

AAPSE 2010 Board of Directors Meeting
Sept 29 and 20, 2010
Manchester, New Hampshire

Attending

Jim Parochetti, Fudd Graham, Kay Harris, Ron Gardner, Dan Wixted, Richard Beard, Ples Spradley, Dean Herzfeld, Andrew Thostenson, Candace Bartholomew . Ed Crow and Scott Brett by conf. call

Members present: Amy Brown, Kerry Richards, Bill Riden

Quorum was present for official business.

Old Business:

Committee and Liaison Reports:

Committee Reports

Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws Committee

- Timing of elections and member non-renewal

Current by-laws set membership on a calendar year basis and provides for a six month grace period with full membership. For for non-renewing new members with membership revoked at the end of June. Only members in good standing can vote in elections and elections for national officers are often before the June revocation of membership for non-renewal with lack of clarity of who are members in good standing for elections. After lengthy discussion Andrew Thostenson moved that we adopt a March 31 end date for the grace period of membership renewals, seconded by Fudd Graham. Discussion noted such a change will require a by-Laws change and with a vote by membership. Andrew Thostonsen called the question, motion carried unanimously.

- Date of Annual Business Meeting

Board discussed best time to hold the annual business meeting. Ples Spradley moved that the phrase in Article IV Section 3. "calendar year following an election" be removed from constitution, and by-laws committee is asked to recommend language be put into a guidance document rather than in the by-laws. The motion was seconded by Richard Ridden. Andrew Thostenson called the question, motion carried. The motion will require a by laws change and vote by the membership.

- Issues with election of regional board members.

Currently electing a regional rep requires a majority of votes. If there are more than three candidates a majority of votes may not be reached for any candidates. Ples Spradely moved to change the by-laws from majority to plurality, seconded by Ron Gardener. Motion carried. The motion will require a by laws change and vote by the membership.

- Filling vacancy of president-elect.

If the President elect resigned and the President is completing his or her term, then two national offices open. The constitution does not address this situation in language for appointing a person to fill an office vacancy. There was also discussion to add provisions to the AAPSE's guidance document to give authority to the Board of Directors to deal with unusual situations not specified in the By Laws.

Kay Harris moved that language be added to Section IV section 4 of the By-Laws at the end of the paragraph, "If the office of the president becomes vacant the president-elect does not automatically become president without a plurality vote," Fudd Graham seconded. Dean Herzfeld called motion which carried.

Non English Language Materials for PSE Committee. The committee has no plans for the future. Jennifer Weber wants to step down.

Professional Development Committee Report

1. Dean Herzfeld and Ples Spradely agreed to with the committee membership list on the web site, following the second item in the committee's report.
2. Sharon Gripp, AAPSE's liaison with the National meeting planning committee brought to the Board the need for input into the National meeting in regards to professional development.
3. Andrew moved that the committee come up with a suggested number of 4 topics per year as potential prof. development to be delivered as a webinar. Andrew Thostenson is willing to facilitate these webinars, seconded by Sharon Gripp. Motion moved and carried.
4. Smaller webinar type of professional development was suggested by Andrew Thostenson. Members who have something to share should contact Andrew who will facilitate putting on a webinar.

5. Recommended the committee should consider a regularly scheduled prof. dev. webinar or similar type of prof. dev. several times per year, or perhaps as briefings.
6. Discussion on the need for professional development for the use of TurningPoint Technologies was discussed.

Recognitions and Resolutions

- Board discussed finalizing media awards criteria or dropping the award.
- Awards committee should consider retirees as members of this committee to expand its' capacity and engage retirees who want to continue to contribute to AAPSE.
- Amy Brown suggests that the awards committee call for a sort of pre proposal for nominations so that there is no duplication of effort with separate individuals putting together packages for the same individual.

AAPCO Liaison Reprot

Board discussed how best to work with AAPCO on funding issues important to both SLA and PSEP. Dean Herzfeld and Ed Crow, AAPSE's Liaison with AAPCO, will discuss before approaching AAPCO.

SFIREG Liaison Report

Discussion was held on funding issues and new soil fumigation label requirements. Funding is the big issue and is driving the discussion about all programs/topics. AAPSE currently has a vacancy on the POM committee, after the retirement of Jim Criswell, who provided AAPSE with excellent service in the role for many years. Richard Beard volunteered to take on the position.

PPDC Report

1. Discussion on web-distributed labeling and comparative safety statements/logos for pesticide labels work being done by the PPDC.
2. Amy Brown is a higher education member of the PPDC and functions as an informal liaison for AAPSE. Carol Ramsay is also a member of PPDC. PPDC will be making new member appointments as current members terms expire. The AAPSE EC will hold discussions with USDA and EPA about PPDC membership and appointment of a PSEP coordinator who is also an AAPSE member. Amy Browns extensive efforts on the PPDC were recognized and commended.

Pesticide Stewardship and eXtension Projects.

Ron Gardener briefed the board on Wayne Buhler and his efforts to create a pesticide stewardship website. Supported by the CIPM, Center for Integrated Pest Management. PesticideStewardship.org Wayne Buhler, Jim Wilson, Ron Gardener are currently the primary contributors. Discussion on role of AAPSE in these linked projects and recommended use of AAPSE listserv to solicit contributors.

Treasurers Report

Dan Wixted, AAPSE's Treasurer, presented the Treasurers report. Biggest expense for AAPSE is the reception every other year. Motion to accept treasurers report subject to audit made by Richard Beard and seconded by Kay Harris. Motion carried.

After a discussion on challenges for members to travel on AAPSE business Dan Wixted moved that for the calendar year 2010 & 2011, at the Board's discretion, AAPSE cover member unreimbursed travel expenses incurred due to travel at the request of the Board, such as when the member's employer has a policy of not covering out-of-state travel expenses and have the Board revisit this issue at the end of 2011. The motion was seconded by Ples Spradely and carried by a vote of the Board.

Board held further discussion on actions to increase revenues, encourage members to volunteer for committees and other AAPSE activities, changes to membership categories for industry and other interested people, and request the Membership Committee to look at language for AAPSE's Guidance Document to support membership. Dan Wixted moved the membership committee explore different proposed levels of supporting membership and other types of sponsorship and report back to the Board. Motion was seconded by Richard Beard and carried by a vote of the Board.

CTAG Report

Discussion focused on how AAPSE can reflect its membership views, such as surveys, for AAPSE to provide recommendations to CTAG and NASDRF on priority C&T and PSEP projects and work with EPA, CTAG and NASDARF on development of mechanisms to both determine project priority and national solicitations of request for proposals for the priority projects. Need input from membership. AAPSE EC will follow up on this.

AAPSE's 20 Year Anniversary in 2011

Barry Brenen recommended AAPSE does something to recognize it's 20th Anniversary. Board recommended Dean Herzfeld approach Barry Brenen to chair a committee of past presidents and others to develop a program for the AAPSE Reception at the 2011

National meeting. Sharon Gripp will be co-chair since she is AAPSE's liaison on the national planning comm.

New Business:

Various discussion on:

1. Changes to guidance document to help people conduct elections of regional reps.
2. Nominations for national office need to start moving soon. Suggestion that the past president shepherd along this process. Dean Herzfeld will approach Phil Nixon, current chair, to put together a new elections committee, with a member from each region.
3. Role of Regional Representatives in addition to participating in Board meetings should be involved in recruitment of new members, track new people in their regions in SLA and PSEP, bring attention to AAPSE leadership of retirements of members, time at program of regional meetings for AAPSE members to discuss issues and concerns and interact with their region's members on various issues to bring to AAPSE for consideration.
4. AAPSE support and role in regional meetings. Funding, scheduling, travel and other challenges of regional meetings and how AAPSE can help out were discussed. Regional meetings need to be posted on the AAPSE web site.

Re-evaluation of Committees

- Motion by Richard Beard seconded by Kay Harris to dismiss the NonEnglish language materials sub-committee. Motion carried.
- Recommendation the board look into the usefulness of the current list of standing and other committees

AAPSE Website:

Suggested changes for the website:

- Remove Endangered Species Committee and Urban IPM committee
- Update committee chairs and liaisons – Dean Herzfeld and Candace Bartholomew
- Change stewardship chair to Wayne Buhler
- Change "International" Harmonization to "Global" Harmonization
- Water quality name has been changed and the liaison is open
- Urban IPM education and outreach comm. needs to be removed.

Funding: EPA Expectations for SLAs and PSEPS and IAG PSEP Pass Through

Board held an extensive discussion about reduction in state funding for SLAs and dramatic staff cuts in some states and its effect on C&T and PSEP programs.

Accountability measures are not forthcoming from funders in and out of government to help guide and prioritize what does and does not get done.

EPA PSEP Pass through funds discussion on USDA changes in application for the funds in 2011 FY and the possibilities of further reduction in EPA discretionary funds and state university ability to charge overhead.

Other Business:

- Need for a guidance document for regional reps. Ed Crow.
- EC will discuss the issues of guidance documents and what to include.
- A one page treasurer's report should be sent to membership.
- National Meeting PACT
 - Suggested Topics for consideration for PACT
 - What is the science or incidents that effects policy or How does science and incidents drive policy.
 - Technology used for our jobs
 - Training tools
 - New person orientation
 - Grant writing
 - AAPSE will again hold a social after the tour on Monday

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Wixted and seconded by Sharon Gripp. Noon Thursday.
10/30/10 Candace Bartholomew, AAPSE Secretary