



## Minutes of the 2011 General Business Membership Meeting

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To be voted by the membership for acceptance  
at the next AAPSE General Business Meeting in 2013

President Dean Herzfeld opened the meeting and presented a verbal agenda, old business, new business and the installation of the new Executive Committee. He then thanked the program planning committee for planning an excellent workshop and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee for their thoughtful look back over the years.

The President introduced the members of the outgoing Executive Committee and the Regional Directors and ex-officio members, Kevin Keaney, Jim Parochetti and Ed Crow.

The treasurer's report was read and is attached to the minutes. Treasurer Dan Wixted reported that there are currently 159 active members of AAPSE.

George Hamilton, Chair of the Audit committee found the books to be in order and commended Dan for getting them to him several months prior to the meeting for review.

President Herzfeld then gave a brief overview of the Board of Director's annual meeting and stated that the minutes will be posted on the AAPSE website.

There followed discussion around funding issues and President Herzfeld indicated that there will be more activity over the next year related to the funding issue as the Executive Board has made funding a priority issue.

Kevin Keaney commented that it was significant that Steve Owens took the time to visit. He stated that he had described EPA's funding situation to Owens and stated that PSEP is essential to making safety important in the field. He also stated that safety is accomplished through SLAs and PSEPs and EPA is under intense pressure too.

Kevin Keaney said that Steve Owens had suggested that there are some myths going on with regard to funding. Kevin has a stable staff and thinks the SLAs are stable. He stated, "I will advocate for funding for our work." He further stated that there is an effort to bring awareness of the importance of what we do and to become somewhat independent from the vagaries of funding. Kevin stated that Steve Owens will support work with NASDA and PRIA for funds for PSEP in the future.

Kevin went on to state that his discretionary budget cannot be the core support for SLAs and PSEPs, there needs to be more dependable and stable funding. CTAG will work on the issue along with transparency and credibility.

The meeting was then opened up to membership for new business.

Amy Brown asked that the AAPSE Executive Board follow up on Steve Owens visit. There seemed to be some confusion as to who he was addressing in his presentation. She suggested a letter thanking him for his interest and follow up with Wayne Buhler and the PPDC relationship.

Carol Ramsay suggested that the Executive Committee approach Crop Life, specifically Jay Vroom regarding industry support for PSEPs.

Don Renchie thanked Kevin Keaney and asked for assurance to administrators at the Land Grants that we, (EPA, industry and AAPSE), are trying to resolve funding issues.

Kerry Richards referenced the recent issue with the herbicide Imprelis. EPA requested data from Pennsylvania CES (and perhaps other states), which took considerable time and effort to generate. She stated that this is an example of the importance of the network that we have. She also referenced the fumigant issue and the need for outreach education. She said if we lose the network we lose an important EPA and Extension relationship.

Mike Weaver spoke about the AAPSE website and listserv stating that he will give more control to the Executive Committee. He stated that JPSE had seven new articles submitted; only one was rejected. He said there are changes in the submission process and he is looking for a wide range of articles not just articles in the research category. There are seven categories in which to submit articles.

Larry Shultze asked that the Board of Directors consider placing the Alumni list that he had been working on, on the website. He suggested that past members should be identified and recognized for their contributions.

Ples Spradley stated that some Executive Committee members had been recognized at the Charleston meeting but that some updates need to be made; Jennifer Weber, past Secretary, Carol Ramsay, past Pres. Elect 2007-2009, Joanne Kick-Raack Past President 2005-2007.

President Herzfeld then recognized the outgoing Executive Committee members and presented certificates of appreciation to: Candace Bartholomew, outgoing Secretary; Dan Wixted, outgoing Treasurer and Ples Spradley, outgoing Past President.

Sandra McDonald, chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee then presented the Distinguished Achievement in Education to Roger Flashinski.

President Dean Herzfeld then presented Andrew Thostenson incoming President. President Thostenson then recognized outgoing president Dean Herzfeld and conducted the installation of the new executive board. Mike Weaver has been elected as President Elect, Betsy Buffington as Secretary and Drew Martin as Treasurer.

Dean Herzfeld then thanked the Nominating Committee for their hard work and especially Clyde Ogg for arranging the on-line election. He also thanked the other nominees for their willingness to serve AAPSE. Dean then recognized Richard Beard who has been on the Board of Directors for the past 4 years and is now the AAPSE representative to POM.

Jo-Ann Kick-Raack Moved to close the meeting and Kerry Richards Seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Candace Bartholomew, AAPSE Secretary