

The call began at 1:30pm eastern time and Sullivan joined at 2pm. On the call: Gretchen Paluch, IA; Kelly Friend, FL; Colton Bond, OR; Brian Verhougstraete, MI; Sarah Caffery, OISC; Bob Blankenburg, AK; Megan Patterson, ME; Gabrielle Sather-Olson, Treasurer; Amy Sullivan, Executive Secretary.

SFIREG Grant

The discussion began with the EPA Form 6600. There is concern about the lateness of our SFIREG grant approval and any corresponding timelines to complete the form delaying access to our funding. Standardizing timesheets is also a concern for a few of the board members, while recognizing the treasurer and executive secretary work on a salaried basis. Questions remain about whether we can amend the grant to provide more even funding through the five years. Paluch will set up a meeting with our Project Officer, Liaison, EPA's grants office and the board.

Spring Meeting

The Industry Relations Working Group has shared some ideas about the proposed poster session for Sunday's Welcome Reception. The board settled on asking five of AAPCO's committees/workgroups to provide 1-2 topics to share in the poster session.

We are looking for a Keynote speaker.

Sullivan will send out the contract and BEOs from last year's conference for review.

WPS

The committee is planning a call with EPA on the AEZ.

Croplife America is looking for a speaker for their upcoming enforcement panel, related to WPS. Something along the lines of 'states enforcement role and how we work with EPA'.

Strategic Planning

Verhougstraete has a person to discuss strategic planning with us, it would be about 3 two-hour meetings. Topics would include a review of mission and vision, goals, and objectives. There was discussion about other areas to tackle such as future planning for budgets, creating five-year plans. Engaging membership in the process was also offered up as a topic.

C&T

Bond provided an update on CATL discussions including:

- Developing a survey on manual needs
- The RFI for farmworker advocacy
- The current status of the meetings grant

- PERC's listening session related to Core Manual distribution.

Other

There was a petition for rulemaking related to misbranding that was signed by several state AG offices.

The call ended at 4:18pm eastern time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Sullivan".