

**American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting**

Tradewinds Island Grand Resort
October 31, 2000
St. Pete Beach, FL

Present: Norm Nesheim - President, Barry Brennan - Past President, Amy Brown - President Elect, Carol Ramsay - Treasurer, Larry Schulze - Secretary.

1. Call to Order (Nesheim)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Minutes (Schulze)

Status of Minutes. The AAPSE Secretary has two weeks after a meeting to get minutes to members of the appropriate committee for their approval. Members have two weeks to submit comments.

The responsibility for posting the minutes to the AAPSE web site was transferred from the President to the Secretary who will forward them to the AAPSE web master.

Minutes of the AAPSE Executive Committee for March 8, 2000 were distributed. Brown moved, Ramsay seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report (Ramsay)

Financial statements were distributed to Executive Committee members:

- 1) AAPSE Balances as of 10-20-00 (see below)
- 2) Proposed AAPSE Budget for 2001 (see below)
- 3) AAPSE and Spray Drift Task Force Drift Conference Report (see below)

AAPSE Balances 10-20-00

AAPSE Working Account

CD Balance	\$ 5,182.10	
Check & Saving Balance	\$ 6,631.67	11,813.77
Income		
Dues	\$ 2,700.00	
Interest	\$ 244.78	
CD Interest	\$ 216.94	
Axiom donation	\$ 225.00	

W.R. Pesticide Conference	\$ 4,625.00	
Drift Conference Income	\$ 2,960.00	
Grants overhead (RISE, ACPA, UC)	\$ 3,125.00	14,096.72
Expenses		
Office expenses (copies, stamps, paper)	\$ -126.56	
O'Connor Marer Travel	\$ -105.53	
Byestewa Scholarship	\$ -100.00	
AAPCO Directories (4 copies for EC)	\$ -120.00	
W.R. Pesticide Conference	\$ -3,633.10	
Drift Conference Expenses **	\$ -2,003.40	<u>-6,088.59</u>
<i>Balance 10-20-00</i>	<u>\$19,821.90</u>	<u>19,821.90</u>

AAPSE PSEC - Southern Feasibility

2000 Starting Balance	\$ 7,142.42	
Donations	\$ 2,500.00	
AAPSE Overhead	\$ -1,875.00	
Expenses	\$ -5,297.42	
<i>Balance 10-20-00</i>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	

AAPSE PSEC - WR Feasibility

2000 Starting Balance	\$ 1,790.22	
Donations	\$ 10,000.00	
Interest	\$ 112.03	
Expenses	\$ -848.42	
AAPSE overhead transfer	\$ -1,250.00	
<i>Balance 10-20-00</i>	<u>\$9,803.83</u>	

Proposed AAPSE Budget for 2001 as amended 10-30-00

Income

Dues (150@\$25)	\$ 3,750
Fees (meeting handling fee)	\$ 400
Interest	\$ 400
TOTAL	\$ 4,550

Expenses

Office expenses (copies, stamps, paper)	\$ 250
AAPCO Directories (5 copies for EC)	\$ 150
WA Secretary of State (incorporation)	\$ 10
Awards	\$ 400
Membership drive	\$ 500
Membership Booth development	\$ 500
Business meeting	\$ 500
Travel allocation	\$ 1,500

Web site maintenance	\$ 1,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,810</u>

AAPSE and SDTF Drift Conference Report - 11-17-00

Attendees - 71 • No shows - 3 • Trade Show Booths - 9

AAPSE Income - \$4,310 paid + \$70 due = \$4,380

AAPSE Expenses -	\$3,537.32
Speaker travel	\$2,866.09
Notebooks	\$382.20
Social	\$289.03
AAPSE Balance	\$842.68

Spray Drift Task Force -food and beverage - \$3,712.05

EPA - OPP - room rental and AV - \$1,392

Wilbur Ellis - NCODM food and beverage \$382

See Attachment A: Agenda of the Pesticide Spray Drift Educators' Conference

Brennan moved, Brown seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

The AAPSE Board of Director's Minutes of March 8, 2000 are to be distributed to the Board for edits. The Secretary is to forward the last set of the 1999 minutes to Mike Weaver for posting onto the AAPSE web site.

Committee Structure and Appointments (Nesheim)

The following committees are listed on the AAPSE web site. The status of the committees and their chairs is as follows:

- Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws - Roger Flashinski, WI
- Auditing Committee - Will appoint before the 2001 National Workshop
- 2001 Board of Directors - New regional representatives:
 - Southern Region - Pat Hipkins - VA, North Central - Gina Davis - MI, Andrew Thostenson - ND replaces Chris DiFonzo, Western Region - Janet Fults - WA, Northeast - Gary Fish - ME.
- Committee of Committees - Wayne Buhler, NC
- Issues and Evaluation Committee - Brown, MD
- Membership / Public Relations Committee Members -
 - Co-chairs Joanne Kick-Raack - OH, Elizabeth Braxton - FL.
 - Nominations / Election Committee Members: NE Region -

Hamilton, NC Region - Joyce Hornstein, Southern Region - Hipkins,
Western Region - to be named.
Program (Spring Meeting) Committee - ??
Pesticide Safety Educational Materials Committee - committee dropped
Recognition and Resolutions Committee - Natalia Clifton, MA
Strategic Planning Committee - Brennan
Turf and Ornamental Service Technicians Committee - committee dropped

Pesticide Safety Education Centers (Brennan)

The need for effective training for both regulatory agencies and pesticide trainers was identified in a report prepared by the Certification and Training Assessment Group, a joint EPA - USDA effort to assess state certification and training programs. The draft report recommended creating regional training centers to raise the professional competencies of Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT) instructors and state and tribal pesticide enforcement personnel. The American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators conducted a study to determine the feasibility of combining regional extension resources to create a Pesticide Safety Education Center (PSEC). In addition to raising competencies, the study also suggested that regional PSECs could help mitigate pesticide risks by providing more effective applicator training and education programs, and increase coordination and cooperation between state extension services, tribes and regulatory agencies.

In June, the Southern Region state extension PAT coordinators were successful in obtaining 60 percent of the funding needed to create a pilot PSEC from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The coordinators agreed to provide the remaining funding through in-kind services, i.e., they agreed to develop and run the training programs. The first course is scheduled for 2001. Dr. Buhler, PAT Coordinator at NCSU, is the Principal Investigator. A project manager has been hired effective 23 October 2000.

A proposal to develop a Western Region PSEC was presented at both state extension and tribal breakout sessions of the Western States Pesticide Conference (May 2000). Attendees expressed their support for the proposal and agreed to attend a WR PSEC planning session in August at the University of California-Davis. Twenty-eight people representing state PAT coordinators, SLAs, EPA, TPPC, DoD and WCPA attended. Because the need to provide training for the tribes in the Western Region was identified as a high priority, a summary of the UC-Davis planning session was presented to the Tribal Pesticide Program Council in September. The TPPC's support has been solicited to obtain funding from EPA's Field and External Affairs Division (OPP) or the Office of Compliance (OECA). (Informal meetings with both OPP and OECA were held prior to the TPPC meeting to solicit their interest in supporting the WR PSEC.) Brennan and Pat O'Connor-Marer agreed to develop a formal proposal by the end of the year.

Efforts to promote a third regional PSEC in the Midwest were initiated when Drew Martin (Purdue) was invited to participate in the WR planning session. Because tribal lands (and Tribal Pesticide Programs) are nearly equally distributed between the Western and North Central regions, additional funding would be sought for a Midwestern PSEC if the NC PAT coordinators agreed to support it. In response to an expression of interest, the draft SR and WR PSEC proposal were sent to Ron Gardner (Cornell).

Ramsay indicated that confusion exists in the name of "Pesticide Safety Education Center" with the Pest Management Centers at the University of California - Davis and the Regional Pest Management Centers. Perhaps, we need to change the name of PSEC. It will be considered and maybe changed by the 2001 AAPCO meeting. Perhaps, suggestions may be solicited via the AAPSE listserv.

NSPAT - ADEC Grant (Ramsay)

Kevin Keaney and Jeanne Heying (EPA) have been approached about potential sources of funds to support this activity. The project is now in a holding pattern until dollars become available. It is believed that \$1.4 million would be needed to develop the center and build the proposed 13 modules (\$40,000 each), with no cost sharing. A chlorine gas module may be one of the first considered. The concept was approved last March by AAPSE. Dean Herzfeld is proposing a "train the trainer" module in the Worker Protection Standard programming.

National Program Leader (Nesheim)

Monte Johnson is moving into this role. Thank you to Brown for participating in the interview process. It was important for AAPSE to participate and be seen in this process.

At the Western Region Pesticide Conference, Brennan and other AAPSE members visited with Dennis Kopp (USDA) about letters (from EPA, from AAPSE, from John Impson) written in support of Johnson. Brennan encouraged Johnson to attend the CTAG meeting on December 6-7, 2000. Nesheim indicated the importance of AAPSE to provide support to Johnson.

AAPSE Letter to EPA on Production Caps (Brennan)

No response has been received yet from EPA. Brown will make inquiries within EPA as to the status of AAPSE's letter on this topic.

AAPSE Linkage with the National Pesticide Stewardship Alliance

AAPSE typically has little contact with NPSA membership. So, the meeting this week was important for NPSA to learn about our role in pesticide education. It has been incorrectly stated that AAPSE has officially supported NPSA.

AAPSE members may indicate their preference to become members of NPSA, but AAPSE, itself, is not joining NPSA. The consensus of the Executive Committee is that AAPSE supports the NPSA conference as an event. This consensus should not be misconstrued that AAPSE supports NPSA as an organization. AAPSE cannot consider taking such a stand until its Board of Directors meets in June 2001.

AAPSE will write NPSA (Rob Denny, Roger Springman, Bill McClelland) with copy to American Crop Protection Council and explain AAPSE's role and linkage with NPSA: 1) AAPSE's supports the NPSA conference event, 2) AAPSE supports the concept of the NPSA organization, 3) that AAPSE, as an organization, has not taken any official action on supporting NPSA and 4) AAPSE's focus of pesticide education is more encompassing than that of NPSA, 5) AAPSE is chartered as a 3c non-profit organization that does not lobby.

AAPSE Encouragement of EPA to Modify Section 25(b) Pesticide Label Approach

After Schulze's presentation on Section 25(b) pesticide labels at the Western Region Pesticide Conference, May 2000, a discussion took place among Jack Neylan and Jim Jones of EPA with Schulze. Neylan and Jones were interested in Schulze delivering the same presentation to their EPA colleagues in D.C. Schulze immediately wrote them and documented their interest in the topic and provided information for EPA to contact him. EPA has not responded to date.

After Schulze's Section 25(b) presentation at the NPSA conference, several EPA staffers in attendance offered to visit with Jones (Registration Division) about the need to revised EPA's Section 25(b) PR Notice 2000-6. Schulze will continue to maintain contact with EPA and pursue the offer to present AAPSE's encouragement to revise the Section 25(b) PR Notice.

5. New Business

Nominations Committee and Election Process (Nesheim)

Three of the four regions have people named to the committee. Hipkins (VA) has been asked to chair the Nominations / Election Committee. Offices needing two nominations each are President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. There are no nominations from the floor. This committee conducts the election at the General Business meeting June 2001.

Journal of Pesticide Safety Education

Review of submitted articles is time consuming and slow. The need exists for AAPSE member to publish. Ramsay offered to serve as an editorial secretary to share this workload. Nesheim will call / contact Weaver (VA) and indicate that the AAPSE Executive Committee has accepted Ramsay's offer to assist with the JPSE article review process.

Use of an AAPSE Web Discussion Board

An idea was presented in an email message from Weaver to establish an AAPSE web-based discussion / listserv in a threaded format. A recent example was the email discussion on the definitions of a poison versus a toxin. If this is on the web, it's in a public domain. However, these web boards can be password protected and access can then be limited to only the AAPSE membership or subdivisions thereof.

Nesheim will ask Weaver how much time it would take to set up a web boards for the for the Board of Directors, and for general discussions.

Recognition and Resolutions Committee

We now have a chair for this committee: Natalia Clifton (MA). Brennan indicated that AAPSE definitely has a need to recognize individual contributions. Nesheim has asked Clifton to initiate action on assembling a standard operating procedure on how to recognize individuals for outstanding programs or contributions to AAPSE.

Resolutions, certificates of appreciation and thank-you notes are examples that could be considered. Ramsay will send suggested guidance for this committee to Nesheim. Note that it is the AAPSE membership that should vote on resolutions.

Nesheim declared a brief recess for an evening meal, 7:45 to 8:15 p.m.

Holding an Annual Business Meeting

Brennan referred to our Constitution and By-Laws and noted that a 60-day advance notification is required to announce an upcoming AAPSE general business meeting before annual business can be legally conducted.

AAPSE Membership Promotional Items

There is a need to consider AAPSE promotional items such as lapel pins, pens, bookbags, caps, satchels, etc. Perhaps AAPSE can have promotional items available for sale to its membership or provide these items to attendees at AAPSE national

meetings (purchased as part of the registration fee).

Spring 2001 AAPCO Meeting

The date is March 11 - 14, 2001 at the Doubletree Hotel, Pentagon City. AAPSE has had minimal involvement in past years. AAPSE will have an Executive Committee meeting at this event to 1) set the agenda for the Board of Directors and General Business meetings in June 2001 and 2) consider Recognition and Resolutions Committee progress. Nesheim will probably be asked to provide a brief AAPSE report during the AAPCO meeting.

At the National Pesticide Applicator Training and Certification Workshop in June 2001, there will be an AAPSE Board of Directors meeting and a General Business meeting.

National Pesticide Applicator Training and Certification Workshop

The national workshop will take place on June 11 - 14, 2001 at San Antonio, TX. According to an email from Suzanne Deatherage, tentative plans are for the AAPSE General Business meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2001. Therefore, a Board of Directors meeting is needed on Monday morning. If an Executive Committee meeting is needed, it must take place before the Board of Directors meeting.

Tentative schedule for AAPSE meetings at the national workshop:

Executive Committee (if needed) Monday, June 11, 2001, 7:00 a.m.

Board of Directors Meeting Monday, June 11, 2001, 9:00 a.m.

General Business Meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2:30 p.m. preferred

AAPSE could sponsor one of the evening events and use it as a recognition reception. Perhaps, AAPSE could jointly sponsor it with another organization such as the American Crop Protection Association.

Tentative agenda items for AAPSE General Business Meeting include a President's Report, the election of officers, committee reports, and an opportunity for the membership to raise points of discussion.

USDA PAT Budget / Role of PAT (Nesheim)

Funds to support PAT are in the USDA budget again this year. Regional center directors met the week before last in D.C. Nesheim met with them. The Government Accounting Office is conducting an audit of IPM programs. One of the questions that is being raised by the GAO is "do farm programs prohibit IPM practices from being employed on farms?" Another point that was raised was "what has been accomplished, has pesticide risk been reduced?"

Pesticide risk was defined at this meeting as reduction of risk to the environment and risk to agricultural workers. Nesheim emphasized to the group that those points are the central focus of pesticide applicator training: the proper use of pesticides, to reduce / prevent environmental impact, and provide safety to applicators, workers, public and others. Twenty five years ago "pesticide applicator training" was the appropriate name of our role. Now the issue is how can we reduce risks from pesticides. We recognize that in the future of pesticides will be important, at least in the foreseeable future. Nesheim took Dennis Kopp aside and emphasized that PAT is directly involved in the risk reduction of pesticides. The opportunity to drive home the role of risk reduction within PAT with Kopp was especially important - - it is a justification for funds for future USDA budgets.

EPA Pass-Through Funding for PAT

It is not known which way these funds will be directed to get to university PAT programs - via USDA or another route. Keaney will be contacted by Nesheim so that AAPSE can make a recommendation to EPA. An EPA Region 9 report recommended to Keaney that the pass-through funds should not go through USDA. Keaney is aware that passing the funds from the Agency through the regions or the SLA is not best. Keaney has the options of asking AAPSE Board of Directors or CTAG for input that he in turn can brief Marcia Mulkey. Keaney has about \$325,000 from CTAG and may consider placing this money in AAPSE to run the CTAG issues.

Pesticides and National Strategies for Health Care Providers (Brown)

A draft implementation plan has been distributed but its appearance looks like a final version. A national forum on this is scheduled for Fall 2001. Competencies are being prepared on teaching, undergraduate nursing, medical school and for outreach for nurses. Comments will be welcomed. The need exists for AAPSE members or others to review outreach materials. Suggested names included Scotti Ford, Terry Miller (OR), Jeff Jenkins, Robert Creyer (CA), Win Hock (PA), Julia Storm, Matt Keifer (UW), Richard Fenske (UW).

EPA Emphasis on non-Certification and Training Agendas

Worker Protection Standard is an example. The question is how much is our agenda to be influenced by WPS and other topics? No one knows. CTAG is an opportunity to learn about the WPS influence upon PAT. How can AAPSE support CTAG? Keaney desires to bring in Mulkey and Steve Johnson for them to learn about CTAG and PAT.

Ramsay suggested an AAPSE Issues and Evaluation group to look at the concerns with WPS and assemble a working group on what is the role of PAT relative to

incorporating WPS information and general pesticide education. What are the resources and constraints for WPS outreach? What are the respective roles of SLAs and Cooperative Extension in WPS?

If AAPSE is to look at these concerns, consider asking Margaret Tucker, Braxton, Sandra McDonald, Paul Guillebeau. Perhaps, this topic can be discussed at the AAPSE General Business meeting in June 2001.

Availability of Training Materials to Support EPA Regulatory Decisions

The example here is the proposed designation of chlorine gas as a restricted use pesticides and the immediate need of training materials (initial and recertification). Penn State is not developing these materials.

It is important that training materials be developed when new requirements are implemented. The issue is that EPA is making regulatory decisions that require training and implementation without a plan to get it done. Brown will write EPA (Mulkey) on the need to match availability of teaching materials with the regulatory implementation. Brown will informally contact Keaney in advance with a draft of the letter before sending it officially to EPA.

Developing a Professional, Annual AAPSE Report / Supporting Administrative Advisor Reports to ECOP

Can John Impson be contacted be contacted to write an article on the history of PAT for JPSE? This history will greatly benefit Johnson as a new National Program Leader. Brennan will ask Impson to consider this.

An AAPSE Report addressing various topics can serve to inform USDA and EPA of AAPSE's activities and activities of AAPSE members in 2000. Ramsay suggested it could contain two types of reports: AAPSE's activities and PAT activities. This may evolve into a yearly report and posted to our web site. Our March 2001 Executive Committee can address several topics (one paragraph each, forward to Brennan):

Agro-medicine	Brown
WPS	Nesheim
FQPA / Risk Mitigation	Nesheim
PSEC / C&T infrastructure	Brennan
Prescription use / occupational use referring to CTAG classifications	Brennan and Heying
Spray Drift Minimization Conference	Ramsay
SFIREG / POM / AAPCO	Gardner
CTAG	Brennan and Heying

Future of pesticide report	Brennan
Internet module development / ADEC	Ramsay
PESP	Brennan
National Program Leader candidate interviews	Brown
Section 25(b) pesticide label activities	Schulze
Production caps	Brown
Journal of Pesticide Safety Education	Ramsay
AAPSE web site	Ramsay
Toxic reduction	Brown
National Pesticide Stewardship Alliance	Schulze
Region / conference registration support	Ramsay

AAPSE Linkage with NPSA

The consensus of the Executive Committee may recommend Bob Bellinger to be an AAPSE liaison to NPSA, but no AAPSE member is to be on the NPSA transition team.

Ramsay moved, Brown seconded that the AAPSE Executive Committee be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
 Larry D. Schulze
 AAPSE Secretary

Attachment A

AGENDA: Pesticide Spray Drift: Educators' Conference
October 11 and 12, 2000

Welcome - Luetta Flournoy, Branch Chief, Region VII EPA

Conference Goals - Ramsay, AAPSE

Participant Introductions

Spray Drift Task Force Data Summary: What Educators Need to Understand - Dave Valcore, Spray Drift Task Force, DowAgro

Spray Quality - New Droplet Size Standard, Atomization Models, and Applicator Guide - Dave Esterly, Spray Drift Task Force, Environmental Focus

Spray Quality Referenced in Nozzle Booklets - Marty Heyen, Spraying Systems Company

Product Registration and Labeling - Jay Ellenberger, US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs

Buffer Zones and Drift Labeling - Gail Powell, Spray Drift Task Force, Aventis

Tank Mixes and Adjuvants - Andrew Hewitt, Spray Drift Task Force, Stewart Agricultural Research Services

Drift and Its Legal Implications - Dennis Gardisser, University of Arkansas

Low Drift Application Technologies: Ground, Aerial, and Airblast - Bob Wolf, Kansas State University, Dennis Gardisser, Univ. of Arkansas, Rich Derksen, USDA - ARS

Internet Based Training: National Core Information on Drift - Ramsay, Washington State University

National Coalition on Drift Minimization: Drift Educator's CD ROM - Ples Spradley, University of Arkansas

Drift Competency for Entry Level Applicators - Elaine Hale, Pesticide Applications Professional Association

Certification & Training: Add the New & Delete the Old - Hewitt, Spray Drift Task Force, Stewart Agricultural Research Services

Writing Quality State Exam Questions On Drift - Martin, Purdue University, Davis, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture

MiniTrade Show

How AgDRIFT® Will Be Used - Hewitt and Dave Esterly

Tools You Can Use to Demonstrate Drift - Bob Wolf