AAPSE members

- Enhance public health and the environment through involvement in education, outreach, and research which directly benefits pest managers, policy makers, and the public.

- Train and certify 500,000 applicators in agriculture, urban landscapes, parks, structures and buildings, forests, roadside rights of ways, watersheds, public health, and more.
AAPSE members

- Reach each year nearly 2 million other people from pesticide educators, farm laborers, backyard gardeners to inner-city and remote rural communities with education and outreach.
- Work in land-grant university cooperative extension services and tribal, state, trust, territory, and federal agencies across the nation.
- Business and Industry Partners
A busy year for AAPSE members

- June 2015 -
  - Change regarding membership levels proposed
- July 2015 Board of Directors endorses membership changes
A busy year for AAPSE members

August 2015 -
- Members attended EPA PACT workshop in Philadelphia
- Proposed changes to C & T Regulations announced
A busy year for AAPSE members

- September 2015 -
  - Voting begins on AAPSE membership changes
  - EPA Administrator signs off on final Worker Protection Rule changes
A busy year for AAPSE members

- October 2015 -
  - AAPSE membership votes to confirm changes to AAPSE membership
    - 90% membership votes in favor
  - Request for 120 day extension of the C & T comment period
  - Conversation begins regarding PSEP IMI partnership with eXtension
A busy year for AAPSE members

- November 2015 -
  - New WPS Rule changes appear in the Federal Register November 2
  - 30 day extension granted for C&T rule change comment period
    - Extended until December 23
A busy year for AAPSE members

- December 2015 -
  - Second 30 day extension granted for C&T rule change comment period
    - Extended until January 22
A busy year for AAPSE members

- January 2015 -
  - New WPS Rule becomes law January 1
  - AAPSE comments regarding C&T rule change submitted January 22
Worker Protection Standard Implementation

- Excellent sessions at The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance - February 2016
  - Nancy Fitz/EPA perspective
  - Panel discussion regarding implementation ideas
  - Raising awareness with stakeholder groups
Worker Protection Standard Implementation

- EPA holding training sessions in each EPA region
- Extension educators being included in trainings not just regulators
Worker Protection Standard Implementation

Biggest Challenges

Availability of new training materials and training programs

Under a contract awarded by EPA - AFOP will provide WPS training in 29 states

Certified Applicators can serve as trainers without additional EPA approved training
Worker Protection Standard Implementation

- Biggest Challenges
  - Respiratory Requirements to follow OSHA guidelines
    - Medical Certification
    - Expanded fit test
Proposed Changes to
Federal Certification and Training Rule

AAPSE submitted 17 page comment document

Comments were based on:

- Input received at the PACT conference
- Archived files of CTAG and other stakeholder meetings
- Input from members who participated in discussions and shared materials on Basecamp
Proposed Changes to Federal Certification and Training Rule

- Comments were based on:
  - Review of comments submitted from state extension, regulatory, and commodity associations
Proposed Changes to Federal Certification and Training Rule

- Areas of significant concern:
  - EPA drastically underestimated increased cost to regulatory and extension education programs
    - Using a model created by Texas A&M Ag. Economists many states determined that costs were significantly higher than EPA’s predictions
Proposed Changes to Federal Certification and Training Rule

- Areas of significant concern:
  - Many changes would require regulatory/legislative changes at the state level
  - Unreasonable burden of requiring applicators receive half of their credits in the last year of recertification cycle
  - Time frame of recertification cycle
New AAPSE Membership Categories

- Full membership
  - No restrictions
  - Full voting privileges and service eligibility
- No criteria or qualifications to become a Full Member.
New AAPSE Membership Categories

- **Associate Membership**
  - Option for first time members who want to determine if Full Membership would be beneficial
  - **Students**
  - One renewable 2-year term
  - Maximum 4 years of eligibility as a Associate Member
New AAPSE Membership Categories

- **Associate Membership**
  - No voting privileges and service eligibility
  - Committee eligibility only
New AAPSE Membership Categories

- International Membership
  - This category was eliminated
  - Existing International Members became Full Members
New AAPSE Membership Categories

- Life Membership
- Honorary
- All privileges of Full Membership
AAPSE Membership Dues

June 2015 Recommendation from By-Laws Committee

- Full membership $80/year
- Associate Membership $25 year
- Life Membership $0 year
2016 AAPSE National Workshop

- The AAPSE Board has voted to hold the 2016 AAPSE National Workshop at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, Virginia.
- September 6-9. Please hold these dates on your calendar.
- Please monitor the AAPSE Meetings page and listserv for progress and more details.