

## **Minutes – AAPSE Executive Board Meeting**

**12 – 2 CST November 14, 2003**

### **Conference Call**

**Attendees: Win Hock, Joanne Kick-Raack, Dean Herzfeld, Amy Brown, Bob Wolf**

We were given a status report on the 2004 Budget. Another shortfall is expected in the EPA budget. It will impact discretionary funds, but hopefully will not filter down to PSEP budgets.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. AAPSE Board Meeting.** Win lead a discussion on when to hold the next AAPSE board meeting. The choices are in March at the WDC-AAPCO meeting (Sunday March 7, 2004) or in June at the St. Louis NC Region Certification Workshop (Sunday June 6, 2004). **Action item: Win was directed to survey the board and make the decision based on attendance probabilities at either meeting.**
- 2. Professional Development Workshop.** Many questions were brought forward regarding hosting workshops for the members. When should the meetings be held? Would it be feasible to tack them on to the end of regional workshops? Would the EPA Regions be willing to underwrite the travel costs for the speakers? Will the programs attract members not planning to attend the main workshop or entice attendees to stay an extra day? Maybe during times of tight travel budgets is not a good time to instigate the workshops. **Action item: Win was directed to survey the total board and ask them to determine what interest level exists among members in their regions. Also, they seek members to discuss any concerns they might have about when and where these workshops should be held.**
- 3. CTAG.** Discussion centered on a letter sent to the board from Larry Schultz. In his note, Larry had expressed several concerns regarding CTAG. Many of the concerns centered on CTAG personnel make-up and policies. A discussion on how to maintain ample extension representation on the CTAG committee and a need to better inform the AAPSE membership about proposals. A concern for a need to allow more open discussion of the various proposals at meetings was also expressed. **Action items: 1. Win was directed to draft a letter regarding our discussions for board review and approval that will then be sent to CTAG co-chairs. 2. Encourage more time allotted to CTAG open discussion of proposals at regional meetings. 3. Suggested the possibility of using a facilitator to manage the CTAG discussions with less emphasis on formal presentations.**
- 4. Region 9 Funding Concerns.** A letter from Norm Nesheim expressed concern regarding a pesticide safety training grant in EPA Region 9 designated for Asian

- farmers in Fresno County. He questioned the relationship with grants from regional sources for training vs. PSEP money from EPA headquarters. **Action item: Win will talk to the EPA to determine what is known at the federal level.**
5. **National Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (NPSA).** Pat Hipkins is keeping us informed regarding her AAPSE representation to NPSA. **No action needed at this time.**
  6. **Journal of Pesticide Safety Education/AAPSE Website.** Win updated us on the improvements and changes to both the journal and the website. The EC suggested a note be sent to Mike Weaver commending him on a job well done. **Action item: Send Mike a note thanking him for his efforts with the website and journal.**
  7. **Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST).** Win reported on his inquiry to Teresa Gruber at CAST regarding the possibilities of AAPSE belonging to CAST. Based on his report and discussion it was decided that each EC board member should investigate CAST in more detail and further discussion would take place at the next EC board meeting.
  8. **Misc. items:**
    - a. Programming for the national workshop is underway. Notify Roger of any programming ideas. Suggest including Monte Johnson on regular agenda. Reminder of EC (Sunday) and General Business (Thursday).
    - b. Consider doing a follow up to the funding crunch issues.
    - c. Wolf reported that the GB Meeting minutes from Hawaii are posted on website.
    - d. Additional items not covered: Grodner email – automated mist systems and potential for an AAPSE position paper; Carol and Dean – treasurer details; Dean – email concerning meeting overlap; Win email – EPA magnet.