

Board members present: Chuck Moses, NV; Dennis Howard, MD; Bonnie Rabe, NM; Tony Cofer, AL; Rose Kachadoorian, OR; Tim Creger, NE; Kathy Booker, TN; Dave Fredrickson, Treasurer; Amy Bamber, Executive Secretary
Approximately 20 additional audience members.

The meeting began at 2pm ET.

Dennis Howard asked if there were any changes to the last meeting minutes from November 2016. There were none, and they had been reviewed by the board earlier. Creger motioned to approve, Booker seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve.

Fredrickson reviewed the Treasurer's Report, and noted the following:

- EPA guidance on reimbursement using the SFIREG grant is developed but on hold currently
- Fredrickson withdraws from the SFIREG account monthly
- It costs about \$20-25,000 per SFIREG meeting
- We are currently beginning work on the next 5 year grant
- Conference fees and expenses for the Spring Meeting

Invoicing for membership dues and check sample program were sent out in February

- Check sample has about 40 international and 40 domestic labs participating
- We are encouraging credit cards or ACH rather than wire transfers
- Fredrickson will increase second notices for the check sample program
- Would like to have better information regarding contact for current lab directors
- Also would like to develop system to ensure that check sample work is paid for before being performed

Fredrickson will provide a profit/loss for the Annual Meeting in April

- 31 regulatory entities are represented, with about 44 registrations
- Should there be a fee for federal agency attendance?
 - Rabe suggested analyzing that in April.
- Cofer and Kachadoorian had reached out to states that were not registered for the conference, and Cofer reported that most were under a travel restriction, had staffing issues, or were too new to their programs to understand AAPCO's role.
 - Reaching out to the states was a productive exercise and should be part of our planning process.
 - Rabe emphasized the need to wave our flag/market our value to states who are not currently participating strongly

Emily Ryan is our new SFIREG Project Officer and has been good to work with. We have been waiting for word on our 2017 SFIREG grant, which is the last year of our 5 year grant cycle. Ryan found the grant, which was stalled, and is moving it forward.

- We will likely need to carry over funds at the end of the year.

Creger motioned to vote to accept the report, Rabe seconded and it passed unanimously.

Howard discussed the Industry Relations Workgroup Report.

Creger discussed the C&T Report and said that the workgroup is disbanded, but he will continue as a point person for AAPCO during the next year's implementation period.

Howard discussed the PIRT Report.

Steve Dwinell and Kachadoorian discussed the MP3 Report

- We are at a point of shifting focus now that AAPCO and SFIREG have provided committee comments, NASS is collecting data, EPA has issued the final policy, etc.
- AAPCO sent a thank you letter to EPA regarding our inclusion in the final policy review.
- Kachadoorian sits on the PPDC MP3 workgroup.
- An identified need is to determine now that we have plans, how do we implement? Focus on
 - Licensing and certification programs?
 - Aerial applicators?
 - Write article for NAAA newsletter?
 - Carol Black suggested inclusion in the NAAA Pass program

Pat Jones reviewed the WPS committee report, and the Conference panel.

Liza Fleeson Trossbach provided written reports as ASCPRO and PPDC liaison.

Carol Black reviewed the PREP report.

It was suggested that AAPCO board members discuss the role of CTAG in the learning exchange session with EPA on Wednesday afternoon.

Michelle Bogner, MI, presented the Laboratory committee report.

- Andy Randall, NM will be the new Laboratory committee Chairperson, and Tommy Phillips, MD will be Vice-Chair.

- Rabe motioned to accept the report, Cofer seconded, and the report was accepted unanimously.

Giguere presented a verbal SFIREG Report.

- Suggested including support for the Regulator in Residence program in the SFIREG grant. Discussion followed, including support for other areas such as project officer training and EPA-State learning exchange meetings. Cofer suggested using line items in the grant application for the additional work areas.
- Giguere wanted to formalize TPPC attendance in the SFIREG grant, as TPPC would like the SFIREG chair to regularly attend their meetings.

Dudley Hoskins, NASDA, asked to address the board. Hoskins thanked Howard for allowing him time on the agenda, and thanked the AAPCO family for their leadership and expertise as we work together.

- Some concerns Hoskins raised:
 - Proposed 25% decrease in EPA funding from Congress
 - 11 days until the Executive Office's Budget is released
 - 53 days until the continuing resolution expires
 - proposed 20% reduction in EPA staff
- This is a challenging landscape
 - Educational outreach to the incoming EPA Administrator congressional leadership in appropriations and house ag is NASDA's biggest focus at this time
 - Can we work together to help/strengthen/ demonstrate the full value of our work and missions? Offer congressional field trips?

Bamber summarized the Secretary's Report.

Action Items from Meeting

- Board discussion on SFIREG grant development
- Strategy discussion on how to work with our affiliate partners to educate new leadership
- Discuss tribal and affiliate memberships
- How to best provide outreach to new state folks

The public portion of the meeting was concluded at approximately 4:30p.m.

Respectfully,



Amy Bamber, Executive Secretary