

# AAPCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 9, 2014

## Conference Call

Participants on the call were: Tim Drake, President; Chuck Moses, President Elect; Tony Cofer, At-Large Director; Dennis Howard, Director; Bonnie Rabe, Director; Steve Dwinell, Director; Jim Gray, SFIREG Chair, and, Grier Stayton, AAPCO Executive Secretary.

AAPCO President, Tim Drake, convened the meeting at 1:05 p.m., EDT. Planning for the March 2015 agenda and potential speakers preceded the Board meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

### 1) Development of State Pollinator Protection Plans

Gray and Dwinell briefed the Board on recent developments. Gray summarized recent discussions with Jack Housenger, EPA, and Jim Jones, EPA, and discussions at the Senior Management PREP. Housenger and Jones expressed interest in the North Dakota Pollinator Protection Plan, which is based on BMPs. Gray highlighted the need for flexibility and recognizing the concerns of beekeepers. Housenger expressed support of a national policy and a guidance document for development of state pollinator protection plans. States could develop a regulatory or a BMP approach under their plans. EPA indicated demonstrated progress will be key. A meeting is scheduled September 16, with senior EPA staff and SFIREG Chairs to discuss the topic further. Marietta Echeverria and Mike Goodis have taken the lead at EPA on pollinator plans. Gray will continue work on the guidance document and include feedback from the SFIREG POM WC on label language, and from the EQI WC on protective measures. Dwinell will continue as AAPCO lead on communications with other stakeholders. Dwinell stated the plans must stress “managed” bees as opposed to all pollinators. Dwinell has sent a draft guidance document to the AAPCO and SFIREG ad hoc workgroups on pollinators. After the POM and EQI WCs review and comment on the draft, Gray plans a conference call with SFIREG representatives to discuss and distribute the document for comments from the states in their region (a webinar may be planned for all SLAs to participate in). Next week Dwinell will form an AAPCO outreach committee to work with stakeholders. A meeting is also planned on September 17<sup>th</sup> with Dudley Hoskins and Barbara Glenn, NASDA, and with NASDA support there will be follow-up outreach to CropLife, RISE, and other organizations. Dwinell agreed to send a

one page hand-out on pollinator protection plans to the Board. The hand-out was provided for distribution at this week's NASDA summer meeting.

**2) Worker Protection Standard Revisions:**

Dwinell suggested a meeting with Kevin Keaney, Nancy Fitz, and Richard Pont, EPA, to discuss EPA response to comments received on the proposed revisions. EPA has indicated AAPCO will have a role in the final regulation. Dwinell asked the Board for support of an AAPCO group of delegates to meet with EPA. Dwinell felt one face-to-face meeting followed by conference calls would suffice. The Board supported a meeting with EPA and Dwinell will gather a group of WPS-engaged volunteers. This list of volunteers will be forwarded to Drake.

**3) PIRT Representatives:**

Drake noted Amber Davis, EPA, has taken over the role of PIRT Coordinator. The guidelines for PIRT have been re-written and membership has been expanded. In discussion with Drake, Davis mentioned that the AAPCO Board would not have an automatic seat on the Steering Committee. Drake and the Board felt the AAPCO Board should be represented and Dwinell suggested Drake call Dan Helfgott, FEAD, to clarify that Board representation is necessary. Drake asked for recommendations for additional SLA representatives (the EPA guidelines specify a total of 5 SLA and tribal representatives).

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Grier Stayton".

H. Grier Stayton  
Executive Secretary, AAPCO