

The call began at 1:30pm eastern time. On the call: Gretchen Paluch, IA; Kelly Friend, FL; Colton Bond, OR; Brian Verhoustrate, MI; Bob Blankenburg, AK; Sarah Caffery, OISC; Gabrielle Sather-Olson, AAPCO Treasurer; Amy Sullivan, AAPCO Executive Secretary.

SFIREG Funding

Sather-Olson began by reviewing the financials, focusing on the SFIREG budget. We exceeded our SFIREG funding by about \$12,000 and will use AAPCO funds to make up the difference.

We do not have the new five-year SFIREG funding in hand. Sather-Olson explained that we have enough funds in AAPCO to cover our expenses for a few months, but the September meeting will have to be a hybrid option if we don't receive the grant by August 2, 2024. As things currently stand we are not fully funded for the grant cycle in general. The board discussed the situation in more detail. Sullivan will draft a memo to the SFIREG members about the financial limitations of the upcoming grant as well.

The board took a break to watch the House Committee on Agriculture hearing titled 'Examining the Consequences of EPA's Actions on American Agriculture'.

Policies

The board reconvened and after further discussion about the SFIREG budget, AAPCO's Whistleblower, Harassment, and Conflict of Interest policies were reviewed. The Conflict of Interest policy had two minor changes which the board approved.

The next discussion was suggested during the AAPCO policy informational sessions, which was prioritizing topics to work on. A ranking with one being highest was requested of the board members and there will be follow up at the next board meeting.

C&T Support and Coordination

Bond began with a discussion of copyright issues and psep funding. He also shared that the Certification and Training Leaders (CATL) group has decided to remain outside of AAPSE. They will have a liaison to AAPSE to be identified in the future.

There was a question about how CATL's ongoing engagement with EPA is going to be managed. Some mentioned that they would like to see a more structured agenda ahead of the meeting and a review of the frequency of the meetings. It was also proposed that perhaps CATL could review their structure related to leadership, operations, the foundational set up, etc. as the workgroup was set up quickly in an ad-hoc fashion and it may benefit from more structure moving forward.

AAPCO wants to keep supporting the PSEPs and will remain involved.

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Amy Sullivan, Executive Secretary

It doesn't appear that the SLA's have been well engaged in the process thus far. States have not be asked to participate in side conversations about software and maybe other topics as well. This effort is concentrated on master labels but not marketplace labels, and that may be why? It is possible that the bigger goal will include marketplace labels. Certainly part of the goal is to speed up EPA's process. A white paper on the effort was circulated, but they probably are not getting a lot of feedback from the states.

Verhougstraete mentioned that this effort dovetails with EPA's new IT system. The label reform outcomes could be used as a trial for the new IT system. Caffery recommended asking for an update as it has been six months since the topic was presented at AAPCO's Conference. That conversation should include a discussion of where they see state involvement. Friend was interested in exploring if this should be a potential topic for next March's conference as well. Paluch will reach out to Michelle Arling to invite her to update the board. Paluch will also follow up with EPA and the JWC chairs to further discuss the topic.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13pm et.

Respectfully,

