

The meeting began at 1:34 pm eastern time. Present on the call: Gretchen Paluch, IA; Kelly Friend, FL; Colton Bond, OR; Brian Verhousgstrate, MI; Bob Blankenburg, AK; Steve Dwinell, VT; Megan Patterson, ME; Gabrielle Sather-Olson, AAPCO Treasurer; Amy Sullivan, AAPCO Executive Secretary.

1. Sather-Olson began with the financial report, which is fairly slow at this time of the year. She also provided an update on the outstanding state membership fees. She recently cross referenced her list with the updated control officials contacts and resent the dues when appropriate. Next month the BOD will reach out to outstanding members.

2. Discussion about the September SFIREG JWC meeting then began. In the announcement it needs to be clear that not everyone will be there. Due to our inability to reimburse since the SFIREG grant has not yet been awarded, there will be limited access to only those states who can support the travel. It will be a hybrid meeting and open to all interested parties. AAPCO and SFIREG are committed to holding the meeting regardless of EPA's lateness in awarding the SFIREG funding.

There was also discussion about an ESA Compliance workshop. The goal would be to identify questions related to compliance with ESA protection label language, as well as provide recommendations to the agency to support the compliance programs. The workshop could potentially be held in Philadelphia.

3. Priority list of issues to be tackled by the board

- a. Review financial management process: Sullivan suggested outlining any financial management process questions and providing them to Sather-Olson to begin. Bond and Blankenburg agreed to work on the questions.
- b. Strategic/resource development plan: Friend will take the lead with the annual meeting, and Blankenburg, Caffery, Sather-Olson, and Sullivan will participate.
- c. Increase board participation in Annual meeting planning: Verhousgstrate will take the lead for strategic planning, with Paluch.

4. Discussion of whether AAPCO should write a formal letter for documentation purposes to EPA regarding the SFIREG funding. Discussion included length of the coregulatory commitment, congressional intent, impact on the September meeting. Communication has already occurred via email and at the OPP-AAPCO leadership meeting, as well as with our Project Officer. It may be valuable for BODs to see what happened now if they are presented with the issue in the future.

5. Paluch brought up the FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance, questioning if the BOD wanted to provide feedback. Dwinell stated that the states will be commenting. It has

been sent to the SFIREG Regional Representatives as well to coordinate SFIREG comments. The SFIREG comments will include mention of the lack of support for implementation of ESA from the compliance side of the agreement funding. Bond agreed that to not state as such is problematic but noted that it may be because the compliance activities are not well developed. It would be beneficial for OECA to state that in writing. Bond also wants to see a picklist item in the Cooperative Agreement to support PSEPs better. We need to see better support for preservation of materials to allow sales or the PSEP funding models that rely on sales need to change. Additionally, concern about NPSEC's ability to provide funding to PSEPs from sales was raised. Selling manuals through Extension won't support PSEPs.

6. Relatedly, Paluch asked if there is an opportunity for federal support for PSEPs? Including the new ESA requirements in PSEP educational programs brings up the question of if the standards of competency for applicators needs to be reviewed. The standards of competency rely on a logic model, but that model doesn't include conservation. Where is conservation addressed?
7. For the Insecticide Strategy, AAPCO's ESA Workgroup and SFIREG's ESI working committee will be commenting. Requesting a time extension was supported by the board, and will be included in SFIREG's comments, per Dwinell.
8. Annual Meeting Planning rounded out the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

