

AAPCO Lab Committee Meeting

AAPCO 78th Annual Meeting

March 2-5, 2025

Hilton Alexandria Old Town, Alexandria VA

AGENDA

Day 1 - Sunday, March 2, 2025

2-5 pm **Board of Director's Meeting, open to AAPCO Members**

5:30 pm **Welcome Reception - "Into the Future" Poster Session**

Day 2 - Monday, March 3, 2025

Morning Moderator: Gretchen Paluch, AAPCO President, Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship

8:15 am Welcome and Roll Call - Gretchen Paluch, AAPCO President, Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship; Amy Sullivan, AAPCO Executive Secretary

8:45 am AAPCO's Year in Review - Gretchen Paluch, AAPCO President, Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship

9:15 am Keynote - Kimberly Nesci, Director, Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP), Office of the Chief Economist, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

9:45 am Break

10:00 am State FIFRA Issues, Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Update – Steve Dwinell, Director, Public Health & Agricultural Resource Management Division, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and SFIREG Chair

10:30 am Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee (POM) Update – Amy Brown, Chief of Scientific Evaluation and Technical Assistance, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and POM Chair

10:45 am Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee (EQI) Update - Hotze Wijnja, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, and EQI Chair

11:00 am Endangered Species Strategy Implementation Working Committee (ESI) Update – Kevin Kern, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and ESI Chair

11:15 am Lunch on your own

Afternoon Lab Committee Break-Out Session: Potomac Room

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- 1:15 pm** **Welcome and Roll Call** – Ashley Pierce, AAPCO Laboratory Committee Chair, Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services
- 1:30 pm** **Year in Review, AAPCO Annual Report, SFIREG Liaison Report** - Ashley Pierce, AAPCO Laboratory Committee Chair, Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, Jona Verreth, AAPCO Laboratory Committee SFIREG Liaison, Montana Analytical Laboratory Bureau
- 1:45 pm** **Wisconsin Check Sample Report**- Matthew J. Gramse, Chemistry Section Manager – Bureau of Laboratory Services/ Division of Management Services, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- 2:00 pm** **Indiana Formulation Check Sample Report** – Ping Wan, Chair, AAPCO Check Sample Program, Supervisor, Pesticide Laboratories Office of Indiana State Chemist
- 2:15 pm** **2024 State Lab Updates: Samples, Scope, and Program Changes**
- Each lab should prepare to give their labs update on the following:
 - samples tested in 2024
 - testing scope
 - special projects
 - issues or roadblocks
 - home runs or hoorays
 - changes in pesticide program (add/lose people?) etc*)
- 2:45 pm** **Break**
- 3:00 pm** **2024 State Lab Updates Continued / Open Discussion**
- 4:00 pm** **Adjourn**

Day 3 - Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Lab Committee Break-Out Session: Potomac Room

- 9:00 am** **Pesticide Registration Process for Manufacturers** - Janet Hou, State Regulatory Affairs Manager, BASF and Anna Thomas, BASF
- 9:45 am** **Break**
- 10:00 am** **Tackling Emerging Issues: State Roundtable/Discussion**
- Pesticide formulations and residues
 - Legislation
 - Challenging analytes
 - ISO accreditation status
 - Validation vs. Verification of published validated method
 - New methylene chloride guidance
 - HR/Staffing

- 11:00 am** **User Perspectives on High-Resolution LCMS vs. QqQ: An Honest Comparison –**
Yoko Johnson, Supervisor, Pesticide Analysis Unit Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Laboratory Services Division
- 11:45 pm** **Lunch on your own**
- 1:00 pm** **Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) -** Mary Goldade, Regional QA Manager
(EPA, Region 8 LSASD)
- 2:00 pm** **National Workshop Funding Discussion -** Kelly Engle (EPA, OECA/OC)

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- 2:45 pm** **Break**
- 3:00 pm** **AAPCO Business Meeting in Main Room**
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm** **President’s Reception, Grand Ballroom Foyer**

Day 4 - Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Morning Moderators: Sarah Caffery, AAPCO Director at Large, Office of the Indiana State Chemist
and Bob Blankenburg, AAPCO Director at Large, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

- 8:00 am** **The Future of Pesticide Labels –** Sarah Hovinga, Regulatory Policy, Bayer
CropScience; Taylor Wetli, US Commercial & Business Development Manager,
Solinftec; Hal Ambuter, Head of Global Digitalization and Regulatory Compliance,
Arxada; Scott Mueller, Head of Business Development, Compass Regulatory; Tim
Deppen, NPIRS Program Manager, Center for Environmental and Regulatory
Information Systems
- 10:00 am** **Break**
- 10:30 am** **E-commerce Panel –** Toby Primbs, Compliance and Enforcement Manager, Oregon
Department of Agriculture; Otto Oemig, Pesticide Programs Unit Supervisor, Wisconsin
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; Faye Golden, Director of
Governmental Affairs, Cook’s Pest Control, Inc.; and Bonnie Rabe, Managing Director of
Government Relations, Rollins
- 11:30 am** **Closing Remarks -** Kelly Friend, AAPCO President-Elect, Florida Department of
Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 12:00 pm** **Adjourn**