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RE: AAPSE Report to SFIREG

The following items reported highlight AAPSE's activities since December 2020.

New Member Orientation

The 2020 AAPSE Annual Meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the new member orientation was postponed until 2021. On Tuesday, January 26, 2021, AAPSE held a new member orientation via Zoom video conference. Each new member submitted a pre-recorded introductory video (employer, job title, college/university, hobbies, and favorite vacation spot), and each committee submitted a PowerPoint slide introducing the committee and a short video explaining the committee's mission and why members should join.

National Pesticide Safety Education Month

February was National Pesticide Safety Education Month. The purpose of National Pesticide Safety Education Month is to reinforce core principles of safe pesticide use with various audiences and raise awareness of and support for the land-grant university Pesticide Safety Education Programs (PSEPs).

This year we celebrated the Fourth Annual National Pesticide Safety Education Month, and AAPSE members shared information about pesticide safety on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/pesticidesafete?lang=en>) and asked followers to re-tweet information to their "Twitter-verse" every day during the month of February.

The Journal of Pesticide Safety Education (JPSE)

To adapt to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus, pesticide safety educators have turned to online delivery to reach a wider applicator audience. Microsoft® Teams and Zoom have been the most widely used among this group. AAPSE member Brett Bultemeier et al. published the article **Using Microsoft Teams and Zoom to Deliver Pesticide License Training and Certification** in Volume 23 of JPSE (<https://aapse.wildapricot.org/JPSE>). This article discusses these platforms and some of the unique features that can be used to ensure that virtual training and applicator recertification are legal, ethical, and ultimately successful. The authors conclude that distance training will likely be part of the new norm in pesticide training.

JPSE is the official repository of discipline-specific writings that have been considered, accepted, and published as refereed literature by the American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators. JPSE accepts submissions from anyone who has a stake in pesticide safety education regardless of whether they are members of the American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators. Potential authors might include, but are not limited to the following groups:

- Pesticide safety educators,
- Pesticide regulatory officials,

- Policy makers,
- Members of the regulated community, and
- In-house pesticide training coordinators (e.g., school, university, military)

If you have questions or are interested in publishing in JPSE, please contact the Editor at: editor@jpse.org.

2021 NPMA Industry Safety Summit

On Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7, 2021, AAPSE members led safety topics during the National Pest Management Association's inaugural Industry Safety Summit: Kerry Richards presented information on PPE, Jolene Hendrix on pesticide storage, Brett Bultemeier on fumigation, and Fred Whitford on vehicles.

This virtual workshop-style meeting brought safety experts together with pest control companies of all sizes to talk about safety in the pest management industry. There were 110 attendees, and the audience was mostly pest management professionals, with a few government workers. Most participants were in managerial/supervisory roles, but there were a few technicians on as well.

AAPSE Work/Life Balance Webinar

With people continuing to telework due to COVID-19, many are asking when does the workday end? On Wednesday, June 2, 2021, AAPSE's Professional Development Committee focused on the mental-health benefits of work-life balance (WLB), discussing common misconceptions, and identified strategies for implementing WLB in our everyday life. Rachel Bomberger, AAPSE member and 200 hour Registered Yoga Teacher, and Julie led members in breathing techniques and a desk-friendly yoga flow.

National Meeting

The 2021 AAPSE Annual Meeting in conjunction with PACT is scheduled for July 19 -20, 2021 at the Sheraton Denver Downtown. The 2021 meeting will be a hybrid approach, allowing for some in-person presenters and attendees while also accommodating those who wish to present or participate remotely. The meeting promises to be a valuable opportunity to network and build relationships with pesticide educators and federal and state pesticide certification officials from across the country.

Registration is open! Register at <https://aapse.wildapricot.org/event-4241444>

Announcements

Dr. Barry Brennan (University of Hawai'i) passed away on January 27th. Described by many as the "**father of AAPSE**" -- Barry Brennan was one of the early founders of AAPSE. Barry was also instrumental in AAPSE hosting an academic journal; The Journal of Pesticide Safety Education (JPSE) was started in 1999. Barry serviced as Associate Editor of JPSE (20019-2014). Barry served in multiple AAPSE leadership roles including President (1997-99). Barry was awarded AAPSE Fellow in 2005, received Special Recognition for his years of service to AAPSE in 2014, and was awarded Life Membership in 2019.

Dr. Sonja Thomas (Auburn University, AAPSE Treasurer) is a reality star! Sonja appeared on the Netflix series **Nailed It! Double Trouble** in March. In each Nailed It! episode, three contestants, in this episode 3 teams, try their hand at re-creating edible masterpieces.

Kim Pope Brown (LSU, AAPSE President) and her husband Sebe celebrated the birth of their son Bricken Sebe Brown on Thursday, May 27th. Bricken is a healthy baby boy, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz, and 20 inches long!

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