

Minutes Memphis Tuesday, 28 November 2001

AAPSE Executive Committee Meeting - Memphis, TN November 28, 29, 2001

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Start time: 3:20 PM CST

President Amy Brown, President; Carol Ramsay, Treasurer ; Win Hock, Pres. Elect; Bob Bellinger, Secretary Guest Allen Jennings, OPMP/USDA

Before moving to agenda, Al Jennings, OPMP/USDA visiting at the beginning of the Exec. Committee meeting at the invitation of Amy Brown, provided comments and there was discussion of funding strategies for PAT at the national level. Jennings suggested that we try to obtain support for our cause from selected commodity groups clientele at the national level, e.g. Cotton Council, National Corn Growers, etc. These groups may provide some clientele clout we have not previously used. Jennings was thanked for his visit, comments, and discussion and left the meeting after the discussion.

Agenda items:

“Old Business”

1) Minutes of 10/04 teleconference

Incorporated changes need to be reviewed.

2) Minutes of 11/01 teleconference

Changes from the EC members need to be incorporated.

3) Discussion of reworking of Strategic Plan

Norm Nesheim was not able to schedule travel in time to attend this session but will be with the EC Thursday; therefore discussion of the strategic plan was deferred until Thursday

4) Spray Drift I&E Committee

Two position paper drafts were presented to the EC: Win Hock's 2nd draft; Carol Ramsay's revision of Win's 2nd draft. (Ramsay noted she submitted separate personal comments to the EPA.) Hock is concerned that Ramsay's draft may look too much like AAPSE tooting its horn. Hock feels we should comment on the EPA proposed document, versus talking about AAPSE. Hock felt some material related to AAPSE should be shunted to the end of the AAPSE position paper (response to EPA). There was discussion of organization of the AAPSE position paper. There will be a melding the two versions, using wrap-up statements at the top for a summary, and moving details to the end.

Hock will send it on to Pres. Brown for signature. Pres. Brown will send the position paper to Jay Ellenberger (EPA). The submission will be letter format on AAPSE letterhead. Hock will check with Ellenberger on preferred submission format, i.e., hard copy versus electronic.

5) Membership

Ramsay commented on new supporting members -- a few new coming in. Pres. Brown suggested having stickers for placement on badges of members at various meetings identifying them as members of AAPSE. It would serve to generate interest and discussion and hopefully recruit new members to AAPSE.

6) Articles/By-Laws

Status report - Need for future actions? Voting on changes on who may vote will end December 5. Pres. Brown has just sent out a reminder for members to vote. A simple majority of those voting decides the outcome.

Pres. Brown stated there were new changes from Roger Flashinski. He raised the question on retired individuals as officers. Flashinski proposed allowing officers to retire from a C&T job while an AAPSE office holder and not step down. Current language does not allow retired members to hold office. AAPSE needs to consider the diversity of the organization. Should By-Laws be changed again for this and other issues: this to be revisited after the current vote.

“New Business”

7) Report on meeting with EPA-C&T

Pres. Brown met with Kevin Keaney & Jeanne Heying (EPA) in Washington (set up meeting via Heying). Others from EPA dropped in. Several items were covered:

- Keaney & Heying were told AAPSE would hold a professional development conference in 2004. We hope to have a topic EPA can support with travel funds. Ramsay believes we should start to think of topics now. Pres. Brown stated it was probably a little early to look at hard topics. Professional development should be just that. EPA appears willing to help fund if we come up with the right topic. We will need to involve EPA-C&T in the decision-making process for the topics for 2004.

- Formula funding - EPA was not aware of Monte Johnson (USDA Nat. Prog. Ldr) preparing to change the funding formula (PAT funds passed through from EPA). They did not have great concerns over this. Johnson will have his own team on the formula funding, may already have it. Hock noted that CTAG should also be working with Johnson on the formula, that Johnson should run his committee by CTAG at the least. Ramsay noted the workload of CTAG. Hock already told Al Muench that a subcommittee of CTAG should contact and work with Johnson as soon as possible. This way we would have some oversight on the process.

- Amy Breedlove (EPA-who was also at the meeting) took Pres. Brown up on offer of AAPSE to help with Consumer Labeling Initiative (CLI), especially with short-fuse items. Breedlove seemed to be appreciative of AAPSE input for her for NPSA meeting.

There is a summary of a data subset of the CLI that has not been released. Breedlove may be able to provide some raw data that EPA has not released to submit for publication in JPSE or to put on the AAPSE web site. There are a lot of internal things that EPA has that never see the light of day. We may be an outlet for some of it.

- Heying had comments on proposal to fund the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) EPA will not fund Pesticide Safety Education Centers (PSECs) under this program. Any proposals for funding under PESP should be tied strongly to IPM for funding, because that is where the dollars for this are. Heying asked about an organizational project from AAPSE for funding. The EC does not feel AAPSE should submit a PESP proposal for funding. We need to change our info on the PESP web site.

- Heying suggested Donnie Dippel as AAPCO President, and Jack Neylan of SFIREG Policy, Operations, and Management (POM) would be good to use to help push through CTAG initiatives. Heying gave Pres. Brown copy of CTAG Charter changes.

Ramsay queried here if AAPSE supports CTAG in a formal way? Pres. Brown responded that CTAG is a separate entity from AAPSE, although it was an AAPSE initiative. Pres. Brown will send the Charter to the AAPSE board.

Sidebar - Hock provided EC members with copies of a fax of the IAG between the EPA and the USDA on conditions for pass-through and use of the PAT funding.

- PPRS (review of indicators) - Heying said Richard Ponte may be able to serve on this committee. She would also like to be on this committee. Hock will set up an I&E Committee and ask a committee member be to chair it. (Refer to Hock's e-mail on committee members).

Related discussion on the PPRS review by the EC:

Here Ramsay said she felt someone from CTAG State Plans Plus should be on the committee. We also need an SLA person on the committee. Donnie Dippel was suggested but may be very busy. After considering current membership, the EC suggested including Gary Fish (ME-SLA) or Kathleen Dictor (VA-SLA) and Natalia Clifton (MA-Ext). Hock will ask about Richard Lee (NM), who was suggested. Joanne Kick-Raak(OH-Ext) and Don Renchie (TX-Ext) will likely be on it. Amy Brown, although on the suggested list from Monte Johnson, requested that she not be appointed to serve on this committee due to time restraints. Win will also ask Howard Deere (Utah-Ext), and also see if he could serve as chair. Hock should also ask Sorrel Brown and Ruth Book. Ramsay requested that she and Debbie Danford be copied on all committee communications.

8) AAPSE E-Services

E-Services suggested revisions to AAPSE web site to be saved for discussion on Thursday.

9) AAPSE role with PESP

Brief discussion here again, but feel we can't take on a project there. There is no one who could do this because of current workloads, but EC also decided it really also should not be an AAPSE activity.

10) Spray Drift Conference

Ramsay handed out a CD from the Pesticide Spray Drift Conference. All conference presentations are on the CD. Ramsay suggested AAPSE could sell Drift Conference CD's, other items. She Suggested selling it for \$15 with a discount for 20 or more copies; the EC agreed to this plan.

Other issues

Budget

Ramsay provided a Treasurer's report for this EC meeting. We need to make some decision on investing our funds to take advantage of better interest. There was discussion on moving money out of savings and into possibly mutual funds but the EC decided the interest rates on CDs are so marginal now that tying up the money would not be worth the few tenths of a percentage point that it would gain.

AAPSE has about 140 members and an income of about \$7,000 for this year. Multiple year memberships mean dollars in this year won't recur next year. We need to determine what our "true" income may be.

- Meeting handling fees. Ramsay is to charge a \$3 per head fee for handling Western Region meeting registration.

- Travel was budgeted for \$3,500. This seems to be appropriate; needs for next year are unknown.

- Pres. Brown restated that we will not have an EC meeting, etc. at the Seattle NPSA meeting in 2002.

Meeting ended 6:15 PM

THURSDAY

3:07 CST - President Amy Brown, Treasurer Carol Ramsay, Pres. Elect Win Hock, Sec. Bob Bellinger, and Past President Norm Nesheim.

Norm Nesheim provided a revised, marked version of the AAPSE Strategic Plan. The EC devoted most of the Thursday meeting to substantially revising the draft plan. The outcome of the discussion was recorded in a separate file and will be reflected in the new draft version of the Plan.

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Dinner break 6:20 PM CST

After dinner 8:20

8) AAPSE E-Services

There are no current procedure(s) related to what and how information goes on the AAPSE web site.

Mike Weaver (Editor-in-chief) provided another update to Pres. Brown, who sent that out to the EC. There was discussion on items in that report. Brown noted that the web site is now on a new server, and has a new look.

- **Journal of Pesticide Safety Education - JPSE** Editor-in-Chief - Weaver gave update on submitted articles. The EC decided that a notice of receipt of manuscripts is needed. Further, when a manuscript goes out it needs to have notation attached that tells the reviewer when the review is expected to be done, and if the reviewer believes they cannot meet the deadline for that particular manuscript, then the reviewer should immediately notify the Editor. There must be a procedure and a time line. There was additional EC discussion on how the JPSE is published, that is, a paper at a time (but give an issue number, or determine a publication date and publish what is there at the time. Because of the low number of manuscripts, it may be best to post individual manuscripts as they are completed, and then the issue would be closed out at the end of each year. Editors' terms of service should be posted on the web site.

Points from Mike Weaver:

- AAPSE is keeping up the membership database. Right now it is the function of the membership committee. This will continue. Ramsay is on that committee. Joanne Kick-Raak (OH Extension) and Randy Rivera (TX SLA) are co-chairs. Ramsay needs access to make changes on the listserve.

Pres. Brown - Overall question: Who is in charge of the E-Services? After minimal discussion, the EC agreed that the EC should take on this function.

It was decided that the President will provide changes to the web master (Mike Weaver) for inclusion on the web site.

The President will contact the chair of the Committee on Committees about committee membership changes. The Committee on Committees can get reports collected, etc. to take some burden off the President. The chair of the C-on-C will notify the web master (Mike Weaver) of changes to get them onto the web.

There is a need to find out who the regional reps are after the elections at the regional meetings. The senior rep should notify the President on who the new junior representative is. This information needs also to go onto the AAPSE web site. AAPSE could have a database to post the representatives on and have the years of service indicated, to include advancing from junior to senior representative.

If members want changes to the site they must be approved by the EC

It was agreed that EC members will review the web site and suggest changes as soon as possible to Pres. Brown. Discussion of this item will be a large part of the agenda of the next EC telemeeting.

Weaver indicated he needed funds for the web site. The EC stated that any needs must be invoiced to AAPSE for payment.

The EC also agreed that AAPSE needs a “.org” address (URL) so as not to have the site nominally tied to Virginia Tech (although the web site would still reside at Va Tech.)

Appointment/reappointment of JPSE editors should be done by the Editor-in-Chief. Criteria need to be revised. The EC is requesting action on the criteria changes as soon as possible, but no later than January 15. Pres. Brown will e-mail Mike Weaver on needs from him along with deadlines.

Budget Report by Carol Ramsay

This discussion was tabled Wednesday to be finished after the discussion on e-services so that the EC could properly allocate funds for this activity.

Mike Weaver has indicated that it will take about \$4,000 per year to keep up the web site. Brown wants Weaver to submit a budget and time line on expected expenses after the EC decides what changes are needed. All related expenses here must be invoiced for payment. Web site needs are budgeted for \$2,000 at this time.

The Budget was approved unanimously.

Update on EcoSmart.

Hock met with David Lindsay, VP EcoSmart Technologies. AAPSE has had concern about 25b chemicals. EcoSmart has no problem with 25b registrations. The firm wants their products identified as safer. EcoSmart noted to Pres. Brown that there is an error in the MSDS listed LD₅₀ for eugenol, a compound marketed by this company the listed LD₅₀ may be a “typo”. Patrick Cummiskey of EcoSmart Technologies provided Brown with a published paper that gave LD₅₀s that are higher (material is less toxic) than the figure used by AAPSE in some of its information. Brown will send a memo to AAPSE membership asking them to correct the LD₅₀ and will copy both Lindsay and Cummiskey.

NPSA

Pres. Brown talked with Roger Springman: We are not a NPSA affiliate - so what is our relationship? Ramsay thinks we should go the liaison route. Pat Hipkins is agreeable to being the liaison, NPSA wants to know what to call us. Hock suggested “Allied Association”. Pres. Brown will convey this to Roger Springman.

AAPSE Accomplishments

AAPSE needs to report on accomplishments whenever/wherever we can. Ramsay suggested chemical security as a topic to use. She suggested Dean Herzfeld (MN Extension) as a chair for a committee to do this, as he has special interest in this area. Such a report would show what AAPSE members have done since Sept. 11 on chemical security. Ramsay offered to help/serve on the committee.

North Central Region publication

The NCR has an NCR Pesticide Quarterly. The first issue came out in Fall 2001. Ramsay wants it sent out to the entire membership. Pres. Brown to commend them for their effort.

AAPCO/AAPSE

AAPCO/AAPSE 2002 spring meeting: March 11th through noon on the 13th in Arlington/Crystal City, VA. AAPCO Board of Directors meets 3-6 PM on Sunday the 10th. AAPSE needs to have a Board meeting and a General meeting there as well. The EC meeting can be held by teleconference prior to the AAPCO/AAPSE meeting. The AAPSE Board meeting will be 8-3 on Sunday the 10th. Sunday is the best day because the AAPCO liaison will be able to be present. The AAPSE General business meeting will be from 4:00-5:30, following the Board meeting on Sunday, March 10th.

Charles Nagamine (HI-Extension) has notified Brown that he cannot attend the 2002 AAPSE Board meetings because of cost. Ramsay noted that AAPSE has said that we did not want representation to be adversely affected by inability to afford to attend AAPSE meetings. EC to offer to pay airfare or hotel or possibly both if needed.

Hock noted that AAPSE needs to send out information on the Board meeting and request response on who may be able to attend and who will not to determine format of the Board of Directors meeting. Pres. Brown will do this. The EC wants to be sure a quorum will be present.

Pres. Brown will send out dates of the March 2002 meeting to the membership and will send other information on the meeting when AAPCO posts their meeting information on their web site.

Adjourned at 10:47 PM CST