

Executive Committee teleconference minutes - 01 November 2001.

3:00 P.M. - Everyone on the line: Amy Brown, President; Win Hock, President Elect; Carol Ramsay, Treasurer; Norm Nesheim, Past President; Bob Bellinger, Secretary

1. Minutes from last Executive Committee meeting (October 1, 2001 telemeeting)

All were edited by Brown.

2. AAPSE vote

The vote needs to take place. Bellinger will send out wording in addition to what has been on the vote web page.

3. RECORDKEEPING

Amy Brown had sent out Bonnie Poli's comments on the proposed recordkeeping book that USDA/AMS wants to fund. Brown would like to see it be educational versus strictly being reiteration of the Federal recordkeeping requirements.

4. USDA & FORMULA FUNDING

Amy Brown met with Monte Johnson in Washington. Dennis Kopp present. Ted Wilson and Mike Fitzner (IPM) dropped in during the visit. Monte Johnson & Dennis Kopp feel USDA already put dollars into PAT in "other ways", even though the USDA does not supply funding directly to the PAT program. They are trying to allow Pesticide Education to be part of other funding, e.g. IPM funding.

Johnson is amenable to help to develop new PSEP indicators. Brown: Is AAPSE willing and able to do this? Carol Ramsay said I&E committee could do this. The Executive Committee (EC) agrees that this would be a good thing to do. Good that USDA is asking us to do it. Brown will tell Johnson that we will help on this issue. Win Hock will get people together (I&E Committee) to work on this. EPA folks should be involved. Hock will see if Richard Pont (EPA) can work on this.

Johnson to restructure funding (PAT), this to be phased in (new formula). He will set up a committee to do this. Brown says Johnson seems to be sensitive to changes in dollars to the states. Johnson to ask 3 state Extension Coordinators to give seminar to administration to increase visibility. He had three in mind already, including Christina DiFonzo (MI) and George Hamilton (NJ). Brown plans to be at presentations also.

Brown will follow up with Johnson to set up I&E committee to revise PPRS indicators. Carol Ramsay suggested to have follow up meeting, perhaps meeting every 6 months. Brown would also like to meet with Kevin Keaney. She may meet with Jeanne Heying and Keaney soon. Carol suggested to offer an agenda prior to meeting with them.

5. NPSA

Pat Hipkins will likely be our representative to their Directors' Meeting at Memphis. We received eight questions and NPSA Bylaws to review. Ramsay asked if we should respond to these Qs at all? She and other members not sure why we received them to review. Brown expressed concerns on the number of meetings we all have, and also on the NPSA meeting costs.

We (AAPSE) don't fit a NPSA Bylaw category per se. Ramsay felt that we should not become a member/affiliate. She noted a potential significant drain on our time/energy. Bellinger asked why are we reviewing their Bylaws. The EC generally feels we should not become a member org/group. NPSA may view us as resource, including our members. Ramsay said we may be able to go the liaison route (e.g. have an individual serve as our liaison). We need to watch our expenses with any relationship. Having a liaison says we are interested, but doesn't commit our resources (including our membership.) Brown will check to see if Pat Hipkins is interested in being Liaison. Otherwise she will send out an inquiry to AAPSE membership for someone. Ramsay said she will serve if necessary because the next meeting is in Seattle.

NPSA is composed of Industry, educators, regulators. Norm Nesheim said NPSA especially gets industry groups together. We might be able to assist with an educational role with special projects. Brown noted that their objectives are underserved areas for other groups, including us. She felt that NPSA should not dilute their strengths. She noted room for joint projects. We can support with in-kind things. Hock noted that there are folks (industry) who have monies that may be useful for projects. Fiscal resources available to NPSA are greater (e.g. industry) than those to AAPSE (e.g. federal sources). Norm saw an advantage in that NPSA and AAPSE can co-develop messages to get out.

6. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

There will not be a regional conference this summer (2002). We need to work further with EPA, work on projects they would support. Ramsay felt we should have stand alone. She suggested having one in 2002 with spring AAPCO. Maybe in Kansas City. Brown - March would be better time for her. Brown will meet with board to request input.

EPA had suggested work on closed systems as a topic. Hock suggested retailer & consumer education. Indiana has a regulation requiring training of sales people making recommendations in garden centers, discount stores, etc., and Kentucky also has something in the works. British Columbia has been doing it. We could end up doing retail employee training.

7. SPRAY DRIFT

AAPSE comments on spray drift proposal are needed. Spray drift is a critical issue and we need to have positive input. In our (AAPSE) comments Brown wants to indicate who we are and why we are commenting. She will send Hock some language to use. Hock asked where our position paper should come out from. Brown and Nesheim cosigned earlier position paper (another topic). Brown thinks this should go out co-signed by the chair of the I&E Committee and the President as well.

It was noted that Bob Wolf has made comments that are very specific, e.g. about equipment. Ramsay believes EPA wants us to comment on their language. Brown thinks we should stick to general wording. Very specific and technical comments should be sent in by individuals.

Our comments should also go to Donnie Dipple, Monte Johnson, Gina Davis (AAPCO Liaison to AAPSE), Dave Scott (affiliation is AAPCO & Chair of their Off target movement/drift committee. Dave is with Indiana pesticide control). We need to pass our comments through our board first. Win to send them out.

8. STRATEGIC PLAN

Ramsay still has problem with initiatives that appear in the Plan (SP), and then there is no development of them. They are not linked to the stated goals. Was there an intent for these to be related to the goals? There are similarities. They have the same theme, but are worded a little differently and ordered differently. They appear to connected, but not overtly. Carol feels the Initiative section needs to be

developed further. Carol believes the SP needs to be restructured. Ramsay wants additions to professional development beyond PSEC.

Nesheim and Ramsay will work on restructuring the Strategic Plan. Ramsay envisions possible large cuts and additions after restructuring. Ramsay and Nesheim will try to have something for the AAPSE board by the March meeting.

The EC meetings at NPSA will be on November 28, 29 , both 3-6 PM. We can use this time to work on the Strategic Plan. Reiterations that the Plan needs a lot of work.

OTHER ISSUES

Brown noted that on the AAPSE web site the Board of Directors on the site needs to be updated. Someone needs to be charged to update the site. |

Ramsay needs to file tax report due to how much we made.

Submitted by Robert G. Bellinger
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