



# American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) Report

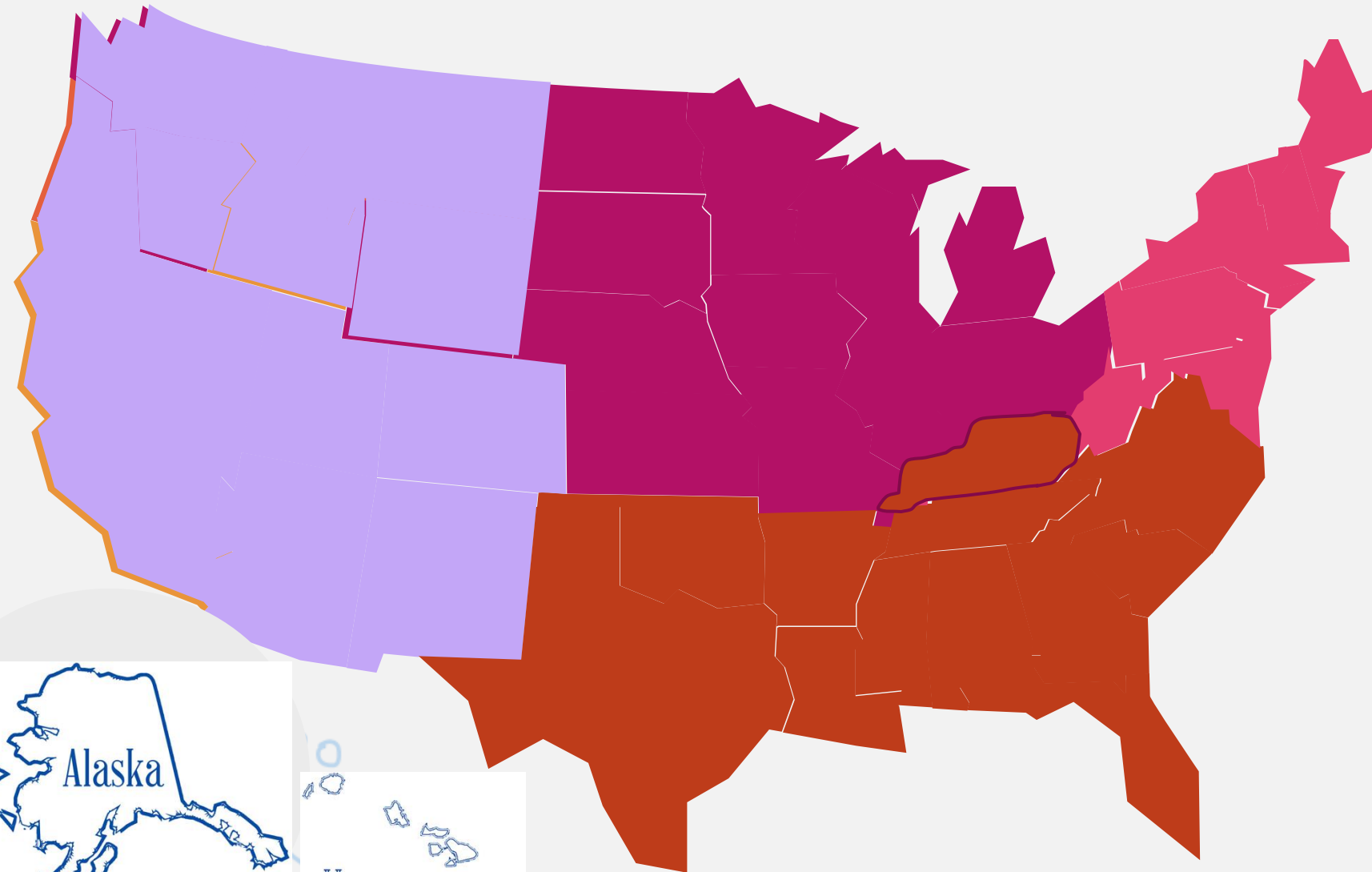
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# Current Executive Committee 2024-25

– *New officer installation July 2025*

- President: Gene Merkl
- President-Elect: Sherman Takatori
- Secretary: Franny Miller
- Treasurer: Sonja Thomas
- Past President: Amanda Bachmann
- Webmaster: Sarah Kingsley-Richards

# AAPSE Regions



237 members  
-SLAs  
-Industry  
-PSEPs

Northeast

North Central

Southern

Western



# The Journal of Pesticide Safety Education (JPSE)

*-Online*

*-Open-Access*

*-Peer-Reviewed*

*-Publishes annually*

**Mike Weaver - Editor-in-Chief**

Professor Emeritus of Entomology; retired director of VT Pesticide Programs, Virginia Tech

**Fred Whitford - Associate Editor**

Clinical Engagement Professor & Director of Purdue Pesticide Programs, Purdue University

**Susan Terwilliger - Assistant Editor**

Retired publications manager & editor, VT Pesticide Programs, Virginia Tech

**Dean Herzfeld - Contributing (Legacy) Editor - AAPSE Legacies and History**

Collaboration Team & Education Facilitator, National Pesticide Safety Education Center; retired PSEP Coordinator, University of Minnesota

**Dan Wixted - Contributing (Article) Editor - Short Commentaries and Non-Research Articles**

Extension Support Specialist, Cornell University

**Jason Ferrell - Contributing (Review) Editor - Book and Media Reviews**

Director, Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants/Pesticide Information Office, University of Florida

**Andrew Martin - Contributing (Science) Editor of Science and Research-Based Articles**

Exam Development Specialist, Office of Indiana State Chemist, Purdue University



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ESA Training Webinar
- Beating Burnout Webinar
- Drone Safety Webinar

### NEW INVOLVEMENT!

- Certification and Training Leaders (CATL) resumed
- AAPSE / ESA Workgroup resumed
- Support Letter for PERC

# Public comments for 2024-25

- ▶ Support letter for PERC
- ▶ National Farmworker Training

## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Annual Membership Meeting and Conference**

Gulfport, MS July 28-31, 2025

- ▶ **Regional meetings**

*Western Region-April 29-May 1, 2025*

Southern Region – June 9-12, 2025

- ▶ **Webinars**

Pollinator and Pesticide Stewardship – Sep. 10, 2025



## Vision for 2025 and Beyond

- ▶ **Affirm AAPSE's Leadership in Certification and Training Programs**
- ▶ **Optimize Collaboration to secure PSEP funding**
- ▶ **Expand AAPSE Influence with Stakeholders**
- ▶ **Provide Permanent Hosting / Administration for CTAG**





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