

AAPSE President Elect Candidate Submission Packet

Kim Pope Brown



1. *What is your leadership and working style?*

I believe in leadership that involves the membership and embodies the organization's mission and goals. I believe in hard work and team work. I am a believer in collaboration and delegation, because this is what makes our organization so great. There are so many wonderful people that are great at many different things.

2. *What is your vision for AAPSE?*

I believe AAPSE should be a membership driven organization that works on professional development opportunities for our members. I also believe that AAPSE should have a voice and representation at all major avenues that impact certification and training of pesticide applicators throughout the nation.

3. *What experience and skills do you bring that will benefit the organization?*

I possess many attributes that I feel make me a great candidate for president elect. I have nearly 10 years of experience in pesticide safety education and had the amazing opportunity to work in more than one state doing pesticide safety education. These experiences have allowed me to realize, first hand, that each state has a unique way of doing business to serve their clientele. I have also served AAPSE in many different capacities and gotten to know many of our members. I have served on the numerous committees such as the Awards Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

4. *What challenges and opportunities do you see facing AAPSE?*

There are many challenges facing AAPSE in the near future. With a change in leadership, in other organizations, I believe that AAPSE is in a position to make a difference in certification and training. There are many uncertainties that face this organization and our pesticide applicators throughout the country and I feel that it is AAPSE's time to step up and lead. Another challenge that faces this organization is the loss of institutional knowledge. However, I believe that new ideas can help usher AAPSE into a new, dynamic organization.

5. *What other information would you like the AAPSE members to know about you?*

I truly believe in the AAPSE mission and feel it is the membership's responsibility to step up and make this the best organization it can be. I love what I do and believe in what I do. I work hard to assist and educate the pesticide applicators in Louisiana. What we do for a career allows others to have careers themselves. This organization allows for the career development of those that work in pesticide certification and training. I also believe that AAPSE should be represented at all possible forums that include certification and training of pesticide applicators.

Candidate Statement: (one page max)

I have had the opportunity to be involved in pesticide safety education for just under 10 years and have been a member of AAPSE for the past seven years. This is a great organization that has given me many opportunities to develop as a professional in the career of pesticide safety education. Through the years I have had the opportunity to serve the organizations as a Southern Region Representative and on a few different committees. I have served for several years on the Awards Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. Serving the organization is something that I feel is important to help pesticide safety education move forward and a way to give back.

In college I had the amazing opportunity to be a student athlete. As part of that team I learned so much about truly being a part of team and working for something that was bigger than yourself. One thing that I used to hear my coach say was, "you must plant a tree that you will never enjoy the shade of." This is something I believe in. We should give back and help develop our future educators and regulators that impact pesticide applicators and the pesticide industry.

One thing that I think is important is the fact that AAPSE is a membership organization. It is important that the membership have a voice in the direction of the association.

There are many challenges that our organization faces in the upcoming years. With so many uncertainties in our industry, I believe it is important for AAPSE to have a voice and be involved in organizations and/or meetings that impact our organization and the people that we serve in certification and training of pesticide safety educators. Over the years, I have traveled to some of the meetings that AAPSE has had representation at and have seen firsthand how important it is that AAPSE be present. If elected, I plan to continue this and foster communication with those organizations.

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EDUCATION

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Masters of Science, Plant Soils and Environmental Science (2015)

Auburn University, Auburn, AL

Bachelor of Science, Agronomy and Soils/Turf Management Track (2010)

EXPERIENCE

March 2012-
Present

Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, LA

Extension Associate, Pesticide Safety Education Coordinator

- Directs the Pesticide Safety Education Program
- Responsible for the revision, update and production of a variety of training manuals and training materials
- Reviewed Louisiana commercial applicator pesticide license exams and corrected errors
- Communicate regularly with the Department of Ag and Forestry on improvements to commercial applicator exams and manuals
- Assist and answer questions for commercial and private pesticide applicators
- Organized, planned, and give presentations for meetings, including:
 - Recertification and Certification Trainings:
 - Louisiana Commercial Applicator Category 3; Subcategories 7b, 7d, & 8e;
Category 4 & Subcategories 7c (1-3); Subcategories 2a & 2b
- Work with state pesticide applicator associations on certification and training needs and requirements

August 2010-
February 2012

Auburn University

Auburn, AL

Research Assistant for Dr. Lawrence (Fudd) Graham

- Responsible for the revision, update and production of a variety of training manuals and training materials, including: Right-of-Way Pest control, Recertification, Ornamental and Turf Pest Control, Public Health Pest Control, and Private Applicator Pest Control
- Reviewed Alabama commercial applicator pesticide license exams and corrected errors
- Communicate regularly with the Department of Ag and Industries on improvements to commercial applicator exams and manuals
- Assist and answer questions for commercial and private pesticide applicators
- Organize and distribute Private Applicator packets
- Organized, planned, and give presentations for meetings, including:
 - Ornamental and Turf Pest Control Certification Trainings, 2011
 - 2010, 2011 Pesticide Dealer Meetings
- Participate in and collect data for the following IPM extension projects:
 - Phorid fly data
 - Assist with the monitoring program for commercial kitchen IPM
 - Assist in IPM inspection for pests, building and grounds

Spring 2010-
August 2010

Auburn University

Auburn, AL

Assistant for Dr. Fudd Graham as a Student (worker)

- Revised Alabama pesticide manuals (ANR-0430, Public Health)
- Revised Right-of Way manual and writing a Fumigation Manual
- Reviewed Alabama commercial applicator pesticide license exams for revision
- Communicate regularly with the Department of Ag and Industries on improvements to commercial applicator exams and manuals

- Speaker at 2010 Recertification Meeting
- Helped collect Phorid fly data
- Organize and distribute Private Applicator packets
- Utilizes Microsoft office (see skills) for various office tasks
- Assist in monitoring program in commercial kitchen
- Assist in IPM inspection for pests, building and grounds
- Answer questions from commercial applicators
- Helped organize SE Pesticide Safety Educators Conference 2010

Spring 2008-
Spring 2009

Auburn University

Auburn, AL

Student Worker, Agronomy and Soils

- Supervised high school student workers
- Installed and collected data from shade cloth, leaching, volatilization, fertilizer, and erosion experiments
- Collected soil, clipping, shoot and root samples in the field and performed laboratory analyses
- Collected and helped analyze data from each experiment
- Conducted literature reviews using library search engines and resources

LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

- Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for AAPSE 2015
- Co-Chair of the New Herbicide Technology Task Force, 2014-2017
- Co-Chair of the LA Pollinator Cooperative Conservation Program, 2015-2017
- Board of Directors for Louisiana Stock Horse Association, 2013-2017
- Vice President of Auburn University Agronomy and Soils Club 2009-2010
- Turf Bowl Team Member 2009-2010
- Member of the Varsity Auburn Equestrian Team 2006-2010 (SEC Champions 2009-2010)
- Turf Bowl Team Coach

Certifications

- Operation Safe Analyst, 2013
- Agricultural Pest Control Pesticide Certification, 2012
- Ornamental and Turf Pest Control Pesticide Certification, 2012

Awards/Committees

- Farrel Keahey Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to Agricultural Aviation in Louisiana, 2017
- AAPSE Awards Committee, 2015, 2016, 2017
- CTAG Member, 2014
- Southern IPM Center Advisor, 2014
- Co-Chair Strategic Plan Writing Committee, 2014
- Southern Region AAPSE Representative, 2012, 2013