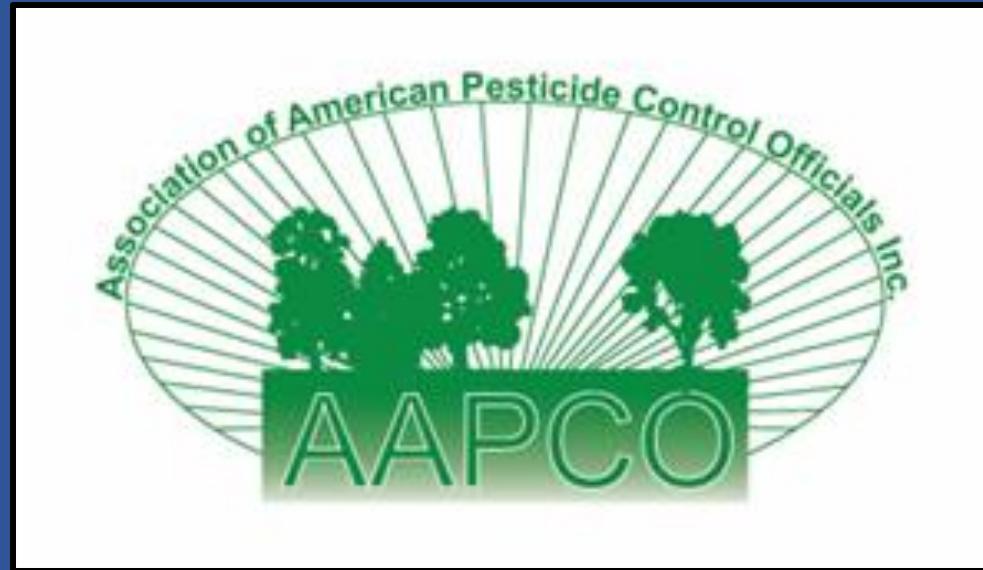


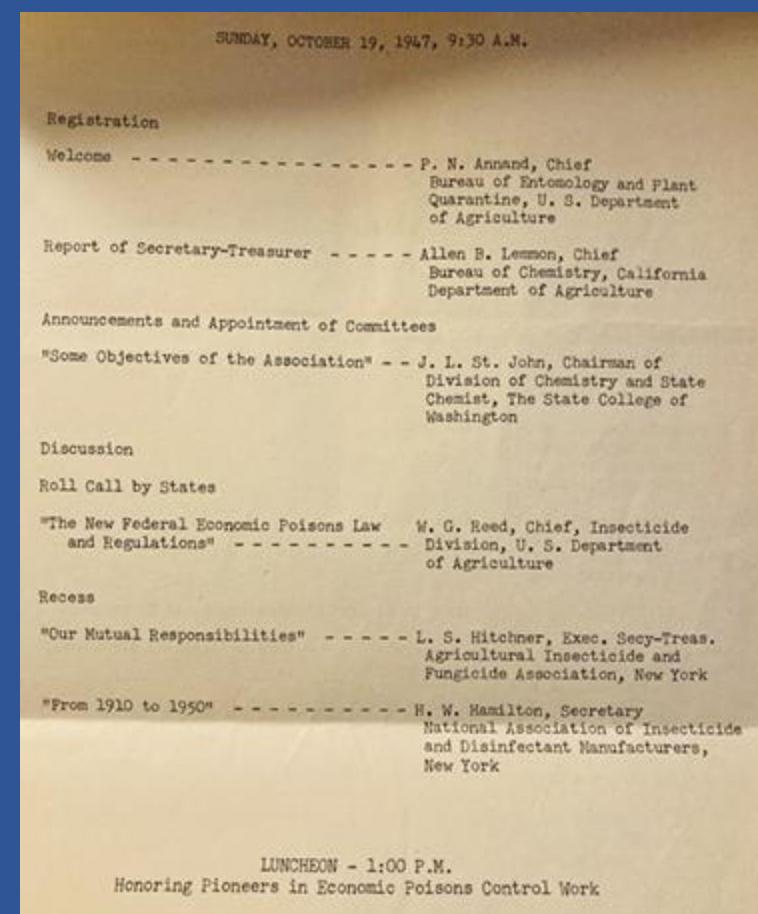
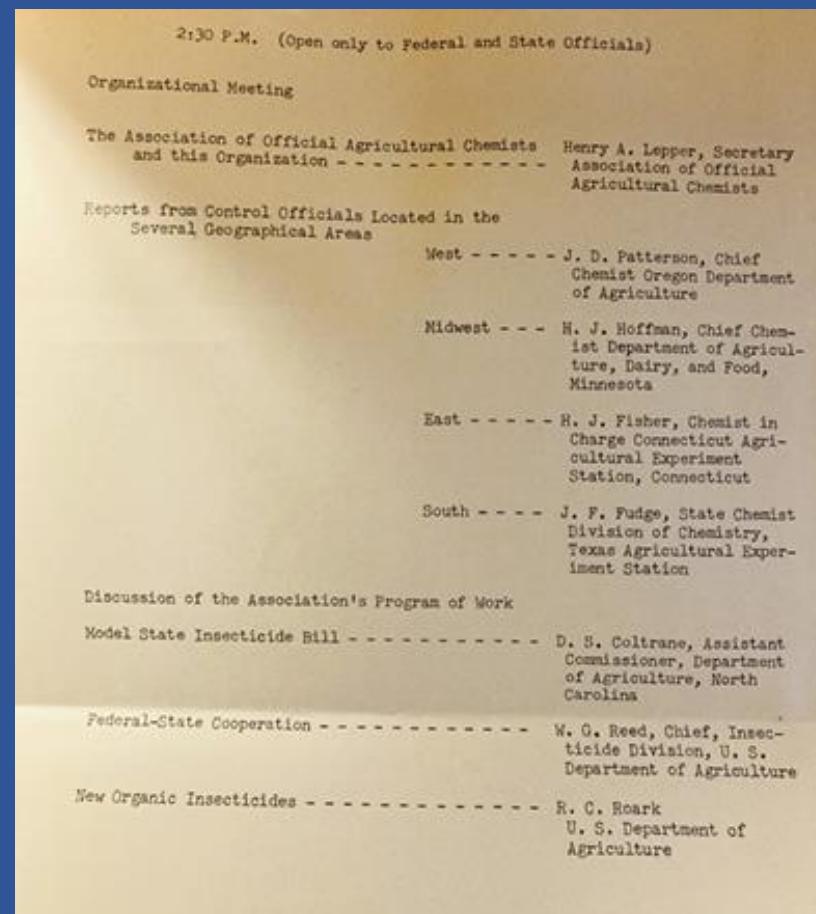
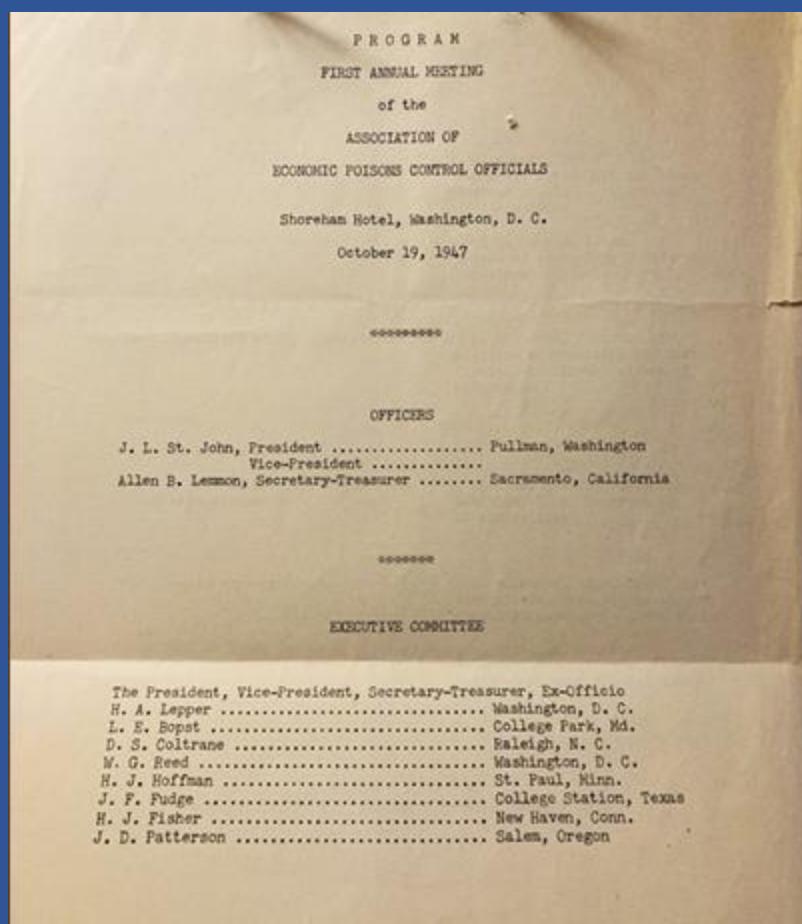
American Association of Pesticide Control Officials Update



September 16, 2024

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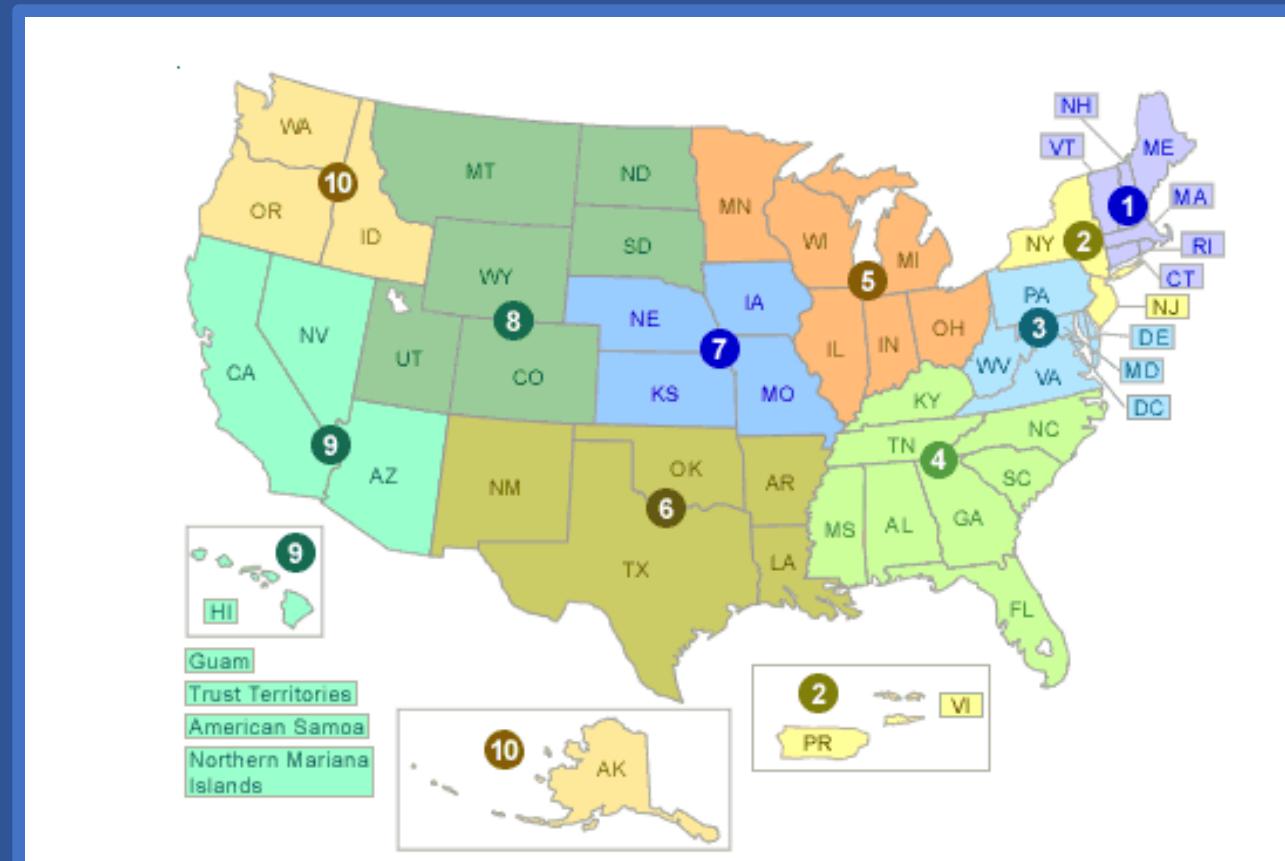
Mission - to represent states in the development, implementation, and communication of sound public policies and programs related to the sale, use, transport, and disposal of pesticides.



AAPCO

- **Provide a national forum to identify pesticide regulatory issues, solicit input, and provide solutions through policies, position papers, and lobbying activities.**
- **When it is feasible, encourage consistency and uniformity among the states in the implementation of their pesticide regulatory programs.**
- **Build partnerships and promote effective communication between AAPCO and the:**
 - U.S. Congress*
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*
 - National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)*
 - American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE)*
 - Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO)*
 - Certification and Training Assessment Group (CTAG)*
 - Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)*
 - Other Federal, State, and Local Governments, and*
 - Other organizations and stakeholders.*
- **Identify priorities and advocates for adequate EPA program funding of states. EPA funds state pesticide regulatory programs primarily through cooperative agreements that help implement federal pesticide laws, priorities, and programs.**

The **State FIFRA Issues, Research, and Evaluation Group (SFIREG)** is a Standing Committee of AAPCO that serves as the primary mechanism to address national pesticide concerns. States and Territories are represented by 10 Regional Representatives who are responsible for bringing issues to SFIREG.



SFIREG Joint-Working Committees

- Provide technical support to AAPCO members, the U.S. Congress, EPA, NASDA, AAPSE, TPPC, other Federal, State, and local governments, and other organizations and stakeholders on pesticide regulatory programs.
- Support Federal and State pesticide policies and programs that protect human health and the environment, while acknowledging the important benefits of pesticide use including consumer protection and the continued ability to secure high quality food, feed and fiber.
- Disseminate timely and useful information on relevant state and national pesticide regulatory activities and solicit input and participation from a wide range of lead agencies for pesticide regulation.

SFIREG Joint-Working Committees

Full SFIREG, which refers to the 10 State Regional Representatives and ex-officio partner members, acts as the States' and Territories' voice in determining which issues have widespread significance and how best to resolve the issues, including seeking EPA's assistance.

Full SFIREG is supported by three Working Committees:

- Pesticide Operations and Management (POM)
- Environmental Quality Issues (EQI)
- Endangered Species Implementation (ESI).

SFIREG – September 2024 Agenda Highlights

- Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) 5 – Bilingual labeling Update
- Registration and Registration Review updates
- State Lead Agency (SLA) Comment Period Topic
- Implementing Chemical Specific Human Health Spray Drift Analysis for Pesticide Registration Actions
- Digital Labeling
- Rodenticides
- PFAS and Pesticides
- Endangered Species Act (ESA) – Mitigations and Bulletins Live! Two

AAPCO – 2024 Committees

- Check Sample Program - *Ping Wan, OISC*
- Laboratory Committee - *Ashley Pierce, VA*
- Nominations - *Patrick Jones, NC*
- PIRT Steering - *Kelly Friend, FL*
- PREP Steering - *Gretchen Paluch, IA*
- SFIREG - *Steve Dwinell, VT*
 - Pesticide Operations & Management Working Committee (POM/WC)
 - Amy Brown, FL
 - Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee on (EQI/WC)
 - Hotze Wijnja, MA
 - **Endangered Species Strategy Implementation Working Committee (ESI/WC)**
 - Kevin Kern, MI



AAPCO – 2024 Workgroups

– Industry Relations - *Derrick Lastinger, GA*

– Pollinator Protection - *Pat Jones, NC*

– 25(b) Improvement - *Sarah Caffery, IN*

– Technology - *Nathan Davis, OISC*

– Endangered Species – *Harrison Walter, FL, and Kathryn Rifenburg, OR*

– E-Commerce - *Toby Primbs, OR and Tabatha Komar, NC*



AAPCO – 2024 Liaisons

- AAPSE – *Gene Merkl, MS State University*

- ASPCRO – *Allison Cueller, TX*

- NASDA – *Gretchen Paluch, IA*

- PPDC – *Brian Verhougstraete, MI*

- TPSA – *Rob Hofsetter, MD*

- CTAG - *vacant*



AAPCO – Activities & Outlook for 2024-2025

-2024 SFIREG JWC September 16-17th

-2025 Annual Meeting, March 2-5th, Hilton Old Town Alexandria, VA

-2024 ESA Compliance Workshop, September 18-19th in Philadelphia, PA, following the JWC meeting at EPA R3 (hosted by Pesticide Inspector Residential Training Program, PIRT)

-Annual AAPCO Meeting Wrap-up

-Annual Review of AAPCO Policies and Financials

-Support for SFIREG – grant, new JWC, issue papers

-Communication and coordination efforts – ongoing (!)

- Co-regulators

- Associations (various; multiple liaisons established)

- ESA (various)

- SFIREG

- PSEPs

- TPPC

AAPCO – 2024 Directors and Officers



President - Gretchen Paluch, Iowa

President-Elect - Kelly Friend, Florida

Director - Brian Verhougstraete, Michigan

Director - Colton Bond, Oregon

At Large Director - Bob Blankenburg, Alaska

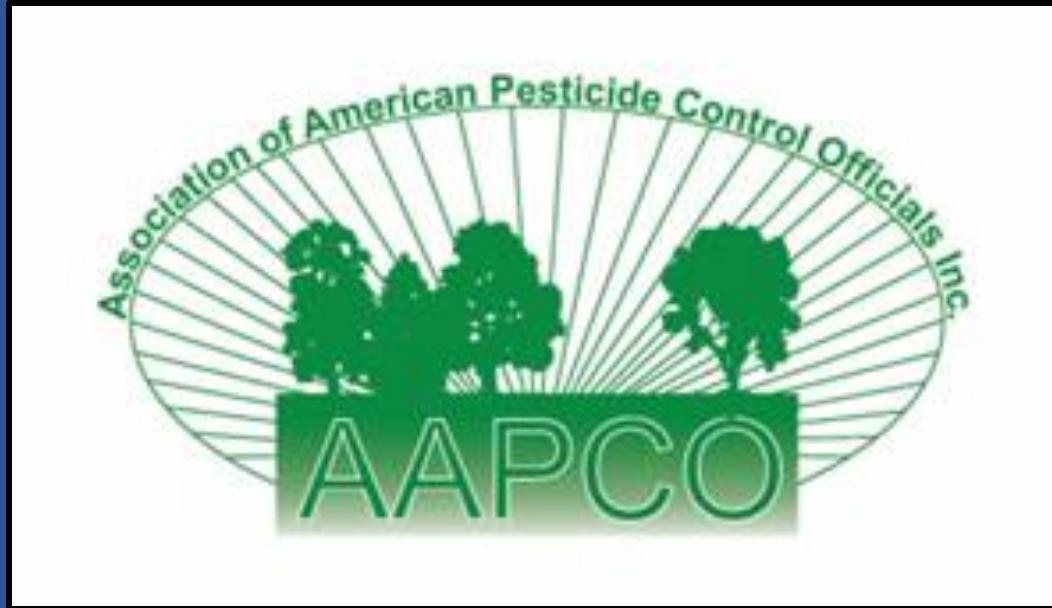
At Large Director - Sarah Caffery, Indiana

Past President - Megan Patterson, Maine

SFIREG Chair - Steve Dwinell, Vermont

Executive Secretary - Amy Sullivan

Treasurer - Gabrielle Sather-Olson



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