AAPSE Update
AAPCO 2015 Conference

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- EPA Representative (Ex Officio) Kevin Keaney
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AAPSE FACTS

- Involved in local, regional, tribal, national PSE & certification issues
- Voice on current issues facing members
- Professional development opportunities
- Communication
  - AAPSE liaisons
  - AAPSE listserv
  - Journal of Pesticide Safety Education
AAPSE FACTS

- Reach 2 million people annually
  - inner city to rural communities
- Train 500,000 private & commercial applicators annually
- Source of education & educational media
- Enhance public health, security, safety, & environment
Summary of 2014 Activities
“AAPSE National Workshop”

Objectives:

- Professional Development
- Organization Meeting
- Update AAPSE Strategic Plan – everything links to THE PLAN
  - Three goals – support slogan: “Protecting Human Health and the Environment through Education”
AAPSE Strategic Plan

• Was a major topic during the first annual conference in 2014.
• Because it has been a number of years since the strategic plan has been addressed, the Board put it on the agenda as a discussion topic.
• Spirited discussions were had by all involved.
• Consequently, a committee has been assigned the task of sorting through the suggestions for full membership, further discussion, and a vote.
• Current Goals are:
Strategic Plan – Goal #1

Promote the protection of human health and the environment through high quality pesticide safety and risk mitigation education.
Strategic Plan – Goal #2

Liaise with foundations, organizations, associations, and government agencies on pesticide safety and risk mitigation issues.

Links (AAPSE.ORG)

AAPCO - American Association of Pesticide Control Officials
AHS - Agricultural Health Study (Collaborating Groups)
ASPCRO - Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials
CTAG - Certification and Training Assessment Group
NASDA - National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
PMRA - Canada: Pest Management Regulatory Agency
Southern Region Pesticide Safety Educators
USDA-NIFA - Pesticide Safety Education Program
USEPA-OPP - Pesticide Safety Programs
Western Region Pesticide Safety Educators
Strategic Plan – Goal #3

Promote the growth and development of AAPSE as a professional association.
Membership Policy Referendum

- Member statistics:
  - 144/178 are full members
    - CES/Academics (EDU): 107
    - SLA/EPA (GOV): 47
    - Commercial (COM): 28
    - International (CA): 7
    - Associate: 24
    - Life: 10
Membership Policy Referendum

- BOD must now decide how - based on input
- Look at:
  - Dues structure
  - New member categories, improved benefits, more flexibility
  - Full member status for all
  - Change in By-Laws – vote required
  - Impact on membership retention
  - Safeguards put in place to avoid bias
Membership Policy Referendum

Comments from those voting YES:

• With encouragement of collaborative partnership between private industry and college or land grant university educators for a same high quality goal of pesticide safety.

• A very narrow expansion only.

• Pesticide education is the responsibility of all users. Read the label! I look forward to further discussions.

• I think exploring this option is important since there are many who are not satisfied with the current system. But the implications of expansion also must be duly weighed and evaluated.

• Some folks retire and keep right on working usually for free but still a viable part of the system.

• With limitations
Membership Policy Referendum

• I like the idea and know the BOD will do a good job of exploring options that will help forward AAPSE's mission.

• The original justification for restricting membership no longer exists. The need for training is an international issue. AAPSE can be a leader in developing programs to meet those needs, but first we need to open membership to our colleagues in government, private industry, non-land grant institutions and others.

• While it seems apparent that membership could be expanded to the benefit of the organization, the range of member types should be carefully considered and well defined.

• I support broadening full membership eligibility because I don't envision an influx of "imposters" or special interest groups to change the original goal and intent of AAPSE.

• Assuming that the membership will have further input and vote on the final option of how full membership options will be expanded.
Membership Policy Referendum

Comments from people who voted NO:

- Opening up the association may allow for and development of competing programs within the state. I have no problem allowing addition of more SLAs, however county agents may try to compete with the state PSEP program.

- Associate membership has not been fully explored as an option. They can still serve on committees and other activities.

- If the process opens up to industry, a check and balance needs to be implemented to protect against company self-promotion.
National Stakeholder Team for Pesticide Safety Education Program Funding

- 35-40 team members
- Chaired by:
  - Jim Burnette, NCDACS/AAPCO
  - Carol Somody, Syngenta
- Team looking at funding solutions
  - AAPSE – 44 members serving, discussions
  - Industry, SLA, Federal stakeholders
  - Andrew Thostenson – official AAPSE representative
- Team Website – http://www.psep.us
- AAPSE endorsed mission & goals statement (8/18/14)
PSEP Funding Update

- EPA/USDA IAG system supporting PSEP – lost
- EPA reached out to AAPSE to develop new mechanism - a very viable solution – no new proposals or developments to date
- Working with NASDARF to distribute funds
  - Reduced paperwork burden & improve accountability
    - AAPSE fully supports use of new reporting database
    - Similar to CPARD – will provide volunteers to test system
- Funds were distributed to states/territories during the fall of 2014
  - Grateful to EPA and NASDARF for their support!
    - Thank you on behalf of our members and PSEP’s
  - Indirect costs reducing amount of funds received by programs
25(b) Working Group

- White Paper (draft) complete
  - Circulated to AAPCO for input prior to submission to EPA administrator

- Work group (CES & SLA)
  - Larry Schulze – Nebraska CES – emeritus
  - Gary Fish – Maine SLA
  - Fudd Graham – Auburn CES
  - Mike Helms – Cornell CES
  - John Lake – Pennsylvania SLA
  - Andrew Thostenson – ND CES
  - Mike Weaver – Virginia CES
25(b) Working Group

- Rescind minimum risk pesticide exemption 40CFR152.25(f)
- Review - acceptance & registration of products prior to entry into marketplace

Primary Concerns
- Public health risks
- Lack legal framework to manage/mitigate risk
- Misuse & misleading information
- AAPCO working to refine document
- EPA receptive to potential changes (9/14)
WPS Comments

- Included in Docket Comments
  - Renchie committee survey
  - 30 members commented
  - Supplemented with further input

- **Primary concern** – changes require PSEPs to review, assess, and revise existing outreach and training programs with no monetary support.

- Programs that choose to develop future outreach will require additional effort and time.
WPS Comments

• Make full WPS training available online and offer yearly updates.

• Setup online site for producers to post information specific to their operation and maintain information electronically. Site information available by cell phone and Internet access.

• Provide PESP and state pesticide regulators a new presentation with audio covering all the final changes to the WPS.
Article Types

- Research Study
- Program Description
- Literature Review
- Templates and Tools
- Review or Critique*
- Literary Note*
- Commentary*
- Article Response*

* short article – 500 to 1,000 words
AAPSE CHARTER MEMBERS
April 14, 1993
New Orleans, Louisiana

Charter Officers
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Mary Grodner, President-Elect
Jim Criswell, Treasurer
Mike Weaver, Secretary

First Charter Member was Bud Paulson, President of AAPCO
Collaboration

- USDA
- EPA
- Industry
- Cooperative Extension
  - Agriculture
  - Community
  - Youth Development
- SLAs
- AAPCO
- CTAG
- SFIREG
  - POM
  - EQIWC
  - Full SFIREG
- Others
THANK YOU AAPCO FOR 22 YEARS OF SUPPORT!!!

1993 Charter – New Orleans
First AAPSE Member - Bud Paulson – AAPCO President

- American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators - Established 1991 – AAPSE.ORG -
- Protecting Human Health and the Environment through Education -