

*AAPCO Board of Directors Meeting (by conference call)
July 10, 2017*

On the call: Tony Cofer, AL; Rose Kachadoorian, OR; Leo Reed, IN; Kathy Booker, TN; Patrick Jones, NC; Cary Giguere, VT; Dennis Howard, MD

The call began at 2pm ET.

Initially there was informal discussion on dicamba enforcement issues around the states, and what the folks on the call were seeing.

Cofer began by bringing up the current vacancy on the board. Booker motioned and Rose seconded that Derrick Lastinger be asked to sit on the board. The board voted and unanimously agreed to appoint Lastinger to the board.

Due to the movement on the board, Cofer will need additional help in planning the 2018 meeting. Although the board had discussed forming a planning committee, because the board is so active currently it was decided to keep the planning as usual. We have several topics suggested already, although would like more from the membership. The next BOD call will involve developing a framework for planning. Kachadoorian will assist this year, and be responsible for the 2019 meeting due to the changes in the board positions.

Cofer asked Bamber to describe the previous relationship with Canada that the board has had, and she did so. After conversation it was agreed that Kachadoorian will become the new liaison to Canada moving forward.

Cofer updated the board on the EPA/AAPCO Leadership meeting, which included dry ice as a rodenticide and some of the current antimicrobial registration issues with copper and similar products.

AAPCO, ASPCRO and AAPSE were asked to discuss the reformation of CTAG with EPA and they had a call to that effect.

EPA has requested information on Dicamba issues and Cofer reached out to the 5 identified states to supply information.

Cofer has been in discussion with NASDA about increasing our partnership where appropriate to affect policy and secure STAG funding. Cofer emphasized that NASDA and AAPCO may have separate philosophies in some areas, but as far as funding goes we have the same desire to secure our pesticide program funding. This will likely occur next spring. Cofer wants to reinvigorate our legislative affairs committee with him as the chair.

Cofer brought up the enforcement issues with dicamba that are occurring. It was surprising that at the June SFIREG meeting, EPA headquarters staff seemed unaware of the dicamba related issues in Arkansas and other states. Should AAPCO express concern that there does not seem to be adequate communication between the Region and the states; or perhaps between the EPA regional office and EPA

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headquarters? EPA Headquarters staff appears to have been unaware that Arkansas was considering banning dicamba completely (which has since occurred). It was agreed upon that it is not AAPCO's role to function to as a go-between; however, it seems important to determine where the communication lapse occurred.

Cofer mentioned the C&T survey which we just sent out jointly with ASPCRO. He also asked the board if they thought it was a good idea to reboot the C&T workgroup as well as keeping the WPS Standing Committee active. Jones replied that NCDA&CS has communicated with EPA about concerns with the C&T definitions and that some flexibility needs to be inserted to allow flexibility. Reed weighed in that the C&T is a major issue. There has not been a formal announcement regarding cutting out the AEZ and the designated representative, although we are hearing that they could be cut out. Should we ask some of our partners if they know more? Our role is to facilitate successful implementation in the future; therefore we will work towards that goal.

- Hoskins will be invited to speak at our next board meeting.
- We will also ask the C&T workgroup to reconvene and review the survey results to determine further asks regarding that rule and review and report implementation issues to us to present to EPA.
- We will ask Jones to keep the WPS committee active during this period.

Turning to the website, should we let NPDES go and replace it with a 'hot topic' such as dicamba? It was decided to keep NPDES until the August Congressional Break, and to add dicamba.

Cofer mentioned the learning exchange and how we are developing ppts for use by EPA, but that we can share them with our SFIREG representatives to use at the regional PRE-SFIREG meeting.

The SFIREG 5-year grant has been submitted to our Project Officer. It includes an increase in the requested amount, primarily to cover additional work efforts and travel. Bamber will upload it to grants.gov this week.

Giguere will finalize POM recommendations with Drake for discussion with Cofer.

The call ended at 3:40 ET.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Bamber, AAPCO Executive Secretary