

Minutes of AAPCO BOARD Conference Call

Date: August 14, 2013

Time: 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 ET

Present on the call: Jeff Comstock, VT, President; Tim Drake, SC, President-Elect; Charles Moses, NV, Director; Dennis Howard, MD, Director; Amy Bamber, MT, Director; Steve Dwinell, FL, Director; Ed Crow, MD, AAPSE Liaison; and Grier Stayton, AAPCO Executive Secretary. An agenda was provided ([Attachment 1](#)).

ASPCRO Meeting Attendance by AAPCO Board Members – Tim Drake and Steve Dwinell will attend the ASPCRO Board meeting in Atlanta, GA, August 18th. AAPCO priority issues to be brought to the ASPCRO Board include the spring AAPCO agenda topics; State-Tribal collaboration; AAPCO outreach to RISE; availability of AAPCO historical records through Hathitrust digital records; development of AAPCO liaison workgroups; proposed restructuring of the AAPCO Board; and AAPCO liaison with Canada FPT. Howard agreed to forward Drake information on AAPSE communications with Canada FPT. Comstock agreed to forward information on the AAPCO workgroups' status.

Update from the Executive Secretary – Stayton briefed the BOD on the status of AAPCO digital records stored with Hathitrust. There are some gaps in the digitized records and there was a discussion on how best to proceed. It was agreed that Stayton will provide the general membership with links to the Hathitrust records and eventually provide the links on the AAPCO webpage. Stayton will contact Mann Library at Cornell University to determine how best to transfer missing publications to them for digitizing, and how best to record/archive membership on an annual basis (since the publication is no longer printed).

Stayton reported receipt of SFIREG 2014 hotel room block proposals from the Residence Inn Marriott, Hyatt Regency, and the Crystal City Marriott. He also reported an issue with the use of the EPA First Floor meeting room – Kendall and Helfgott, EPA, reported the room will not be available beginning this fall and all SFIREG meetings will be held in the 4th Floor Conference room. This will create some logistical problems getting committee members and guests through security and up to the 4th Floor. Dwinell will place a call to Marty Monell to discuss options.

Fall Meeting Schedule - Comstock reviewed the fall meeting schedule and asked Directors for their availability. Drake may be unable to attend fall SFIREG meetings due to state travel restrictions. Howard will plan to attend the SFIREG POM and full SFIREG. Bamber will attend the full SFIREG.

During the full SFIREG December meeting, AAPCO officers and SFIREG Chairs will meet with EPA senior management. In addition, the Comstock, Dwinell, and Bamber (and hopefully Drake) will attend the National Program Managers meeting following the full SFIREG. A meeting is also planned in December with the USDA Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP). Comstock will provide a letter to Drake's senior management requesting approval for Drake to travel to SFIREG meetings this fall and winter.

Pending and Ongoing Activities – Dwinell reported a Pollinator Workgroup call will follow the Pollinator PREP currently being held in MI.

Moses will now represent AAPCO on the PSEP Steering Committee. Moses reported a new phase of grant proposals. At least \$600,000 will be provided by private industry to supplement PSEP funding, for a 3-5 year period. The Steering Committee will be soliciting states for proposals. Ed Crow, MD, will be assisting a new PSEP Board in drafting and reviewing grant applications. There will be two components of the grants – a “challenge

component” and an “educational component.” The challenge grant will state how the program will become self-sufficient after the grant funds are gone. A stakeholder team will be formed to assess the process. Moses will act as “advocate” on the stakeholder team. Workgroups have been formed by the Stakeholder Team to explore potential funding sources: Federal, University, and State. Grant applications will be ready by the end of September, with awards made by January 1. Bamber noted that MT has set up a trust fund for noxious weeds – and the program has been very successful – with a cap at \$10 million. Interest is used to fund the program. \$1.3 million is distributed each year.

Moses referred the Directors to www.psep.us for more information.

The Board Meeting adjourned temporarily at 2 p.m. so Directors could participate in an EPA conference call on neonicotinoid labeling. The conference call resumed at 2:30 p.m.

Ed Crow provided an update relating to AAPSE discussions on fracking and Certification and Training. The AAPSE Board has agreed to form a workgroup on the issue. Comstock will contact Andrew Thostenson, NDSU for more information. It was mentioned that Don Rennie, TX Dept. of Ag, has experience with C & T regarding fracking activities.

Comstock will contact the USDA OPMP to schedule a meeting following the December SFIREG meeting. Comstock will also arrange a meeting (through Nathan Bowen, NASDA) with the Congressional minority committees. Comstock invited Directors to attend.

AAPCO Spring 2014 Conference Agenda – Drake presented a revised agenda based upon the last conference call. The Board discussed additional topics, the schedule and flow of topics, and potential speakers.

The BOD conference call adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Grier Stayton,
Executive Secretary, AAPCO

Attachment 1

AAPCO Board of Directors
Conference Call Agenda
August 14, 2013

1:00 – 3:00 EDT

Topics:

- 1) Treasurers Report: If Requested/Necessary Dave F.

- 2) AAPCO Representation @ ASPCRO Board Meeting Tim D.
Atlanta, GA August 18-21, 2013

- 3) Update from AAPCO/SFIREG Secretary Grier S.
Status of Digital Preservation of AAPCO Publication Archives
Meeting Contracts and/or Cost Proposals
SFIREG Meeting Room Dilemma

- 4) Fall 2013 SFIREG Meeting Schedule & Activities Jeff C.

SFIREG POM	September 16-17, 2013
SFIREG EQI	October 21-22, 2013
Canadian FPT	October 23-24, 2013
Full SFIREG	December 9-10, 2013
EPA NPM Mtg	December 10-11, 2013

- 5) Pending/On-Going Stuff:

Pollinator Work Group	Steve D.
PSEP Steering Committee	Chuck M.
AAPSE Liaison Report	Ed Crow
(RE: Request for Fracking Certification Project)	
USDA Office of Pest Management Policy	Jeff C.
(RE: OPMP Staff/SFIREG introductions & orientation)	
NASDA/Legislative Relations Follow-Up	Jeff C.

- 6) 2014 AAPCO Meeting Agenda Planning & Review Tim D.
Review Draft Agenda Outline & Assignments

- 7) New Business & Other Action Items ???



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August 1, 2013

TO: Andrew Thostenson, President
American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE)

FROM: Ed Crow, AAPCO / AAPSE Liaison
Maryland Department of Agriculture

SUBJECT: Report on Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Activities

I appreciate the opportunity to continue serving AAPSE as the liaison to the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO). AAPCO has been actively involved with the following issues:

1. AAPCO has been looking into the issue of Fracking and is an emerging issue that AAPCO feels needs to be addressed. Several states are currently in the initial process of addressing the need to certify individuals involved with the fracking process. As a result, AAPCO would like to enlist AAPSE's assistance in dealing with the certification and training aspects of this emerging issue. AAPCO is looking for help in the development of standards and categories of pest control to address this issue. A discussion on fracking will be part of the agenda for the Pesticides Operations and Management (POM) sub-committee's fall meeting. If AAPSE would like to provide any information, initial in-put, or have any suggestions on this issue, additional time on the agenda can be allocated. Contact Cary Giguere of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets by email at cary.giguere@state.vt.us, or by phone at 802/828-6531.
2. PSEP funding remains an important issue for AAPCO and they continue to be actively involved with the National Stakeholders Team. Chuck Moses of the Nevada Department of Agriculture has recently replaced Liza Fleeson as the AAPCO representative. Chuck can be reached by email at cmoses@agri.nv.gov or by telephone at 775/353-3716.
3. The issue of pollinators and the impacts of pesticides on their populations continues to be an subject that AAPCO is involved with. The Michigan Department of Agriculture has developed a manual that provides guidance and protocols for state pesticide inspectors to follow when conducting investigations involving bee kills.

4. AAPCO has also been working on the issue of communication and interaction with their Canadian provincial counterparts, practically those states bordering Canada. AAPCO was interested in learning what type of interaction, or relationship, AAPSE members might have with the provinces regarding certification and training issues.

AAPCO feels that it is important that the two associations continue to work collaboratively on these, and future issues, in an effort to maintain a viable Certification and Training program. If you have any additional questions or if I can be of further assistance please feel free to contact me at (410)841-5710 or ed.crow@maryland.gov.