

AAPCO BOD Call
April 20, 2017

On the call: Pat Jones, Leo Reed, Kathy Booker, Bonnie Rabe, Cary Giguere, Rose Kachadoorian, Dennis Howard

The call began at 12:00 ET.

Rabe asked if everyone had an opportunity to peruse the by-laws, policies, and mission statement? Some have not had the chance, therefore Rabe asked that everyone do that, and we'll have another call in 2 weeks to go over it.

In that context, Rabe brought up Tribal membership for discussion, as well as coordination and collaboration with TPPC. We should define what sort of program the Tribe should have to be included as members. Reed questioned the By-Laws, Article II, and suggested that if the tribes are charged by law with the execution of federal laws, maybe that allows them membership. Giguere offered that they could be included based on STAG funding. Kachadoorian brought up that they are involved in several areas such as pollinator protection, label review, etc. Rabe brought up the role of TPPC for the tribes to communicate with EPA. Giguere said that TPPC is more similar to SFIREG than AAPCO.

Reed asked if the issues can be mapped out for the next call, and what the end goal is, and would find that helpful. Rabe will do that and will provide before the next call.

Kachadoorian will review the mission statement and suggest some clean up before the next call.

Rabe brought up the formation of an AAPCO 25(b) workgroup. It is meant to be a response to the presentations from the Industry Relations session at the spring conference. The goal will be to help state registration requirements be more consistent, and work better back and forth with industry. 25(b) registrations are increasing and taking up a lot of worktime for state programs. Reed agreed that his registration program would feel the same. Giguere brought up the current ad-hoc group that has existed for a number of years, but it is informal and not broadly available to all states. Kachadoorian supports a more formal forum that all states could participate in and help get the states on the same page. Rabe emphasized that not only will this workgroup be available for all states, but will also include industry. Rabe has begun this process in-house in New Mexico through her registration program. Giguere asked that the email be distributed through the listserv. Rabe agreed and will send it to Bamber for distribution.

Rabe brought up the desire to increase our partnerships with others such as USDA PMP, NASDA, Canada PMRA and FPT, and the legislative affairs workgroup. Rabe asked the board if we should continue a workgroup just for legislative affairs, should we define our involvements more formally, should it be volunteers from the board for various subjects, etc.? Reed likes the notion of the all-hands approach vs. a single committee, using water quality as an example of a subject area where we could have folks step up within their specialties. Homework: make a list to send to Bamber of what you think are the important areas that we should participate in.

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Another effort is to draft a letter from AAPCO to the new EPA Administrator to familiarize him and the new administration with AAPCO. Rabe said that there was recently a NASDA meeting with the new administration that discussed various subjects such as the C&T rule, the NPDES legislation, and TES consultation. It is possible that there is a movement to reopen WPS or delay implementation. As funding continues to be an issue we may want to have a voice on that as well. Rabe will try and draft the letter next week.

Giguere asked if AAPCO is considering weighing in on the issues with NASDA, or how coordinated we will be with them. Rabe said yes, and agreed we need to keep our voice independently as well when necessary. But coordinating better is important.

Kachadoorian asked if anyone had heard anything about funding for IR-4 programs. No one knew any new information.

Rabe and Bamber described the 5-year grant total that AAPCO is pursuing, and EPA's request that in addition to the non-compete support provided to SFIREG for the grant, that AAPCO's president also submit a letter stating that the states support SFIREG funding by EPA.

Regarding the Regulator in Residence program, we are not formally considering inclusion of the RIR within SFIREG, but will support EPA in subject areas of interest by allowing SFIREG members to stay an extra day after the meetings to meet with EPA. States would like EPA to support RIR as well. Emily Ryan has requested to present 8 slides on EPA's vision for the program for the board. Bamber will invite Ryan.

Giguere asked the board to consider a new POM chair, and send suggestions to him.

Jones updated the board regarding the Kaput hog bait from their Region 4 Pre-SFIREG meeting. LA cancelled their registration of the product due to concerns with black bears. LA had done a 24(c) that included training, but they cancelled it anyway. There are issues regarding how to best dispose of carcasses, and other functional concerns. Rabe asked about the contraception product, and Giguere said its still a few years out.

The meeting concluded at 1:30ET.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Bamber, AAPCO Executive Secretary