

The meeting commenced at 1pm Mountain Time

Present: Tim Creger, Chuck Moses, Dave Fredrickson, Bonnie Rabe, Steve Dwinell, Dennis Howard, Cary Giguere

Not Present: Tim Drake, Tony Cofer

Canadian Federal, Provincial, and Territorial meeting

Topics presented by Tim Drake to include pollinators, WPS and C&T rule changes.

Dave Fredrickson Treasurer Update

Yvette Hopkins had some questions on the submitted SFIREG grant budget relating to our match, which has been the estimated wages for folks who attend the meetings. After their conversation, it was straightened up and is fine. Fredrickson will draft the letter for Bamber's signature. We will be drawing down for SFIREG travel and salaries, and should be fine through February 1, 2016, which is the start of the FY second quarter. We are working on the registration for conference, and getting ready to send out annual dues invoices in January as well. Last year that worked well in January. Any questions? Moses asked if we had annual dues on the registration form last year? Fredrickson replied that we haven't done that before. Generally we don't want to confuse annual dues for folks who aren't going to the conference, although some pay at the same time. Check samples should have been sent out in late October, but don't usually get that list from Purdue until early January at the latest. Most participating labs are already in our system. We can do an invoice if they don't pay through the Purdue outreach.

Annual Meeting Agenda

Discussion, most speakers have been confirmed.

Pollinator Workgroup Update

Dwinell: EPA is still working through the policy comments; Honeybee Health Coalition will hold a 2 day meeting to discuss how things are going with the MP3s and start discussions on metrics and what those should be, and in support of that Dwinell will try and have a

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meeting right after full SFIREG in December. It will likely be a day long face to face meeting on Wednesday December 9, 2015 to discuss the details on metrics, and will use the SFIREG document as a starting point and get into detail (i.e. residue monitoring); Jeanette from FL is polling states on current status of MP3.

Certification & Training

Creger: 3 critical things—one is the survey to get out the door, sent to the board this morning. Fleeson, Giguere, and Creger are happy with it, and want concurrence from the AAPCO and ASPCRO boards to send it out early next week. Second thing—they are holding a face to face meeting with Keaney, Arling, and Pont on Wednesday November 18, 2015. It is scheduled to be four hours long. They will connect the C&T workgroup through conference call, and include AAPSE and ASPCRO. Creger has developed the agenda with the issues and possible solutions. The third thing—the economic worksheet from Texas A&M. Texas developed a spreadsheet showing all the assumptions/measurements EPA used, and they are developing state by state assumptions/assessments to compare with EPA's. They used a blank document that allows each state to use by plugging in state specific data (versus EPA's assumptions). This appears to show that EPA has grossly underestimated costs associated with the rule change. The economic assessment is flawed and may require going back to OMB. Some states have found additional costs that were not included in the Texas spreadsheet as well. Would like to be able to send it out to the states through the AAPCO list serve.

Moses asked when Creger would like the survey tool comments returned? Giguere explained how ASPCRO, AAPSE and AAPCO can use the questions. It is close to being final, and they would like to move forward with the current draft. Rabe suggested inclusion of an open ended question in case of other issues. Bamber questioned the grammar/logic of a few questions. Moses is okay with sending out Texas A&M assessment, which Bamber will do. Moses asked about a deadline for survey? Giguere wants it done by the November 18, 2015 meeting. If it is sent out by Tuesday November 10, and back by Mon November 16 it will be useful for the meeting. Creger detailed the status of the extension request via

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Arling: EPA staff have briefed senior management of the requests, and they will make a decision by next Monday or Tuesday. If they don't extend it, Moses will have to review AAPCO comments pretty quickly. Creger hasn't started writing the final comment draft yet.

Leadership Meeting

The upcoming leadership meeting with AAPCO President Moses and OPP Director Housenger was discussed.

Moses adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm Mountain Time.