

**American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators
Minutes of the General Business Meeting**

Carnation Room, Ala Moana Hotel
August 14, 2003
Honolulu, Hawaii

1. Call to Order (Brown)

The General Business meeting of the American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators was called to order by President Amy Brown at 1:15 p.m. Amy announced that it was the 10-year anniversary of AAPSE.

2. Minutes (Nesheim)

The minutes of the 2001 AAPSE General Business Meeting in San Antonio, TX were presented. Brown asked for any corrections. On the 4th page, change spelling of 'plagues' to 'plaques'. Carl Martin moved and Larry Schulze seconded that the 2002 General Business minutes be approved with the changes. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report (Ramsay)

Carol Ramsay presented the Treasurer's report reporting a balance of \$45,703.44. The account breakdown dated 7/28/03 is as follows:

Gift – savings	\$1,003.31
Operations CD's	6,011.42
Operations checking	1,937.48
Operations savings	31,229.78
PSEC checking	0.00
PSEC savings	5,521.45

Phil Nixon moved and Carl Martin seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

4. Audit Report (Hamilton)

George Hamilton and his committee reviewed AAPSE's accounts, statements, and financial records. All were found to be in order. Some recommendations were suggested: reduce number of accounts, continue to use Quicken, consider using the same bank to eliminate changing banks when mailing checks. The new and old treasurer will need to meet to discuss the bank and check decisions that need to be made. Carl Martin moved and Andrew Thostenson seconded to accept the auditors report. Motion carried.

5. Presidents Report - AAPSE Accomplishments (Brown)

Amy Brown summarized AAPSE goals.

- a. Broadened with addition of SLA's
- b. Contacts have expanded
- c. Accomplishments
 1. Electronic elections – 1st time
 2. Membership pins & flyers
 3. Recognitions & Resolutions – awards presented
 4. PSEP Funding Crisis – role of AAPSE
 - went in feet first
 - surveyed states for impacts and learned how funding was used
 - state contacts were notified
 - identified states who had forward spent
 - a well documented case sent to EPA

6. Summary of the Board of Directors Meeting

Amy Brown summarized the August 10 Board of Directors meeting. Discussion and actions were organized by Committee and Liaison Reports, as follows:

• Articles and By-Laws Committee

The Articles and By-Laws committee is working on special elections language.

• E-Services Committee

The AAPSE committee files are being updated on the website. The Board approved a policy to establish links on the AAPSE website to refer inquiries to established websites on pesticide safety programs, University, and regulatory certification sites. AAPSE will not provide links for commercial links, but will provide links to national and international web sites that are directly related to pesticide safety education programs such as professional societies and government sites. These recommendations will be published and put into the guidelines. Carol Ramsay has asked to step down from the committee.

• Membership and Public Relations

The Board has recommended that the current treasurer serve on the Membership & Public Relation committee. Dean Herzfeld will be added.

Discussion: It was asked if AAPSE golf shirts should be made available again. The committee will investigate the possibility. Joanne asked to step down from

the committee. Carol Ramsay will be added to the committee for the next two years.

• **Nominations and Election**

The membership was reminded that, in line with the guidelines for this committee, the new chair should be selected from those who served on old Nominations and Election committee. It helps with continuity and with the historical memories of the organization. A guidance document was developed by Pat Hipkins to use for electronic elections. The Board recommended the following points be added to the document:

1. Use committee member website instead of the AAPSE secretary website.
2. Provide two weeks lead time prior to elections to notify membership.
3. If possible, allow 3 weeks voting period.

• **Non-English Language Materials for Pesticide Information**

The Board recommended that the Committee prepare an article for submission to JPSE.

Discussion: It was noted that there are still several slots open for committee members.

• **Recognition and Resolutions**

The committee has identified the types of awards to be presented: AAPSE Fellow, AAPSE Honorary Membership, and special distinguished achievement awards in the areas of Education and Training and Certification and Licensing. All these awards would be awarded annually but recognized biennially in front of peers. The number of awards would be left up to the committee. A packet of criteria will be put together for each award and names will be solicited.

Discussion: It was suggested that past members be considered for these awards (especially the founders).

• **Urban, IPM and Outreach**

The committee reported the completion of the guidance document and is monitoring HB121.

• **Pesticides and National Strategies for Health Care Providers**

The Board approved three motions as follows:

1. AAPSE will prepare a letter of support stressing the importance of including recognition and treatment of pesticide exposure symptoms into existing curricula for medical and nursing students. The letter would be available to be sent to nursing and medical schools. The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF) would handle distribution.

2. AAPSE will encourage members and other trainers to include exposure and symptom recognition into applicator training, stressing the importance of applicators communicating appropriate and complete information when seeking treatment for illness. The purpose would be to encourage a more complete environmental history.

3. AAPSE will encourage members to be prepared to serve as resources on pesticide information for health care providers.

Discussion: A suggestion was made to prepare a slide set on how to train your applicators to train the doctors in their communities about exposures from pesticides.

☪ **SFIREG**

There are multiple REI's on labels. The AAPSE Board supports the concept of multiple REI's on labels because they help maintain products available to users. The Board recognized that there would be impacts on training.

- **National Pesticide Stewardship Alliance**

NPSA wants to foster a closer relationship with AAPSE. AAPSE recommended to NPSA that our current Liaison, Pat Hipkins, be appointed to the NPSA Advisory Board and that Pat also be appointed an ex officio member of the NPSA Board of Directors.

Discussion: NPSA provided a letter of support on the PSEP funding issue and was recognized, along with NASDA and CropLife America, by a letter of appreciation from the AAPSE President. The NPSA meeting will be October 19-22 in Tuscon, AZ. A brochure is available on the web. They have asked for a presentation from AAPSE for their program on our funding issue.

☪ **Competency Standards for Pesticide Safety Educators**

There was much discussion of this CTAG subcommittee proposal during the AAPSE Board Meeting. The Board expressed support for maintenance and improvement of professionalism in pesticide safety education, but could not agree on elements proposed by the CTAG workgroup.

Discussion: A suggestion was made to compromise in a 2-step process. Try the standards out internally before full implementation. Carl Martin, one of the co-chairs of the workgroup, with Pat Hipkins and Al Muench, reported that all the talk currently has been with AAPSE members and now it needs to broaden the group.

▲ Journal of Pesticide Safety Education

The Board heard discussion of problems that may be keeping JPSE from advancing to where AAPSE would like it to be. Mike Weaver, Editor-in-Chief, informed the Board that he had scheduled a meeting to discuss issues.

Discussion: Mike Weaver held a meeting with the JPSE Editorial Board and other interested parties August 13. During that meeting, some editors were rotated off the Board, new editors were assigned, and it was decided that there should be a cut-off date for completion of articles to a particular stage in order to appear in any particular issue of the Journal. It was noted that the cut-off point for submitting articles for Volume 5 is soon. It is in the formatting stage. More members are needed for the board of review. More articles are needed for the journal.

7. Professional Development

Conference training will be in off years (2004 next date). A sheet of topics was distributed to the members. It was suggested to get dates and rank the topics. The committee will develop the conference after the topics are chosen. Another suggestion was made to share our topic list with EPA so some of the topics could possibly be covered during PREP sessions.

8. General Discussion:

Carol Ramsay announced that 166 people attended the C&T Workshop and 109 attended the AAPSE reception. There are 173 current members of AAPSE. Joanne Kick-Raack indicated that 83 membership pins had been distributed.

Barry Brennan suggested that AAPSE members should feel comfortable with seeking additional funding to support programs. He also thought that AAPSE should become a member of CAST (Council for Agricultural Science and Technology). He also thought that we should organize and archive AAPSE papers.

Win Hock suggested the use of existing PSEP dollars as seed money for professional development activities.

Fred Whitford reported there is an ongoing history project at Purdue to archive pesticide applicator training in Indiana. It was suggested that a similar effort

begin on a national level. A core group of Mike Weaver, Fred Whitford, Norm Nesheim, and Mary Grodner will start this process. It is important not to lose the history of the organization and training effort.

A special thanks was given to Wayne Buhler for having all the board reports done ahead of time. Helped save time during the Board meeting.

Jim Criswell suggested that all partners should be allowed to present in opening session at the C & T Workshop such as EPA and USDA. Amy Brown responded that AAPSE does not determine the agenda for the C & T Workshop. However, she said the comment would be noted and the request passed on to the next planning committee, as AAPSE is asked to have a representative on the committee.

9. Announcements:

Pat Hipkins reported that something was delivered to Larry Schulze. It was dog biscuit, which is a standing joke for him. (You had to be there!)

Mike Weaver needs pictures of meeting attendees, officers, and awards winners after the meeting.

10. Awards Ceremony:

Gina Davis was presented with the AAPSE Board of Directors Award for Service for dedicated and valuable service to AAPSE in fulfillment of her role as the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials Liaison to AAPSE, 2000-2003; and for innovative leadership as North Central Representative to the AAPSE Board of Directors, 2001-2002.

Carol Ramsay, outgoing treasurer, was presented with the AAPSE Board of Directors Award for Service for her numerous contributions to the Association during her tenure on the Executive Committee.

Norm Nesheim, outgoing Past President, was awarded a plaque in appreciation for outstanding leadership and service to AAPSE as President Elect, President, and Past President, 1997 to 2003.

11. Installation of New Officers:

Installation of officers was held:

President - Win Hock
President Elect – Joanne Kick-Raack
Secretary - Bob Wolf
Treasurer - Dean Herzfeld

Brown recognized Win Hock for outstanding service as President Elect and extended best wishes to him as the new President of AAPSE.

12. Comments from the new President (Win Hock)

Win Hock commented that we are a stronger organization because of the funding crisis and that we will continue to work with EPA and USDA to strengthen our program. The AAPSE organization will continue to conduct day-to-day business and function through the Executive Board members. He advises all members to become involved.

13. Adjournment

Carl Martin moved and Mark Shour seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Wolf
Secretary