

AAPCO Newsletter

Association of American Pesticide Control Officials

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AAPCO Board Launches Newsletter

Welcome to this experiment in communication for, and with, the AAPCO membership.

Point #1: I realize we already have the AAPCO website as the repository of all sorts of AAPCO & SFIREG documents, meeting announcements and contact information.

The idea behind this newsletter endeavor is to create a mechanism for the Board of Directors to conduct active outreach to, and communication with, the AAPCO membership. As good as it is, the AAPCO website is still a passive mechanism. If you don't go read it, you miss what it has to offer.

Our intents is that this newsletter will provide the Board with a means to get your attention in an active fashion.



Point #2: Let's be perfectly clear, the Board stole this idea from the Performance Measures Work Group. Tim Creger (NE) and the rest of the work group deserve recognition for initiating the Performance Measures Newsletter for the purpose of keeping the rest of us informed about the progress being made towards a new set of performance measures

for Cooperative Grant Commitments. If you haven't been following their work, you should.

Point #3: This newsletter space is available to you, too. If you have ideas to share with the rest of your State Lead Agency, EPA and AAPSE colleagues, please send them along. Until then, *"Thanks for reading"*

Jeff Comstock
AAPCO President

PREP: Steering Committee Starts Work For 2014 Courses

Hundreds of you have attended PREP (the Pesticide Regulatory Education Program) during its' remarkable 24 year history and many of you have also worked on the planning groups for specific courses.

Well, the planning process for the 2014 line up of courses will start again in late September.

If you've ever wondered what goes on in the background before you get that phone call from

Suzanne Forsythe or Dea Zimmerman asking you to be part of a planning group, that's where the PREP Steering Committee comes in.

PREP Steering Committee (cont.)

By the time you “get the recruiting call” the topic selection and location of courses for the coming year is ready to go.

That’s why the Steering Committee wants to hear from you. This is the perfect time of year to share your thoughts – even if it means repeating what you wrote on the evaluations. You did fill out your evaluations, didn’t you?

“You did fill out your evaluations, didn’t you? Of course you did.”

Your PREP Steering Committee for 2014:

Chair - Gina Alessandri (MI)
 Jeff Comstock (VT) Tim Drake (SC)
 Chuck Moses (NV) Dennis Howard (MD)
 John Scott (CO) (ASPCRO)
 Jamie Green (EPA R7)
 Dan Helfgott (EPA OPP)
 Julie Simpson (EPA OECA)
 Suzanne Forsythe (UC Davis)
 Dea Zimmerman (EPA FEAD)

This first phase of planning for PREP 2014 will be completed before the Full SFIREG meeting in December. So make your voice heard now.

Then CELEBRATE 25 Years of PREP in 2014!

AAPCO Work Groups – A Revised Approach

At the Board of Directors meeting that preceded the 2013 Annual Meeting this past March, the Board voted to disband several standing AAPCO committees that were no longer active. In response to the recommendations of several AAPCO members participating in the meeting, the Board decided to implement an “Ad Hoc” or temporary Working Group concept to address topics and issues that arise as current priorities rather than establishing a formal sub-committee.

The basic goals of this working group model are to: 1) increase the opportunities for AAPCO members to participate in responding to challenges facing the Association; 2) limit the lifespan of a work group to the time needed to solve a problem; and 3) staff work groups with the general membership and include only one or two directors to serve as liaisons and to the full Board.

Currently, the Board has created three working groups to give this operational model a trial run.

The topic areas and the Directors assigned to these work groups include:

Pollinator Protection

Steve Dwinell (FL)

Industry Relations

Dennis Howard MD)

Legislative Relations

Jeff Comstock (VT)

Please stay tuned for more details on the mission and scope of these working groups AND recruiting efforts to get other folks involved.

Meet The Regulators-In-Residence

The “Regulator-In-Residence” Project, started as a direct State-EPA collaboration between Jim Gray (ND) and Lois Rossi (EPA-RD) back in 2011, is being continued on by three new State Lead Agency representatives. For 2013 – 2014 the R-I-R are **Charlie Clark** (FL), **Liza Fleeson** (VA) and **Dave Scott** (IN). The project operates with a state (SLA) person working/stationed at EPA Potomac Yards offices for one week each month.

These three experienced state regulators will rotate through the monthly assignment at EPA. Stay tuned for more details and news about the topics these folks are (and will be) working on during their tenures at EPA.



Potential Revisions To AAPCO By-Laws

Just so you are advised ahead of time – the topic of proposed revisions to the AAPCO By-Laws is going to get plenty of air time in the months to come. The focus of the proposed revisions is to address the structure of the AAPCO Board of Directors and the number of years each board member would serve.

The proposed by-law revisions will also introduce the concept of “At-Large” Directors to serve on the AAPCO Board.

It is the intent of the Board of Directors to have the final draft of the proposed revisions completed in time for review at the Full SFIREG Meeting scheduled for December, 2013. After the SFIREG meeting, the proposed revisions will be available for review and comment during the months of January and February prior to the 2014 Annual Meeting in March.

This time table will then make the proposed by-law revisions eligible for consideration during the Business Meeting portion of the AAPCO Annual Meeting.

Additional information and a draft of the proposed by-law revisions will be provided and/or available to AAPCO members.

AAPCO Annual Meeting for 2014

Planning for the 2014 AAPCO Annual Meeting has started and is being directed by President-Elect, Tim Drake (SC).

Mark your calendars for March 10th, 11th & 12th with a fascinating Board of Directors meeting on Sunday March 9th.

You should be there.

As the previous story about the creation of new AAPCO work groups shows, interesting things really do happen there.

(What else to include in this notice?)

“Talking To Control Officials”
This Hour Has 22 Minutes

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Grier Says:
"What do you mean,
you haven't read the
minutes yet?"

Check Out Your
Awesome New
Website
<http://aapco.org>

The Roster : AAPCO Board of Directors

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization.

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Events Calendar ???

October 21-21 SFIREG EQI Mtg @ EPA Potomac Yard - Crystal City, VA

September-October-November: A Regional Pre-SFIREG Mtg – Near You!

November 7-8 PPDC @ EPA Potomac Yards – Crystal City, VA

December 9-10 Full SFIREG Mtg @ EPA Potomac Yard - Crystal City, VA

December 10-12 OPP/OECA Nat'l Program Managers Mtg

@ EPA Potomac Yards

