't send the full texts of the rules to the House Ag committees, which again shows a disconnect.

Suggestion to EPA: If you are trying to kill FEAD, put those folks in other programs and kill it. Creger stated that Jim Jones' time in office is most likely short, but Housenger will likely stick around. Message must remain consistent.

Moses would like to discuss Zimmerman with Mosby first. Maybe follow up before these minutes go out.

Bogner added an issue from the labs perspective. There used to be equipment funds, they go on rotation to help upgrade equipment, plus there should be an annual training fund for workshops. Michelle Yaris suggested adding the 41K that isn't used by some states to the training funding. As they were working through workshop development in MN, states heard that if a state doesn't want the 41K for equipment it could be used for anything. BUT

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if the state rejects it, it will now go to the tribes, instead of being used for training or equipment. Giguere added that this is OECA money, and suggested Michelle talk with Ed Messina.

Giguere handed out the SFIREG report. Rabe added that SAFER CHOICE continues to be discussed, and frankly it takes time away from other topics. JONES added that AEZ is another example of a clear and unambiguous directive that OGC is trying to find a way around. It doesn't sit well with the public for EPA to try and soften very clear directives.

Rabe would like to see more 'publicity' related to SFIREG activities.

Kachadoorian added that the 24(c) guidance via Zimmerman should be continued. John Scott added that 24(c)s for cannabis will be a food use, and this is at odds with EPA's perspective of cannabis.

PIRT Report submitted by Moses.

Bamber went through the website report.

Creger discussed C&T and EPA comment reviews. EPA appears to be going forward with equivalency the way the states hoped for.

Dwinell discussed the Pollinator Protection workgroup, EPA policy, state mp3, mp3 measures. Current issues: 1. Looking for a set of recommendations of measures for EPA to use, 2. Pollen sampling.

Comstock--Legislative Affairs committee is inactive right now, but maybe will pursue FEAD issue.

Bamber gave the Secretary's Report.

No New Business.

Moses adjourned the public meeting at 4:11 pm, and went into closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Amy Bamber, Executive Secretary