

**American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

August 8, 1999
Holiday Inn by the Bay
Portland, ME

1. Call to Order (Barry Brennan)

The AAPSE Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Brennan at 8:10 a.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Minutes (Gene Burgess)

The minutes of the spring meeting were distributed. Suzanne Deatherage moved and Carrol Ramsay seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report (Carol Ramsay)

Two different checking accounts were set up:

Membership (dues)

Conference registrations

Two one year Certificates of Deposit were opened.

Grand total from these accounts is \$10,609.60

We owe University of Arizona \$550.00.

For the feasibility study we received three major donations:

RISE \$2,500.00

ACPA \$7,500.00

Univ. of CA \$5,000.00

After the meeting at the end of June, about \$5,200 has been spent.

According to IRS we do not have to file income tax unless we generate over \$10,000. We did not do that in FY98, but in FY99 with the PSEC grants we will have to file something with IRS next year.

Brennan reminded everyone that we do have some money for travel if someone needs to come to a Board meeting or you are representing AAPSE at a meeting.

Ramsay passed out a current membership list of those who have paid their dues for 1999. There are 119 total members of which 48 were non-extension and 84 were extension. So, for the vote we need a consensus from 84.

Mary Grodner moved and Norm Nesheim seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

1. **President's Report (Brennan)**

Barry gave a brief history of the Association. He reviewed the accomplishments which the Association has made under the five goals which were established two years ago. They were as follows:

- Reorganize the committees.
- Incorporation of AAPSE
- Establish partnerships
- Professional Improvements
- Develop an outreach capability

Brennan thanked Ramsay for all her work in getting our association incorporated in 1998; and acknowledged her work in changing the Constitution, Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws changes. We now have a provisional approval from IRS to operate as a 501 (3) (c) non-profit organization. And, he also thanked Burgess for handling the voting process.

Following Brennan's summary of the accomplishments of the five goals, he thanked all the people working on committees and others who have contributed to the advancement of AAPSE. Brennan stated that everyone had made a difference to AAPSE and everyone has helped AAPSE make a difference on how the pesticide safety training program functions as a true risk mitigation program.

2. **Old Business**

Fumigation Training and Certification

Jim Criswell has been working to set up a training program for the aluminum phosphide / magnesium phosphide training. OPMP has looked at this training as a true risk mitigation program. We will continue working with Criswell, APSCRO, and OPMP on this issue.

AAPSE Role in Regional Meetings

AAPSE has served to handle registration at regional pesticide education and certification meetings. The question is what role should AAPSE be taking in helping set up some of the regional meetings?

Western Region – Two representatives are responsible for putting together an agenda for the regional meeting. The junior regional representative assists the senior representative.

Southern Region – They are beginning to start this system. Paul Guillibeau is the senior representative and program chair. Deatherage is the junior representative and will be program chair.

North Central Region – They meet every other year (when the national meeting is not conducted).

North Eastern Region – They have their own structure.

AAPSE is sharing leadership, providing service in the regions. This relationship creates strength in the organization in the region.

It was noted that AAPSE needs to proceed with caution in having AAPSE at regional meetings, because when we are holding an AAPSE regional meeting that the full membership is invited. Win Hock noted that the North East region has had tri-agency meetings (Extension, SLA, EPA regions 1,2,& 3), which has worked very well. Brennan noted that we need to get everyone to understand why we have done this in some regions and the potential for bringing some people in as a true tri-agency meeting and AAPSE being a true tri-agency organization.

Articles and By-Laws (Ramsay)

Ramsay briefly discussed the voting and balloting process. Copies of the Articles and By-Laws and rational for change will be on the display table. An envelope will be available to place ballots. We need a quorum of 2/3. The first vote will not count, so everyone needs to vote again.

3. New Business

PSEC Feasibility Study

Most of this topic was covered in the President's report. Brennan reported meeting with the American Crop Protection Association (ACPA) representative Karen Rearden. He gave her an oral report on our progress. He met with a RISE representative, Alan James, who was at a meeting with the pesticide initiative of the Pesticide and Health Care Providers. His only concern was related to the budget of \$100,000 / center/ year. He thinks this is about one-half of the real cost. He felt that the concept was acceptable.

Time line of the Pesticide Safety Education Center (PSEC) feasibility study: it should be completed in six months, commitments made from two universities in twelve months, and to obtain funding to set up the centers in 18 months.

2000 AAPSE Spring Meeting

The function of the spring meeting was discussed at length. Presently, we have a Board of Directors meeting and a General business meeting on years in conjunction with the National Pesticide Education and Certification meeting. On alternate years, we have been having a Board of Directors meeting during the AAPCO spring meeting.

Several questions arise:

1. Do we need an annual business meeting for the membership and how do we do it?
2. Whether AAPSE should continue meeting with AAPCO and if so, in what capacity.

3. Do we want to have a Board of Directors meeting and a General Business meeting on the off years with AAPCO? Part of the problem is that some of the certification managers are not able to attend the AAPCO spring meeting.

Several options were discussed:

1. To conduct a Board of Directors and General Business meetings in conjunction with the national meeting; and a Board of Directors meeting only in alternate years in conjunction with the AAPCO spring.
2. To communicate by electronic mail on issues to the general membership in alternate years.
3. To have a General Business meeting in conjunction with the regional meetings.

Brian Swingle stated that he does not see state agencies finding new monies to send people to an additional meeting. This is the only meeting where we have EPA, SLA and CES representatives.

Dean Herzfeld stated that a national educational meeting every two years is probably enough.

Hock stated that if we intend on keeping the image of the association high, then we need to meet at least annually.

There was general agreement that we need to have the annual business meeting next spring in conjunction with the AAPCO spring meeting. The Board of Directors needs to let their feelings known to the Executive Committee, because they set the meeting.

AAPCO Support of Pesticide Education

The President of AAPCO, Bob Bateese, has sent a letter to USDA to request more funding for the PAT program. His letter expresses all of our concerns.

Non-Extension University Personnel Membership Status

Our current Articles and By-Laws indicate that in order to hold full AAPSE membership, one must be a part of the Cooperative Extension service. We are going to vote on bringing in the SLAs. The Association needs to consider others who may become involved in the PAT program and want join our Association, such as, vocational agriculture, tribes, EPA, community colleges, School of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health, Agri-Medicine etc. Some consultants in private enterprise, who are involved in safety training may want to join. Presently any of these individuals may join the Association as associate members.

Herzfeld mentioned that the Membership Committee is looking at SLAs, tribes, and federal agencies who are involved in certification and training. If we discontinue working with the official sanctioned certification and training program that is done in Cooperative Extension, it is a major shift in which we are taking the organization. We are saying that

the certification and training does not officially have to be connected with the official certification and training program. You only need to be involved in some aspect of pesticide safety training and education and risk mitigation. This is a major shift.

The nonprofit and for profit organizations were briefly discussed with reference to fees. We need to consider that non-profits and organizations with public support are different and they go after grants.

Grodner moved, Burgess seconded, to refer the non-extension membership issue to the Membership Committee to study and report back to the Board. The motion passed.

Mike Weaver suggested that we recognize our retired people who have provided building blocks for the organization. A luncheon or life time membership were mentioned. Brennan referred this to the Recognition and Resolution Committee to study.

Chlorine Gas

Hock mentioned that chlorine gas is going on the restricted use list. Impson asked PA to develop a PAT training manual. Kerry Richards, PA, put together a proposal for Impson. It also includes other uses in the pulp and paper industry and food processing industry.

1. Announcements

AAPCO meeting	March 6-8, 2000
Risk Mitigation meeting	Same time as AAPSE meeting
Southern Regional meeting	September 28-29, Baton Rouge Hilton
Feasibility Study meeting	September 26, 1999, Baton Rouge Hilton

2. Adjourn

Grodner moved to adjourn. Seconded. Passed. The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Burgess
AAPSE Secretary

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(with corrections and edits)