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**RE: ASPCRO Report to SFIREG**

The following items reported herein highlight ASPCRO's activities since June 2020. ASPCRO hereby submits the following report for consideration.

**Annual Business Meeting Summary:**

ASPCRO held its annual business meeting (Annual Report to Membership) via Zoom video conference on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The following issues remain of interest:

- Cancellation of Midyear and Annual Meetings
- ASPCRO/NPMA/EPA Rodenticide Workshop
- Inspector Training during 2021 Annual Meeting
- Governing Documents: By Laws, Constitution
- ASPCRO website changes

**2021 Midyear and Annual Meetings:**

The BOD is considering holding a virtual meeting for the midyear Board of Directors meeting sometime in March 2021. Uncertainty surrounding state budgets and travel restrictions as well as the possible distribution and availability of a Covid-19 vaccine have made it difficult to make definitive plans for an in-person meeting. An announcement will be made in the coming weeks announcing the Zoom meeting.

The Annual Conference was postponed to 2021 due to the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The site of the meeting will still be in Minneapolis, MN and is scheduled for **August 9 – 13, 2021** at the Graduate Hotel on the edge of the University of Minnesota campus.

**BOD Changes:**

The resignation of Irene King (NM) as President of ASPCRO resulted in having the ASPCRO membership vote on open Board positions in August. A Survey Monkey ballot was sent to state lead members to register their acceptance for President, and two at large positions.

The resulting ballot elected Ryan Okey (SC) as ASPCRO President for a 3-year term and reappointed Cindy Fulton (WY) to her at large position. Kelly Friend (FL) volunteered and was appointed to fill the Vice Presidents position for a year which still leaves one at large position open. The BOD is currently considering someone for the open at large seat. An update on that position is forthcoming.

**Inspector Training Addition to Annual Conference:**

The BOD has decided to include inspector training as a part of its 2021 Annual Conference. A survey commissioned by the BOD to ascertain member support for an 8-hour training as part of its annual meeting

yielded high favorability (87%) for this training. The survey also identified critical training needs and topic areas fitting an 8-hour training session(s) for regional inspectors. The top three topic areas included interviewing/interrogation techniques; label interpretation; and report writing/case development. An agenda for the training is being developed. Additional information is fourth coming.

**2020 ASPCRO/NPMA Virtual Rodenticide Workshop for U.S. EPA:**

On October 1, 2020, a joint effort between ASPCRO and NPMA held a rodenticide workshop for EPA staff within several divisions including BEAD, Environmental Fate and Effects, Health Effects, Pesticide Re-evaluation, and the Registration Divisions were present. The workshop focused on use patterns in structural pest control. Topics discussed were related to state regulatory issues and impacts; rodenticide pathways and non-target impacts; and the U.S. regional similarities and differences of rodent control.

**Governing Documents: By Laws and Constitution:**

Prior to the August 18, 2020 Business Meeting, the BOD made several revisions to ASPCRO's By Laws. Those revisions essentially made the need for a constitution, as one of its guiding documents, unnecessary. In addition, the Administrative Policies and Duties and Responsibilities documents have been edited and updated. All documents can be found on the website at <https://aspcro.org/about-us/governing-documents/>.

**ASPCRO Website Changes:**

Months prior to Irene King's departure, she prioritized a project to enhance the organizations website. Several enhancements were sought including cosmetic upgrades, improved email and website security, reorganization of information, portability across different devices and the inclusion of a searchability functionality for documents on the website. On **November 3, 2020**, the newly designed website went live. In addition, ASPCRO's Communications Committee was reinstated to work on further improvements which are still underway. The domain was transferred to GoDaddy but remains the same. You can visit ASPCRO's website at [www.aspcro.org](http://www.aspcro.org).

**Disinfectants:**

ASPCRO responded to AAPCO's request for input on a draft survey related to the efficacy of disinfectant label claims. Given the status of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, disinfectants have played a central role in protecting people from infection by properly disinfecting surfaces in homes, offices, places of business and many other areas such as personal hygiene. Several use-related problems have been identified including ineffective products, use of unregistered products and applications made by unlicensed/unauthorized personnel (children). Information related to the number and type of cases received by states of registered and unregistered disinfectants will assist in our agencies discussions with EPA to enhance guidance for these products.



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