

## **ASPCRO Report to SFIREG December 4, 2023**

The following items reported herein highlight ASPCRO's activities since January 2023. ASPCRO hereby submits the following report for consideration.

### **ASPCRO Board of Director's:**

The composition of ASPCRO's Board of Directors (BOD) was updated during the Report to Membership and by election at the August 2023 annual meeting. The following individuals comprise the current BOD:

- Allison Cuellar (TX) – President
- John Pitcock (KY) – Vice-President
- Courtney Frasier (FL) - Secretary
- Grant Bishop (WV) – Treasurer
- Ryan Okey (SC) – Past President
- Jerry Seabolt (TN) – At Large member
- Christine Wicks (MN) – At Large Member
- William “Bill” Reid (IN) – At Large Member

There are no vacant positions on the ASPCRO board.

### **Meetings and Trainings**

#### **2023 Midyear Board of Directors Meeting:**

ASPCRO held its midyear meeting in person at the Hilton Downtown Lexington Hotel in Lexington, KY on April 4, 2023. The meeting was attended by states and industry partners. Committee meetings were held including the Building Code, Communications, Rodenticide, Pest Management in Schools, and Structural Fumigation committees. All the committee meetings were well attended. The meeting featured topics related to preemption issues, sulfuryl fluoride label changes, changes to the international building code that will impact pest control and the rodenticide proposed interim decision. Also, attendees heard important updates from our industry partners: CTAG, NPMA, and RISE.

The Planning Committee also spent the remainder of the week visiting event sites and performed site visits at potential hotels in the Lexington & Louisville area.

#### **2023 Annual Meetings:**

The Annual Conference was held from August 22-25, 2023, in Reno, NV at the Whitney Peaks Hotel. The annual meeting consists of ASPCRO committee meetings, non-agricultural inspector training (see further in the report for more information), ASPCRO Board of Directors (BOD)

meeting and general sessions. Our general sessions including technical topics such as, “Pest Related Bio-Contaminants & Health-Related Impacts” and topics regulatory topics, such as:

- interim mitigation decision regarding sulfuryl fluoride;
- Endangered Species Act implementation effects on non-agricultural pesticide regulation; and
- topics related to rodenticides including the proposed interim decision regarding rodenticides.

The site of the next annual meeting will still be in Lexington, KY and scheduled for August 19 – 23, 2024 at the Hilton Lexington Downtown.

#### **Inspector Training at Annual Conference:**

The BOD held inspector training as a part of the annual conference on August 22, 2023, at the Whitney Peaks Hotel in Reno, NV. The training focuses on non-agricultural pesticide compliance issues. The training included inspectors from over 10 states and covered topics such as report writing, preparing a case for enforcement and how EPA and states interact within the enforcement arena. Feedback from the 2023 training was overall favorable and suggested more advanced training for the 2024 annual inspector training.

#### **2024 Midyear Meeting:**

ASPCRO will be hosting the 2024 midyear meeting on April 23, 2024, at the Westin Portland Harborview in Portland, Maine. Registration will be open by January for the meeting.

#### **Board of Directors & ASPCRO Activities**

- **Fumigation Clearance Devices and Mitigation Measures:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its draft interim decision for the pesticide sulfuryl fluoride as part of its registration review process. The agency is proposing additional safety measures to better protect the public when this pesticide is used to fumigate homes. Concern over the accuracy (detection of 1ppm) of some of the clearance devices is at issue and EPA continues to address this with device manufacturers. ASPCRO is concerned about the effect this may have on clearance devices currently in use. Impacts to non-agricultural, residential fumigations could be wide-ranging should the devices be deemed unacceptable. ASPCRO has met with EPA regarding this issue and continues to seek open dialogue with EPA during the process until the changes are fully implemented to better support membership.
- **Rodenticide proposed interim decision (PID):** ASPCRO conducted a survey of membership considering the rodenticide PID for non-agricultural uses related to licensing and supervision. The survey is available on the ASPCRO website and indicates there are a significant number of SLAs which will be impacted by the RUP designation on current rodenticides. ASPCRO continues to monitor the process of the proposal through our Rodenticide Committee to be able to assist our membership.

- Governing Documents Review: The BOD has begun review of the by-laws per the ASPCRO's administrative policies. Any updates will be shared at the next BOD Business Meeting during the 2024 midyear meeting.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allison Cuellar".

Allison Cuellar, ASPCRO President