

AAPCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 8, 2015

Hilton Alexandria Old Town, Alexandria, VA

In Attendance: Tim Drake, President; Chuck Moses, President Elect; Dennis Howard, Director; Bonnie Rabe, Director; Steve Dwinell, Director; Jeff Comstock, Past President; Tony Cofer, At- Large Director; Jim Gray, SFIREG Chair; Dave Fredrickson, Treasurer; Amy Bamber and Grier Stayton, AAPCO Executive Secretaries.

Also in Attendance: Michelle Bogner, MI; Dea Zimmerman, OPP, EPA; Vicki Cassens, Purdue; Liza Fleeson, VA; John Scott, PA; Patrick Jones, NC; Dave Scott, IN; Brian Rowe, MI; Leo Reed, IN; Jack Peterson, AZ; Chuck Andrews, CA; Carole Somody, Syngenta.

AAPCO President, Tim Drake, convened the meeting at 2 p.m., EDT.

An agenda was provided for the meeting. Chuck Andrews requested an addition to the agenda: discussion of a nominee for the PPDC.

Drake asked for a motion to approve the last Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Howard motioned, Cofer seconded.

Topics discussed during the Board of Directors meeting:

1) Treasurer's Report

Fredrickson provided a written report. Membership dues invoices have been sent and \$6,500 is expected in revenue. A \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit is coming due in May and Fredrickson is considering a transfer into a Money Market for better interest. The overall assets of the Association are about \$8,000 less than this time last year. Fredrickson stated he would distribute the invoices for the Check Sample program next week. Approximately \$17,000 is pending in Check Sample revenue. Fredrickson stated the Delaware checking accounts used by Stayton will be closed by the end of March.

Fredrickson will be merging into one account AAPCO and SFIREG expenses and income and will be keeping one account for the new Executive Secretary, Amy Bamber, to use for her office. Both accounts will be with U.S Bank.

Dwinell asked if the grant monies were used up every year and if Fredrickson could provide more detail/categorization of expenses and revenue for the Board's review.

Fredrickson asked for the Board to consider a \$25 increase in the AAPCO Spring Meeting registration fees.

Dwinell motioned and Comstock seconded for approval of the Treasurer's report.

2) Webpage Discussion

Stayton asked for additional webpage clarity for those interested in participating in the Check Sample program. Currently companies (many international firms) will contact the Executive Secretary's office for information. Cassens suggested the link for information on the Check Sample be reviewed and updated. Fredrickson noted that there is also confusion because many of the laboratory billing offices will also contact him for the

billing link. Stayton suggested additional information for new applicants into the program.

Cassens discussed the potential for re-creating the “Regulators Forum” – a members’ limited / secure access site for discussion of state lead agency issues. Cassens provided screen shots of a software package’s Administrative Control Panel. There would be a link for “Groups” management, forum issues management, and for setting “permissions.” Dwinell asked if there could be an “alert” to members when an issue is entered. Comstock asked if documents could be shared. Gray asked if there was a definitive split between ASPCRO and AAPCO members (necessitating two separate groups on the forum). John Scott, CO, noted there are some staff differences between ag and non-ag pesticide programs. Gray who the “super” administrator would be and who would control registration on the site. Drake suggested the Presidents of AAPCO, ASPCRO, and the Executive Secretary provide this control. Cassens commented there could be hundreds of emails and requests through the forum. She preferred the idea of “Profiles” for members, whereby, each State Lead Agency would have a designated primary for controlling who on their staff could join. Drake asked for Cassens to provide more information on funding, set-up and maintenance. Cassens stated she would prefer the Administrator be the AAPCO Executive Secretary.

3) Working Committee Reports

Dea Zimmerman provided a written and verbal report for PREP. WSU is the new PREP grantee, with a \$535,000 grant award covering 2015-2019. There is \$35,000 allocated for tribal participation. Zimmerman expressed confidence PREP will continue to be a success.

4) SFIREG Report

Jim Gray reported the SFIREG POM and EQI joint meetings of the working committees will continue. He outlined some of the “hot issues” – including methomyl fly baits and the state guidance for Managed Pollinator Protection Plans. A revised draft of the guidance will be provided in a few weeks. Other issues include the Federal credentialing process and the Design for the Environment logo.

Gray invited the Board to the joint POM/EQI meeting in April and to the full SFIREG in June. The June SFIREG date has been moved up 1 week to June 1 and 2.

Drake complimented Gray and Dwinell for their work on the managed pollinator protection plans. Gray asked the Board if they would care to review and approve the draft. Comstock asked if the state MP3 guidance was de-coupled from the EPA policy draft. Comstock asked if the state MP3 guidance was de-coupled from the EPA policy development. Gray replied he had not seen the EPA document. The state guidance is basically de-coupled though – intended to help states develop plans. He added that some states have a different opinion on the scope of the guidance (non-ag vs. ag, and managed vs. wild). Another sticking point is the measurement of success.

5) Additional Committee and Workgroup Reports

Dwinell noted the AAPCO WPS Committee submitted comments on the proposed WPS rule in August 2014. He added the AAPCO MP3 Workgroup had completed their report and posted to the AAPCO Documents webpage. Gray commented the Smart Label Workgroup continues to work with EPA – with benefits to be realized by SLAs and the registrants. Charlie Clark, FL, is the lead for AAPCO/SFIREG.

6) PESP National Stakeholders Team Report

Carol Somody provided an update on the status and minimum requirements for PESP Goal 1. She summarized the five (5) requests to AAPCO in 2014. She noted Jim Burnette, NC, will continue to represent AAPCO as a co-chair for the Team. 18 states applied for Goal 1 and 8 were contacted due to incompleteness of their application. The final tally was 25 states signing 3 year contracts. Dwinell asked for the list of the 25 states. Somody stated there is no published list of the 25. Jim Gray noted the decreases in PSEP funds have corresponded to decreases in State Lead Agency funds, and asked if there should be a parallel effort for sustaining regulatory programs. Drake replied this could be addressed through a workgroup and added that EPA funding cuts are a real possibility. Comstock questioned Somody on the confidentiality of Goal 1 states (how can AAPCO help if the states are not identified?) Somody replied there was confidential budget information in the applications. Dave Scott suggested AAPCO respond to EPA Certification and Training proposed rules with a statement “if no more funding to implement the rule, then SLAs are not interested in supporting the rule.”

7) Secretary’s Report

Stayton provided the Executive Secretary’s report. (See attached). Fredrick asked for Board approval to merge the SFIREG and AAPCO accounts with Dave in control of the merged accounts, and Amy having a separate account for her expenses. Dwinell motioned and Rabe seconded. Motion passed.

8) PPDC discussion

Dwinell recommended a member of the AAPCO Board or SFIREG as the nominee for PPDC. A volunteer from the Board was not forthcoming, so it was agreed to discuss options further at the next Board meeting. Dea Zimmerman stated she is now the Federal coordinator for the PPDC. The next meeting is May 14-15, with one to follow, October 22-23. She noted there are subgroups that also need AAPCO representation. Comstock recommended extending an invitation for nominees beyond the AAPCO Board. Comstock, Dwinell, and Gray agreed to serve as a workgroup to make a nomination by the end of March.

9) Issue Raised by Jim Gray

Gray discussed an audit of the ND program by EPA’s Office of Inspector General. It was noted in the audit that ND did not have anyone with Federal credentials. Gray noted a new credentialed inspector is expected by the end of FY 2015. The OIG report was published and released to the news media. In the report it was alleged there were no Federal inspections conducted by ND in the last 14 years. Gray surveyed the states and found 4 states with no Federally credentialed inspectors (but with intent to fill). Gray added ND has

completed 933 Producer Establishment Inspections over the last decade. He may bring this issue to SFIREG. No response has been received from EPA Region 8 to date. Leo Reed, IN, recommended someone responsible for the OIG report be invited to the SFIREG meeting. Rabe recommended AAPCO make the invitation.

Rabe motioned and Howard seconded the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

An Executive Session of the Board followed. Respectfully submitted,

H. Grier Stayton

Executive Secretary, AAPCO