



American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators

1996 Meeting: Arlington, VA

AAPSE-AAPCO

Board of Director's Meeting - 3/10/96 (Sunday)

I. Call to Order

7:45 p.m. - AAPSE President Mary Grodner (LA).

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the 1995 AAPSE Meeting were distributed and accepted as written. The previous AAPSE meeting was held in conjunction with the National PAT&C Workshop in San Diego, CA. Minutes were submitted by Mike Weaver (VA), 1993-95 AAPSE secretary.

III. Treasurer's Report

Jim Criswell (OK) summarized AAPSE's finances. Current balance \$5,262.08. This sum includes 1996 dues collected to date, and 11 pre-registrations for the current meeting. Jim noted that only about half of the 1995 AAPSE members have paid their dues for 1996. He explained that the \$50.00 registration fee for the '96 meeting covered the cost of breaks and a Monday evening reception. (The reception is funded with AAPCO-AAPSE conference registrations only; no industry support.)

IV. Reports from Committees

A. Comments or activity summaries were presented from standing committees:

Auditing:

- George Hamilton (NJ) reported that the "books" were audited (all OK) in San Diego 1995; will be done for '96 during this meeting.

Awards:

- No report at this time (chair absent).*

Constitution and Bylaws:

- Barry Brennan (HI) saw a good model at the Pacific Branch ESA Meeting: Frank Zalom developed a short summary of the duties and the responsibilities of each ESA committee. Barry will adapt this model for AAPSE: He will develop a draft description of the scope of work for each committee, and send each to the appropriate committee for review.

Membership:

- No report at this time (chair absent).*

Program Funding:

- Norm Nesheim (FL) supported John Impson's efforts to get USDA support and funding for PAT / HELPS. In addition, the committee was working on funding formulas, etc. This effort ceased when the PAT \$\$ was removed from the 1996 USDA budget. If it stays in the '97 USDA budget, this activity will resume.

1996 Program:

- George Hamilton reported that all was set for 1996, and thanked Pat Hipkins for her help.
- Note: several AAPSE members (from the '96 Program Committee and the BOD) participated in planning the 1996 spring AAPCO meeting program. And, several AAPSE members (Mary Grodner, John Impson, Mike Weaver and Susan Whitney) were presenters at the spring AAPCO meeting.

Public Information/Relations:

- No report at this time (chair absent).*

Resolutions:

- No report at this time (chair absent).

Issues and Evaluations:

1) Impact of Good Laboratory Practices on Land Grant University Pesticide Programs: GLP Issue Paper from the I&E Committee Working Group / Barry Brennan (HI):

Barry Brennan, Jim Criswell and Mary Grodner brought those present up to date re: this issue paper. It was sent to EPA-OPP / Bill Jordan (1/96). Jordan responded to AAPSE (2/96) in a positive manner. He indicated that the issue paper will be considered by the EPA team reviewing GLP's as part of a continuing effort to re-invent regulations. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs Policy and Special Projects staff, the OPP group reviewing GLP's, should make a progress report to AAPSE in early April of 1996. AAPCO is interested in the GLP issue, as is IR-4.

2) Meeting attendance (in general):

Jim Criswell attended the '95 ASPCRO Meeting, and Jim (and other AAPSE members) attended the spring and fall Full SFIREG Meetings in '95.

Jim was not able to attend either the SFIREG C&T or Water Quality Working Group Meetings. He was not able to find an AAPSE member to attend, either. (Members of the appropriate AAPSE I&E Working Group were not able to go due to time or budgetary constraints.)

The importance of having AAPSE representation at **all** SFIREG meetings, including their Working Groups, was stressed. It was noted that a lot of the basic work gets done at these sessions, and that AAPCO/SFIREG are glad to have AAPSE "at the table" for discussion and input.

The BOD decided that, if no one from the appropriate I&E Working Group can attend, an AAPSE member who is geographically close will be asked to go. John Impson and Jim Criswell will coordinate notification, etc. Representation will be sought from: AAPSE I&E WG committee chair, committee members, and AAPSE member(s) close to the meeting site. (Volunteers are welcome!)

Next SFIREG Working Group sessions scheduled are: Enforcement and Certification; Registration and Classification.

3) 1995 Summer AAPCO Meeting:

Pat Hipkins (VA) presented an oral summary of the meeting; print copies were distributed as well. The written report is available on the AAPSE Home Page.

4) 1995 ASPCRO Meeting:

Jim Criswell reported that a primary issue of concern is homeowner pesticides. Many of the issues are the same as those raised at the '95 Summer AAPCO Meeting. In addition, ASPCRO is interested in termiticide labeling end efficacy issues, and (mis)use of the new bait/monitoring systems by homeowners.

5) AAPSE-Coordinated Educational Programs:

Jim suggested that AAPSE put in a grant proposal for a targeted educational program. Initial comments to this idea were generally negative: logistical problems, competition with state PAT program for limited resources. John Impson suggested that AAPSE seek to acquire funds that are **not** available to states (therefore eliminate the problem of competition for \$\$) by directing AAPSE grant proposals to EPA-OPP C&T (Cathy Kronopolis).

B. I&E Committee Working Group Reports:

Certification Standards/Training:

- No report at this time (chair absent).

Certified Crop Advisors:

- No report at this time (chair absent).*

Endangered Species:

- No report at this time (chair absent).

Food Safety:

- No report at this time (chair absent).

GLP's:

- In addition items noted above (I&E), Barry Brennan made the following comments: IR-4 responded to EPA about the AAPSE GLP issue paper. Barry suggests a copy of the issue paper be sent to the American Crop Protection Association (ACPA), and the Society of Quality Assurance (GLP revision workgroup). Barry is worried about the effect of GLP requirements on not only IR-4 but also PIAP research (may drive the latter to a "survey only" program). Whether or not GLP's are / should be required for research not directly in support of a pesticide registration is an issue. (Is / should benefit data be considered in direct support of a pesticide registration?)

Recordkeeping:

- George Hamilton (NJ): No report at this time.

Reduced Risk Policy:

- Dean Herzfeld (MN): No report at this time.

Evaluations and Accountability:

- Susan Whitney (DE) reported that she is in the final phases of validating the last of three survey instruments for evaluating PAT, and will have a final report + products ready soon.

IPM:

- No report at this time (chair absent).

Water Quality:

- No report at this time (chair absent).

Worker Protection Standards:

- Larry Olsen (MI) stated everyone seems to be in "operation mode" - nothing special to do at this time, since everyone seems to be "just doing it"; the excitement and worry phase seems to be over. To date, no special issues or concerns have surfaced within or been directed to this group.

- Norm Nesheim attended the first of a series of public hearings or open forums that EPA is holding, nationwide, re: WPS. The meeting Norm attended was held in FL. A final schedule of all the hearing/forum locations and dates is in the final stages of development. John Impson will distribute a schedule to all PAT Coordinators.

(*means a report was given later, at the 3/12/96 general session AAPSE Business Meeting.)

V. President's Report - Mary Grodner

A. Appointments:

AAPCO Minor Use Committee - Jim Dill (ME)

ASPCRO Service Tech Working Group - Fred Whitford (IN).

AAPSE I&E Water Quality Working Group Chair - Carol Ramsey (WA); position vacant due to resignation of Amy Brown (MD).

Mary Grodner asked EPA to appoint an AAPSE member to the OPP Dialog Committee; no response from EPA to date.

B. AAPCO:

Mary Grodner, George Hamilton, Jim Criswell and Pat Hipkins met with AAPCO's program committee after the 12/95 SFIREG meeting. The group worked to plan the 1996 AAPCO spring meeting. (In the "even" years, the AAPCO spring meeting and the annual AAPSE meetings coordinate.)

AAPCO, as an organization, is very interested in and supportive of AAPSE.

C. National IPM Symposium:

Mary was part of a panel discussion re: IPM-PAT coordination, which was one of the meeting concurrent sessions.

D. Professional Lawn Care Association:

At the invitation of the PLCAA president, AAPSE had a booth at the 1995 "Greens" Expo in San Antonio. Mary staffed the booth, with the help of Susan Hyden (TX). PLCAA paid for the charges associated with this effort, except for the cost of shipping and storing handout and display materials. Relevant PAT materials were displayed, and AAPSE and PAT handouts were distributed. The same offer was made for the 1996 Expo, which will be in Cincinnati, Ohio in November. Mary will ask Joanne Kick-Raack (OH) to staff this booth and coordinate materials for display and distribution.

If you have any materials to offer, please do so.

E. Spray Drift Task Force:

Research done; in final stages of compilation; being presented to EPA. An educational coalition is forming; AAPSE and USDA (PAT/HELPS Program) are involved.

A detailed progress report will be made at the AAPCO meeting (3/13 a.m.).

VI. HELPS / National Program Leader Report - John Impson

Large cuts anticipated, due to EPA's current lack of and anticipated reduction in budget. Details, and plans to turn this crisis into an opportunity, will be discussed at the general business meeting. John proposed that we document the history and successes of the PAT program, and lay out a game plan for the future (goals and objectives); goal = work for joint EPA-USDA program support.

John stated that the PAT program won't die, but some states will certainly be hurt. He observed that,

in most states, the bulk of the support for the PAT program comes from the state (actual \$\$ and/or in-kind support).

John noted that some state SLAs and some regions want USEPA to end the agreement with USDA, and give the PAT-dedicated \$\$ to them. There are a number of problems that would result, including losses to overhead and diversion of funds from state PAT coordinators.

VII. Old Business

None, other than what was already discussed.

VIII. New Business

A. "Selling" the HELPS Program:

Mary Grodner discussed the need for and ways to "sell" HELPS. Suggestions:

- Develop an program impact informational brochure (in addition to the membership application form currently-available);
- Meet with Extension Directors. This may be done effectively both in-state (PAT Coordinators meeting with the state's Director of Extension) and on a national basis (Mary and/or John on program at national meeting to explain the program).

B. Information Distribution:

Pat Hipkins presented a plan for distribution of information within AAPSE.

- Members should be notified of pressing, sensitive and/or critical issues via E-Mail or letter from the AAPSE President or the National PAT/HELPS Program Leader.

Members who acquire critical or time-dated information should inform the HELPS National Program Leader and the AAPSE President ASAP. (It may also be advisable to notify the appropriate AAPSE Committee chair.)

- Routine reports will be compiled by the Secretary and posted on the AAPSE Home Page on the World Wide Web. An E-mail note will inform the membership that an item has been listed. Members who do not have WWW access may contact the Secretary to request print copies.

Routine information (meeting summaries, copies of issue papers, etc.) should be routed to the Secretary. (Long documents should be sent in electronic form if at all possible.)

Members present agreed with this plan.

John Impson will establish a private LISTSERV newsgroup for PAT / AAPSE, so news may be transmitted efficiently via E-Mail.

C. Nominees to the FIFRA Science Advisory Panel (SAP):

Mary distributed a Memorandum to AAPSE members, which included the text of a Federal Register Notice requesting comments re: appointees to the FIFRA SAP. Fifteen persons

are nominated for two vacancies. The memorandum includes an overview of the SAP functions, and a short "bio" for each of the 15 nominees. Mary suggested that AAPSE may not want to comment as an organization, but individuals should feel free to do so. Pat noted that it may be useful to comment positively (name those we recommend for selection) vs. commenting negatively (naming those we don't want chosen).

D. AAPSE "Stamp of Approval" on PAT materials:

Mary relayed Mike Weaver's suggestion that AAPSE consider reviewing and approving PAT materials. If approved, the item could have some sort of indication that it has been reviewed and approved by AAPSE. The advantages include increased name recognition for AAPSE and validation of support materials developed for pesticide safety education.

E. 1997 National C&T Workshop:

The next biennial meeting will be held in the North Central Region. Dean Herzfeld reported that Fred Whitford has expressed an interest in hosting the meeting in Indianapolis, IN. John Impson will check with Fred.

F. Regional PAT Meetings Schedule:

Mary asked that the dates of the regional PAT Coordinators meetings be posted. Those in attendance provided the following information:

NE October 1-3 Cape May, New Jersey

S October 21-23 TBA, Florida

W May 14-17 Reno, Nevada

IX. Other Items for the Benefit of the Organization

A. Protocol for routing AAPSE issue papers:

Barry Brennan suggested that AAPSE develop guidelines for routing of issue papers. Jim and Pat will work on an outline or flow chart for BOD consideration.

B. Preparation for future AAPSE presidents and organizational continuity:

Barry suggested that AAPSE presidents appoint the president-elect as head of the Issues and Evaluations Committee. He feels it would be good training for future AAPSE presidents.

C. AAPSE member information:

- Mike Weaver distributed a *Directory of Active AAPSE Members*;
- Mary Grodner distributed a *Directory of Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs*.

X. Adjourn

9:30 p.m. - AAPSE President Mary Grodner.

Present at the BOD meeting:

Barry Brennan (HI), Jim Criswell (OK), Tom Dean (FL), Roger Flashinski (WI), Mary Grodner (LA), George Hamilton (NJ), Dean Herzfeld (MN), Pat Hipkins (VA), John Impson (CSREES), Pat Marer (CA), Norm Nesheim (FL), Larry Olsen (MI), Larry Schulze (NE), Mike Weaver (VA), Susan Whitney (DE), and John Wilson (NC).

General Business Meeting - 3/12/96 (Tuesday)

I. Call to Order

8:00 a.m. - AAPSE President Mary Grodner (LA).

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the 1995 were distributed to those who had not received them. The minutes stand as written.

III. Treasurer's Report

The AAPSE treasury had about \$4,000.00 as of the end of February. An audit was completed 3/11/96, and all was in order.

IV. Reports from Committees

A. Comments or activity summaries were presented from standing committees:

Auditing:

- George Hamilton (NJ) reported that the "books" were audited and all is in order.

Awards:

- Gene Burgess (TN) said group is corresponding; no news to report at this time.

Constitution and Bylaws:

- Barry Brennan (HI) will develop a short summary of the duties and the responsibilities of each standing committee. A draft description of the scope of work for each committee will be sent to appropriate committee for review.

Membership:

- Rhonda Ferree (IL) will maintain a membership list. Dues should be paid directly to the organization treasurer, Jim Criswell (OK). Jim will forward the paperwork for each paid member to Rhonda. Rhonda will get membership brochures to each coordinator.

Program Funding:

- Norm Nesheim (FL) stated his committee would work with John Impson to develop funding formulas.

1996 Program:

- George Hamilton (NJ) organized this session.

Public Information/Relations:

- Roger Flashinski (WI) will coordinate the activity of this committee with the Membership committee.

Resolutions:

- No report at this time (chair absent).

Issues and Evaluations:

- Jim Criswell (OK) brought those present up to date on the *Impact of Good Laboratory Practices on Land Grant University Pesticide Programs*: an "issue paper" produced by the I&E Committee GLP Working Group. The paper was reviewed and edited by the I&E committee. Mary Grodner sent the paper to EPA. EPA's response indicates they will use AAPSE's suggestions.
- Jim stressed the importance of AAPSE members attending SFIREG (and AAPCO) meetings, and establishing a working relationship with SLA's and EPA. He noted that the bulk of the preparatory / planning work for new regulations and policies is done at the SFIREG working group meetings.

B. I&E Committee Working Group Reports:

Certification Standards/Training:

- No report.

Certified Crop Advisors:

- Joanne Kick-Raack (OH) reported that to date, about 5,000 people have taken the CCA exam. Passing rates are dropping.

Endangered Species:

- No report.

Food Safety:

- No report.

GLP's:

- Barry Brennan (HI) noted that the GLP "issue paper" was developed with input from several IR-4 coordinators, researchers and lab personnel. While the paper criticized some of the current GLP rules, it also made constructive solutions. EPA's positive response is encouraging.

Evaluations and Accountability:

- Susan Whitney (DE) reported that she is in the final phases of validating the last of three survey instruments for evaluating PAT, and will have a final report + products ready soon.

IPM:

- No report.

Water Quality:

- No report.

Worker Protection Standards:

- Larry Olsen stated everyone seems to be in "operation mode" - nothing special happening at this time.

V. President's Report - Mary Grodner

Mary reviewed the items she presented at the BOD meeting: AAPCO support, the GLP "issue paper", AAPSE appointments, organization booth at the "Greens Expo" '95, attendance at relevant meetings, the Spray Drift Task Force, and the IPM Conference.

Mary reported the election was held. Barry Brennan (HI) is the AAPSE president-elect, Larry Olsen (MI) is the new treasurer, and Pat Hipkins (VA) is the secretary. Mike Weaver volunteered his services as Historian, and will maintain the AAPSE WWW site.

VI. HELPS / National Program Leader Report - John Impson (USDA-CSREES)

John mentioned program budget, and reminded those present about the "brainstorming" session scheduled for Tuesday evening. He discussed POW reporting (good in '94, better in '95! Thanks and keep up the good work.) Finally, he mentioned other ways that state coordinators and AAPSE might obtain funds for programs.

VII. Old Business

John stressed the importance of participation in SFIREG Working Groups. John will post dates, and asked that AAPSE members *please* plan to go. Those who attend are asked to tell John what takes place if he is not there. In addition, members are asked to send a short meeting summary to Jim Criswell (I&E) and Pat Hipkins (secretary). He reminded PAT Coordinators that they should get copies of SFIREG meeting minutes from the SLA. The minutes make interesting reading. Please check with your SLA if you're not receiving them.

VIII. New Business

Mary discussed:

- the AAPSE booth at the 1996 "Greens" Expo. (Joanne Kick-Raack (OH) will coordinate; send any/all appropriate materials developed in your state to Joanne.)

- nominees to the FIFRA Science Advisory Panel (SAP).

- an AAPSE Meeting in 1997. (Mary will draft a letter to Cathy Kronopolis endorsing and supporting a

1997 PAT&C Workshop.)

Mary reminded members the business meeting would be continued.

IX. Other Items for the Benefit of the Organization

Barry Brennan told those present about three items to be considered by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee: changing Membership from an ad hoc I&E working group to a standing committee; producing a description of committee activities, duties and responsibilities; and developing a protocol for "issue papers".

Mary presented Mike Weaver's suggestion about AAPSE review of pesticide safety education training materials. Mike proposes that the Certification and Training Working Group of the Issues and Evaluations Committee will review (not edit) materials. Those materials that "make the grade" may carry some indication that they are "AAPSE-approved". One goal is AAPSE name recognition. The discussion that followed indicated that members liked AAPSE-endorsed (vs. approved). The C&T WG could ensure that the educational piece addressed relevant / required Standards of Competency items. Bob Bellinger suggested that one or more objectives must be submitted with each piece (manual, collateral material); then, the committee can validate that the piece meets the stated objective(s). In the course of discussion, several ideas were offered and one motion was made and defeated. Finally, Larry Schulze (NE) moved *"that the I&E C&T Working Group develop a policy and procedures for endorsement of pesticide safety education materials by AAPSE."* This motion was seconded by Tom Dean and Norm Nesheim (FL). The C&T Working Group will develop a generalized protocol for this activity. Jim Criswell suggested that a draft document be prepared in time for review and comment at regional PAT Coordinator meetings. Dean Herzfeld (MN) noted that the volume of submissions may be large, and that we limit submissions to those produced by Cooperative Extension. John Wilson (NC) called for question. The motion passed unanimously.

Edward Vitzthum (NE) suggested that AAPSE develop an "advertisement" flyer for the organization, and distribute camera-ready copies to all members.

Barry Brennan recognized and thanked Mike Weaver (VA) and Larry Schulze for their efforts on behalf of AAPSE and Pesticide Safety Education on the World Wide Web.

Barry also suggested that AAPSE establish a peer-reviewed electronic journal. Mary Grodner said she would appoint an ad hoc committee *"to examine the feasibility of establishing an electronic journal for the publication of peer-reviewed articles consistent with the goals and objectives of AAPSE."*

Mary ended this portion of the general business meeting at 8:55 a.m. with a reminder that proceedings would resume at 8:00 p.m. in the Madison Room.

X. Strategic Planning Session

Participants:

Twenty-one AAPSE members attended the p.m. planning session / continuation of the business meeting: Candace Bartholomew (CT), Barry Brennan (HI), Gene Burgess (TN), Jim Criswell (OK), Tom Dean (FL), Rhonda Ferree (IL), Roger Flashinski (WI), Mary Grodner (LA), Dean Herzfeld (MN), Pat Hipkins (VA), John Impson (CSREES), Joanne Kick-Raack (OH), Pat Marer (CA), Norm Nesheim (FL), Larry Olsen (MI), Larry Schulze (NE), Edward Vitzthum (NE), Mike Weaver (VA), Susan Whitney (DE), and John Wilson (NC).

Planning and Discussion Notes:

Mary Grodner gave the floor to John Impson, who stated his goals for this session:

1. To discuss the C&T Program;
2. To make recommendations; and
3. To plan for a comprehensive review of the C&T Program, conducted by two parallel working groups: one led by John (USDA) /Training; the other under the direction of Cathy Kronopolis (EPA) / Certification. The two groups will be structured so there is some cross-over and open communication. The Training Group will have representation from USDA / State CES; the Certification Group will have representation from EPA (national and regional) and state SLA's.

The proposed objectives of the review are:

1. Review the current status of the C&T Program;
 - a. Review history, document accomplishments;
 - b. Solicit and assess suggestions for program improvement; and
 - c. Define scope / develop action plans.
2. Building on the results of #1, define the future direction of the program.

Other proposed details:

Timeline for project = 3-6 months;

Management = meetings conducted by a professional facilitator (who is independent of USDA and EPA); process handled by a review manager (who may be a coordinator or pesticide safety education specialist on temporary leave from regular duties, or a retired coordinator - should be someone familiar with PAT and pesticide safety education.)

Discussion:

Several AAPSE members (Barry Brennan, Joanne Kick-Raack, Larry Schulze) asked about the reasons for / motivation behind / benefits of Johns' proposed program review. John explained that Cathy Kronopolis needs it for EPA, John needs it for USDA, and the PAT people need it for their own program, their state CES organization, and for their Extension Directors. John believes this can help the program funding situation, and will show that, for example, an EPA input of \$30,000 to a state is turned into a \$300,000 state program by CES match and inputs. Cathy can use this match as leverage for continued EPA funding, and John needs to document the need for the HELPS program. He stated that the perception is the HELPS Program supports the certification of persons using Restricted-Use Pesticides, period. In fact, as we all know, it is much, much more. Because of the narrow perception that PAT is for RUP applicators only (and in some cases only RUP-user growers), the budget people at USDA see it as trivial or small. The EPA-USDA Memorandum of Understanding for applicator training needs to be redefined and the job of the PAT Coordinator needs to be redefined. We need to accurately represent what we do and why we do it.

Norm Nesheim noted that, given the big EPA emphasis on risk-reduction (and the reduced-use = reduced risk philosophy), we need to demonstrate that PAT is more than a RUP issue.

Barry asked about USDA's role in all of this, and John stated his goal is to get a new MOU and to make USDA a part of it; to update and redefine the program.

Mary suggested we share the outcomes of the review with the National Association of State Land-Grant Universities. (note: There is currently a Kellogg Commission studying the Future of State and Land-Grant Universities. E. Gordon Gee, president of Ohio State University, chairs this committee.)

Ed Vitzthum observed we might be well advised to copy the NASLGUC Directors, as they will be affected by and involved in any long term direction shifts and any plan of action adopted.

John asked what other things would be involved in the process, and Barry suggested we ask for endorsement from national organizations like Farm Bureau and ACPA: our audience. A discussion followed revolving around the issue of at what point to involve stakeholders: in the review itself vs. endorsement of final plan (Focus Group vs. Strategic Plan).

John asked that we look at the objectives and approve them or not; they were accepted.

John then asked for discussion for a good name for review and the committee that will conduct it. Lots of ideas were discussed. Finally, after discussion at this time and later in the meeting, it was decided to call the study group the "T Committee". Parallel group may be called the "C Committee". The group decided that John can pick a name for the review itself, if it needs one.

John then asked members turn their attention to the composition of the "T Committee". He suggested that an ideal size = minimum six, maximum ten people. The group decided on the following:

AAPSE (1/region) = 4

AAPCO = 1 (at least)

USEPA = 1

EPA Regions* = 1 (at least)

USDA/CSREES = 1

County Agents** = 1

ECOP*** = 1

(*Pick a person with several years of experience in C&T.)

(**Choose an agent with PAT and pesticide safety education experience; funding will be obtained for the agent representative's costs.)

(***Some debate re: whether or not an active Director would have the time

to serve or the background to contribute took place. It was decided that the offer to involve Directors should be made, to demonstrate a spirit of good faith and cooperation. The Directors can decide how to handle representation, to include appointing a recently-retired Director. John Impson will handle the particulars of obtaining an ECOP representative.)

Representation as described above = a committee of ten.

Ideally, the composition of the parallel certification committee will be similar in structure.

Larry Schulze suggested that a request for this review will be made from AAPSE (Mary will write) to both USDA (John Impson) and EPA (Cathy Kronopolis). John Impson will handle getting an OK from USDA for the review to take place.

Joanne Kick-Raack asked how AAPSE members not present will be informed. Mary will also write a letter to AAPSE members (and those who should be AAPSE members) telling them about the AAPSE recommendation for the review.

Summary - Plan of Action:

Name for Review Process: John Impson will choose.

Name for Review Committee: "T Committee".

Persons Involved:

Committee Composition: 10 members (see above). John Impson and Mary Grodner will choose members of the "T Committee, with input from Cathy Kronopolis.

John Impson will find and employ a project manager and a professional meeting facilitator. (Project manager qualifications = knowledge of PAT Program and ability to make a full-time commitment to this project; person's fee must be affordable.)

Review Objectives:

1. To review the C&T Program status; and
2. To define the future direction of the C&T Program, based on identified needs.

Steps Involved:

1. Review program history; document accomplishments;
2. Solicit and assess suggestions. (At this point, project coordinator may direct the facilitator to involve a group of stakeholders.)
3. Develop a proposed scope of work and an action plan for HELPS (including, but not necessarily limited to, certification training.) Work Groups will be assigned as necessary to carry out action plan components.

Timeline: begin ASAP (ideally no later than May '96); finish by November 1996.

Official Motion: Barry Brennan made a motion *"that the President of AAPSE request that the Administrator of CSREES appoint a committee to review the accomplishments, current status and future directions of the Pesticide Applicator Training Program."*

Wrap-Up:

John Impson asked each person present at the end of the meeting to write a "one-liner" explaining what they want out of the review. Those comments (in no particular order / unedited) are:

- A model MOU for states to use to work with their SLA's.
- Clarified understanding of the Pesticide Education Program by upper echelon administrators.
- Knowledge of the total scope of PAT and recognition of PAT worthiness in the eyes of Land Grant University Extension Administration.
- Expanding PAT to include more than just Ag and more than just applicator certification.
- An MOU for a redefined program that is fair, accurate, and involves all "players".
- Dedicated funding.
- A recognition of the accomplishments of the pesticide education program, and an acknowledgment of the need for the program in the future.
- A clear vision mission and purpose statement that explains what Pesticide Education really does.
- Support for a well-rounded pesticide education program.
- Show / prove this program has evolved into an essential program for agriculture.
- Facilitate coordination and cooperation among SLA's and Coordinators in defining and carrying out programming.
- An answer to this question: Will PAT continue to be PAT, or will it be PAT/IPM/WPS/ES? In other words, is PAT going to become something more than training of pesticide applicators?
- Stronger visible and financial support from federal Extension and EPA to build a stronger program.
- A pesticide safety education program jointly funded by USDA and EPA.
- Establish a larger public purpose and need, validated through stakeholders.
- Support for our "other" program areas (WPS, WQ, RK, FS, etc.).
- The importance and value of pesticide education is recognized.

- A revised cooperative agreement between EPA and USDA CES that focuses on the broader mission of pesticide education rather than PAT for those who use RUPs.

After that, Mary asked Pat Hipkins to re-read her notes re: summary of the action plan (section above), so everyone would be crystal-clear re: what they would be voting on. Barry made his motion; John Wilson seconded it. There was no further discussion. Call for question; vote taken; motion carried unanimously.

XI. Other Business

Barry asked Mary to ask the BOD to make the I&E Membership Working Group a standing committee.

Mary announced that she formed an ad hoc committee to work on an electronic journal. Members of the ad hoc committee are: Barry Brennan (convenor), Tom Dean, Mary Grodner, Pat Marer and Mike Weaver. (The committee began its work by holding a preliminary planning meeting after the end of the general business meeting on Tuesday, March 12. Mike Weaver agreed to be committee chair and journal editor.)

Rhonda Ferree asked about an AAPSE newsletter. (Arlene Blessing at Purdue is interested?)

Tom Dean asked about a closed LISTSERV for AAPSE. John Impson re-stated that he will establish one.

Mary asked if there was anything further to discuss or bring to the table.

Barry moved the general business meeting adjourn. Tom Dean seconded. Unanimous approval.

XII. Adjourn

10:15 p.m. - AAPSE President Mary Grodner.

1996 AAPSE Meeting / March 11-12, 1996 / Arlington, VA

Minutes prepared by Pat Hipkins, AAPSE Secretary / Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs

1996 AAPSE Meeting Program

Session I Topics

- *Welcome* - George Hamilton (NJ/1996 Program Chair)
- *Introduction* - Mary Grodner (AAPSE President - LA) and "Punk" Bonner (AAPCO President - OK)
- *HELPS - USDA Program Update* - John Impson (USDA-CSREES)
- *Certification / EPA Program Update* - Cathy Kronopolis (EPA-OPP)
- *Evaluating Implementation and Impact of WPS* - Cathy Kronopolis and Kevin Keaney (EPA-OPP)

Session II Topics

- *AAPSE General Business Meeting (continued in a p.m. session)* - Mary Grodner (AAPSE President)

- *Fitting IPM and PAT Together* - Mike Fitzner (USDA National Program Leader - IPM)
- *Urban IPM and Its Application in Schools* - Doug Mampe (DM Associates)
- **Environmental Estrogens* - Janis McFarland (Manager, Triazine Special Review, Ciba)
- *Issues Associated with Metam-Sodium and Its Reclassification as a Restricted-Use Pesticide* - Robert Belarski (EPA-OPP)

Attendance

Active members present for all or some portion of the 1996 AAPSE meeting:

Jack Baniecki (WV), Candace Bartholomew (CT), Bob Bellinger (SC), Barry Brennan (HI), Amy Brown (MD), Gene Burgess (TN), Jim Criswell (OK), Tom Dean (FL), Rhonda Ferree (IL), Roger Flashinski (WI), Mary Grodner (LA), George Hamilton (NJ), Dean Herzfeld (MN), Pat Hipkins (VA), John Impson (CSREES), Joanne Kick-Raack (OH), Pat Marer (CA), Norm Nesheim (FL), Larry Olsen (MI), Larry Schulze (NE), Edward Vitzthum (NE), Acie Waldron (OH), Mike Weaver (VA), and Susan Whitney (DE).

Associate members present at 1996 AAPCO/AAPSE:

Jake MacKenzie (EPA-OCM-Western Region), Von McCaskill (SC), and Bud Paulson (AZ SPCC).

Others:

Susan Gardner (MD), Bill Smith (NY), and John Wilson (NC)

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Session I Topics

Opening Remarks, Welcome and Introductions - Punk Bonner (OK), AAPCO President

Biotechnology and Genetically-Engineered Plant Pesticides - EPA, USDA, Industry panel

NASDA Report - Richard Kirchoff, Executive Vice-President

**American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators: General Comments and Status Report* - Mary Grodner, AAPSE President

Association of State Pest Control Regulatory Officials: General Comments and Status Report - Benny Mathis, ASPCRO President

Pesticide Management: A Grower's Perspective - Jere White, Executive Director, Kansas Corn Growers Association and Kansas Sorghum Producers Association

Pesticide Information on the Internet / World Wide Web - Artie Williams (EPA) and Mike Weaver (VA)

Homeowner Pesticide Education / Use - CES, RISE, and Industry panel

Session II Topics

AAPCO Business Meeting

Laboratory Issues Update

States-Industry Forum - Moderators: Ron Egnew (KY) and Charles Rock (Ciba)

Universal Waste Rule

Electronic Tracking / Bar Coding

SMP Rule - CSGWPP Relationship

Termiticide Label Directions - Efficacy

Strategy for Development of a Pesticide Stewardship Program

Session III Topics

AAPCO Drift Incident Survey - Paul Liemandt (MN)

EPA Perspective: Use of the Spray Drift Task Force Data - EPA panel

**SDTF Studies / Data Summary* - Industry Task Force Panel

**National Spray Drift Management Education Programs* - USDA-CSREES, NAAA, NARA panel

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