



American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators

1997 Meeting: Arlington, VA

Certification and Training Advisory Group (CTAG) Workshop

Information / Discussion Session - 12/9/97 (Tuesday)

I. Welcome

5:15 p.m. - AAPSE President Barry Brennan (HI).

II. Information / Items of Interest

Pesticide Program Dialog Committee

Acting on recommendations made at earlier AAPSE meetings, Barry wrote a letter to EPA (Steve Johnson) asking for AAPSE representation on the agency's Pesticide Program Dialog Committee. Barry's letter suggested Amy Brown (MD) be added to the group as a spokesperson for both AAPSE and state PAT Coordinators. EPA responded by thanking our organization for our interest. However, EPA noted ES / Pesticide Safety is already represented by:

Jose Amador (TX) Administration (Director, AREC)

Larry Ellworth ((PA) Program for Strategic Pest Management

J. J. Steinberg (NY) Medical Doctor, Professor of Pathology, and

Sheldon Wagoner (OR) National Pesticide Telecommunications Network (NPTCN)

In lieu of adding a coordinator to the committee, Barry will write to Dr. Amador, describing the AAPSE professional organization, its connection to Extension and PAT/pesticide safety education. The intents on this contact are:

- to inform Dr. Amador of the potential importance of the dialog committee to the PAT program, and
- to provide a him with a resource for background information if/as needed.

In addition, John Impson (USDA) and Suzanne Deatherage (TX) will contact Dr. Amador personally regarding the PAT program and its impact, needs, etc.

AAPSE Incorporation and Tax-Exempt Status

AAPSE Treasurer Carol Ramsay (OR) met with an attorney, who provided her with a list of matters to resolve for AAPSE incorporation and tax-exempt status. AAPSE does have a tax ID number, but is not incorporated and has never filed or paid taxes. An organization qualifies for tax-exempt status if it educates but does not lobby. Incorporation and

tax-exempt status will require modification of the AAPSE Constitution and By-Laws. Mary Grodner (LA) and George Hamilton (NJ) agreed to review the attorney's list and the draft amendments to the constitution and By-Laws Carol has prepared. After this first review, Mike Weaver (VA) will post the draft on the AAPSE website (proposed changes in bold). Members will be notified so they can review this draft, and comment to Carol and Barry.

AAPSE Voting: Who, When....

Barry reported that he had not had any comments regarding the issues about voting raised in Columbus (1 vote per state vs. 1 vote per member in some elections). He noted that changing the system may not be an issue.

From now on, all elections will offer a slate of at least two AAPSE members per office.

Committee Structure

Barry noted that Constitution will be changed to make the Membership and Public Relations committee a standing committee. When this is done, AAPSE will have three standing committees: Issues and Evaluation, Nominations and Elections, and Membership and Public Relations.

Spring 1998 Meeting Plans

Barry discussed plans for the 1998 AAPSE meeting. It will be held March 9-12 at the Embassy Suites in Alexandria, VA. On March 9 and 10 (Monday and Tuesday), AAPSE will meet with AAPCO. The AAPSE business meeting will be held on Wednesday morning, March 11. A professional development program will be held the afternoon of March 11 and the morning of March 12. The AAPSE Board of Directors meeting, which is open to all, will be held Tuesday evening, March 10.

The 1998 AAPCO meeting has a 'water' theme: aquatic labels, the Clean Water Act (vs. FQPA) will be discussed. The AAPCO program will also include the States-Industry Forum: *Technology vs. Ability to Regulate*, a discussion of the Clean Air Act and pesticide drift, Tribal and State Interactions, and School IPM.

This year's AAPSE workshops are: drift (including use of a new drift simulation computer program), and a writing workshop to generate a product: *An Overview of PAT/PSE* (program impact and marketing piece for use in states). Two concurrent sessions will be held; each one will be offered Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Members present discussed ideas for educational sessions at future AAPSE meetings. Topics mentioned include:

- Toxicology for Extension Educators;
- Risk Communication for Extension Educators;
- Pesticide Safety Programs for delivery by Extension professionals to Health Professionals

More / other ideas are welcome!

Dean Herzfeld (MN) was in the process of leading a discussion of the pro's and con's of joint registration (AAPSE-AAPCO) for the spring meeting, when a fire alarm brought the meeting to an end.

III. Conclusion

No formal closure, due to building evacuation.

*Present at the 12/9/97 Discussion Session:

Barry Brennan HI/USDA-HELPS George Hamilton NJ

Amy Brown MD Dean Herzfeld MN

Suzanne Deatherage TX Pat Hipkins VA

Rhonda Ferree IL John Impson USDA/CSREES/PAT

Roger Flashinski WI Pat Marer CA

Ron Gardener NY Dick Pope IA

Paul Guillebeau GA Carol Ramsay OR

Mary Grodner LA

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