

Minutes - AAPSE BOD Conference Call Meeting - April 15, 2005

Attending:

Win Hock
Joanne Kick-Raack
Amy Brown
Bob Wolf
Dean Herzfeld
Larry Schulze
Phil Nixon
Dave Scott
Wayne Buhler
Carrie Foss

Not attending:

Ples Spradley
Robert Gorman
Natalia Clifton

Meeting called to order at 1:03 Eastern daylight time.

Discussion item #1:

EPA Failing Grade - OMB PERT Report

1. OMB wants improved performance measures
2. Poor accountability of current programs

Concerns expressed by AAPSE BOD:

1. What are the performance measures?
2. Are the PPRS reports useful to this end?
3. Will AAPSE/PSEP Coordinators feel EPA support funds for the PSEP not worth the agony and hassle?
4. Are we dealing with an agenda for which AAPSE has no control?
4. Is EPA using this to justify cuts as requested from President?

AAPSE BOD considerations for action:

1. Revise PPRS reports.
2. Offer to help Kevin figure out solutions that will help EPA improve the next report.
3. Provide samples of PPRS reports to PPDC. As suggested by Bruce Paulsrud (Illinois).

Action items:

1. Revise reports. Not viable option since we do not know for certain what EPA

- wants measured.
2. Win to email Kevin Keaney to offer our help. Joanne will follow up with questions to Kevin at Western Meeting.
 3. Motion. Joanne moved and Dean seconded that the Membership and Public Relations committee be assigned to prepare a very brief annual summary (1-2 pages) of PSEP Programs that could be included in a packet that Jim Jones provides to the PPDC prior to their meetings. Passed.

Discussion item #2:

Letter to Jim Jones stating AASPE's concern to EPA regarding proposed EPA STAG funds budget cuts.

Action items:

1. Win will prepare the letter for BOD approval.
2. Win will prepare similar letter and send to the following:
 - a. Charlie Ingram - NASDA
 - b. Jon Scholl (Ag Counselor to Steve Johnson-EPA)

Meeting adjourned – 2:10 EDT