

AAPCO's 78th Annual Meeting
March 2-5, 2025
Hilton Alexandria Old Town, Alexandria VA
AGENDA

Sunday, March 2

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

5:30 pm **Welcome Reception** – “Into the Future” Poster Session

Monday, March 3

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)

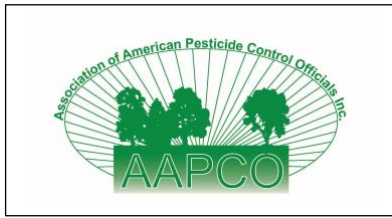
9:45 am Break

10:00 **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



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11:15 Lunch on your own.

Afternoon Moderator: Kelly Friend, AAPCO President-Elect, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

1:15 pm **Health Canada Regulatory Operations and Enforcement Branch** - Annie-France Gravel, National Director, Pesticide Compliance Program, Regulatory Operations & Enforcement Branch

1:45 pm **Update from National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)** - Patrick Wade, Director of Public Policy, NASDA

2:15 pm **Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) Update** - Allison Cuellar, Texas Department of Agriculture and ASPCRO President

2:45 pm Break

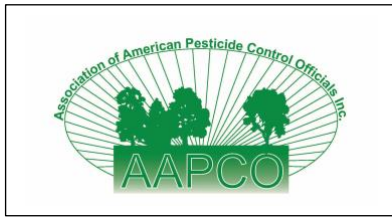
3:00 pm **Update from the American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE)** - Gene Merkl, Program Manager, Pesticide Applicator Recertification and Training, Mississippi State University and AAPSE President

3:15 pm **Update from the Certification and Training Leaders (CATL)** -Kaci Buhl, Statewide PSEP Director, Associate Professor of Practice, Oregon State University, and Co-Facilitator of CATL

3:30 pm **Update from the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)** - Kaci Buhl, Statewide PSEP Director, Associate Professor of Practice, Oregon State University, and Co-Investigator, NPIC

3:45 pm **California's New SprayDays System**, Ken Everett, Deputy Director of Enforcement, Pesticide Programs Division, California Department of Pesticide Regulation

4:15 pm **Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (PIRT) Update** - Amy Sullivan, PIRT Administrator and AAPCO Executive Secretary



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4:30 pm **Happy Birthday, PREP! 35 Years and Much More to Come** – Lisa Blecker, Administrator for the Pesticide Regulatory Education Program (PREP), Colorado State University

5:00 pm Adjourn

Tuesday, March 4

Morning Moderator: Brian Verhougstraete, AAPCO Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Pat Farquhar, AAPCO Director, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

8:00 am **ESA Panel #1: Regulatory Perspective**
Steve Dwinell, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, SFIREG; Cary Giguere, Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (PIRT); Harris Walters, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, AAPCO ESA Workgroup and Kevin Kern, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, SFIREG ESI Working Committee

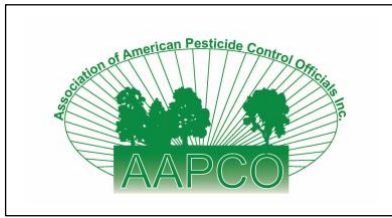
9:45 am Break

10:00 am **ESA Panel #2: Stakeholder Perspective**
Clayton Myers, USDA - Office of Pest Management Policy; Dillon Gabbert, CropLife America and RISE; and Kim Brown, University of Tennessee Extension

11:10 am **ESA Working Session & Discussion: Working Together for a Successful Implementation**
Panelist from ESA Session #1 and #2

11:45 am Lunch on your own

1:15 pm **Certification Exams: Old Issues Reconsidered** – Drew Martin, Office of the Indiana State Chemist



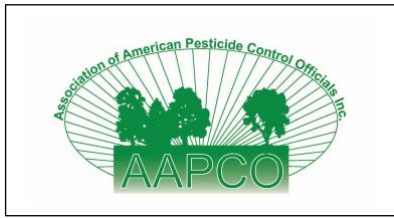
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- 2:00 pm **PERC Projects Update**
Suzanne Forsyth, Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC), UC Davis; Jenna Gibbs, Ag Health and Safety Alliance; Carmina Hansen, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Kaci Buhl, Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC), Oregon State University
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:00 pm **AAPCO Business Meeting**
- 5:00 pm Adjourn
- 6:00 pm **President's Reception, Grand Ballroom Foyer**

Wednesday, March 5

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



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- 11:30 am **Closing Remarks** – Kelly Friend, AAPCO President-Elect, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 12:00 pm Adjourn