

AAPSE Annual Meeting, 8/7/2011

Meeting opened at 1:20 pm, Dean Herzfeld verbally gave an agenda.

Present: Richard Beard, Ples Spradley, Ed Crow, George Hamilton, Carol Ramsay, Michelle Wiesbrook, Sharon Gripp, Cindy Folck, Kay Harris, Faye Golden, Dan Wixted, Andrew Thostenson, Dean Herzfeld, Candace Bartholomew, Jim Parochetti who was in and out attending the CTAG meeting also.

Members attending: Don Renchie

A quorum was present for official business.

Old Business:

Minutes

The minutes of the September 29 & 30, 2010 Board Meeting held in Manchester New Hampshire were submitted by Candace Bartholomew, AAPSE Secretary.

MOTION: George Hamilton moved to approve the minutes, Richard Beard seconded. The motion carried by vote of the Board

Corrections to the spelling of names were requested.

Treasurer's Report

Dan Wixted, AAPSE Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The biggest expense for AAPSE is the reception every other year.

MOTION: Andrew Thostenson moved to accept the treasurer's report, Michelle Wiesbrook seconded. The motion carried by vote of the Board.

George Hamilton has audited the books and finds them in order. George suggested using Quicken for the future or some other sort of software to make the books easier to handle. The board recommends purchase of the software as a regular business expenses if necessary. George will remain on as auditor.

The 2010 board had approved, for one year, to support travel to Board meetings for members of the Board. There were two individuals who requested support over the past year. After discussion Dean Herzfeld will take the lead in preparing a guidance document on this issue and others that had been identified at the previous meeting. Dean requests assistance in this effort.

Dan reported that a 990N Tax report is due to the IRS annually. He reports that it is basically a postcard that says we have generated less than \$25,000 per year. The Treasurer signs off on this and sends it into the IRS.

Committee and Liaison Reports:

Nominations Committee:

Ples Spradley announced results of the election:

Mike Weaver is President-Elect, Betsy Buffington is Secretary and Drew Martin is Treasurer.

Articles of Incorporation By-Laws Committee:

The Board revisited action taken in 2010 on the language in the By-Laws regarding a vacancy of President-Elect (Article IV. Section, IV Vacancies). After long discussion by the Board Ples Spradley offered the following language related to vacancies of officers, as amended by the board, to replace the second sentence in Article IV Section IV Vacancies:

“The board shall appoint a full member to fill a vacant President –Elect position. An appointed President-Elect only becomes President with a plurality vote of the membership. In the event that the President-Elect and President positions are vacant at the same time, the appointed President-Elect will become the acting President until such time as a plurality vote of membership is held to fill the president’s position.

MOTION: Motion by Ples Spradley and seconded by Dan Wixted to submit this language to the By-Laws committee. Motion carried.

Clyde Ogg will chair a new By-Laws Committee. The new committee members are: Becky Hines-McGuire, Bob Wolf, Roger Flashinski and Kay Harris. The committee will deal with the issues discussed at the 10/29-30/2010 meeting ASAP.

Awards Committee:

The awards committee should consider recognizing those who have retired, with something other than life memberships.

Membership Committee:

Dean Herzfeld is the only current member. The committee should develop various levels of membership.

Professional Development Committee:

There was a lot of discussion about the role of the Professional Development Committee. The Chair, Mike Helms, report of the committee raised numerous issues related to the function of the committee. There seems to be overlap in professional development that exists among groups.

The Professional Dev. Committee could conduct a formal review the on-line recertification programs and make recommendations on what is worthy.

MOTION: George Hamilton moved to approve reports as submitted, Dan Wixted seconded the motion. The motion carried by vote of the Board.

NASDA Update

Carol Ramsay from NASDA addressed the Board. She stated that NASDA’s objective is to develop a stronger relationship with AAPSE. She distributed a handout, see attached.

-Andrew Thostenson and Carol Ramsay will discuss how to move forward and develop a committee to address sharing of new training materials.

-CPARD: Ples Spradley is co-chair and Don Renchie is a member of a joint AAPSE-CTAG working group looking into incorporating PSEP information along with the existing SLA data on CPARD. They are working with Carol Ramsay as CPARD is a NASDA database. There needs to be some leeway for the input impact information. The AAPSE Impact committee lead by Pat Hipkins will be working on looking at how to help members collect and report program impacts to complement the CPARD working group.

-Certification manual and exam for soil fumigation is on target for completion in the fall of 2011, and will be available in print and on demand as a pdf. Andrew Thostenson mentioned that EPA Region 8 is assessing the need for an aquatic manual.

-Manual and exam assessments project. Carol reported on the survey conducted by NASDA to determine what the priority manual and exams categories are. The top request is for Ornamental and Turf, then Industrial, Aquatic and Seed Treatment.

-Jim Parochetti USDA PSEP Program Leader update.

– Funding. The NIFA PSEP RFA is out with a deadline of Aug. 19, 2011. There will be \$10,000 for each state except RI and Alaska which will receive \$5,000. Indirect charges will be allowed.

-Reports. The reports that Jim asked for in March, are available electronically. He crunched the numbers and gave them to Wayne Buhler for his report to the PPDC. Jim wants impacts/outcomes in the reports. He needs to know how we are keeping the user community involved and safely using pesticides for national reports. Andrew Thostenson and Dean Herzfeld will follow up with Jim.

New Business:

The new President will address the committee structure, function and membership. He will also, address the need for an update of the AAPSE website.

There was discussion on the idea of an AAPSE mini-grant program as proposed by the Professional Development Committee in their report to the Board. Andrew Thostenson supported the concept and discussed the development of such a program. The dollars would perhaps inspire the development of new projects. These products could be placed on the AAPSE website. Counters could be used to provide impact information to the originator. There would be a need to protect the products and make them available only to AAPSE members perhaps by using membership codes.

MOTION: Andrew Thostenson moved that the Board allocate \$2,500 to the Professional Development committee to use to pilot a mini-grant program for AAPSE members. The Professional Development committee is to develop the structure of the program. The Board will have final approval on the program/structure. Richard Beard seconded. The motion carried by vote of the Board.

MOTION: Ples Spradley moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by all and the meeting adjourned.