

*BOD Meeting Minutes*  
*May 15, 2017, 12pm ET*

In attendance: Kathy Booker, Leo Reed, Tony Cofer, Pat Jones, Bonnie Rabe, Dennis Howard, Rose Kachadoorian, Cary Giguere, Amy Bamber

Rabe began the call by announcing that she is retiring from NMDA effective August 1, 2017, and her last day in the office will be June 9, 2017. The board wished Rabe the best of luck in her retirement and new ventures. The bylaws allow the vice president to assume the presidency. The board discussed how that progression would go. Section 4 of the bylaws address this situation to some extent. Cofer has agreed to assume the presidency and is open to remaining as president for the 2018 term if confirmed by the membership. Developing a survey and planning committee for the 2018 meeting was also discussed. Kachadoorian will assume the President-Elect position and will be looped in more in that position. Rabe said that she will be the Director of Regulatory Affairs with Rollins Corporation (Orkin) in September. Rabe will draft a letter of resignation, effective her last day, and a letter to the membership to inform them.

Giguere brought up the vacant POM chair position, suggesting Tim Drake, SC for the board's consideration. The board supports Drake in that position. Rabe will formally approve Drake as chair, which will allow him to be involved in selection of new POM members. The nominations for the working committees close today.

Rabe turned the conversation back to the comments she drafted to EPA regarding current regulatory issues. Rabe also gave the board a summary of the PPDC meeting when AAPCO's liaison Liza Fleeson Trossbach presented AAPCO's comments to PPDC. The comments given there touched on the highlights of our more in-depth comments developed by Rabe. Jones brought up the fact that the AEZ and the designated representative components of the WPS are vulnerable right now. Rabe said that those issues are in the comments. Rabe also described the difficulty with drilling down too far in the comments on Certification due to diverse perspectives among the membership. Therefore she kept the message to continued conversation with the SLAs. Jones and Cofer agreed on that approach. Reed offered that it is difficult that EPA did not utilize the work on competencies that have been worked on for many years through the Certification programs. Jones also mentioned slight changes in definitions that could require additional rule making due to the small changes that were not caught immediately. They are minor and may have been simply overlooked by EPA in crafting the final rule. Rabe agreed and will try and include that in the comments. Other areas discussed include 25(b), federal credentials, including training requirements, technology enhancements, DfE, and STAG funding. Kachadoorian and Cofer both want to see support for PREP and PIRT included as well. Concerning DfE, not only does the board see this is an example of EPA utilizing resources, staff and time outside of the scope of the pesticide programs, but it also may have been included in PRIA 4, which was not recognized by the states. Jones brought up the repetitive issue of EPA leaving states to manage issues not properly addressed during federal registration, with auxins and kaput being recent examples. Rabe asked the board to continue their review of the comments and get ideas to her today ideally.

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Rabe is comfortable with allowing the review of the bylaws to be tabled at this time, with everything else going on.

Cofer and Bamber will craft a save the date message for the AAPCO conference. Bamber will send out a doodle poll for around June 9<sup>th</sup>, earlier in the day.

The call ended at 1:20pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Bamber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

AAPCO Executive Secretary