

The call commenced at 12 noon ET.

Present: Tony Cofer, AL; Rose Kachadoorian, OR; Dennis Howard, MD; Kathy Booker, TN; Pat Jones, NC; Leo Reed, IN; Bonnie Rabe, NM; Dave Fredrickson, Treasurer; Cary Giguere, SFIREG Chair; Amy Bamber, Executive Secretary

Rabe began the call by welcoming our new board members, Pat Jones and Leo Reed.

The board then moved into discussing a scheduled board call vs. as needed. Kachadoorian prefers as needed. Jones prefers having it set, but acknowledges the difficulties. Booker also prefers the doodle poll. So, we will continue as needed, but try and meet monthly.

Conference planning was the next topic. Should we separate out planning and routine board business? Cofer discussed the idea of developing a committee for planning the conference. All directors are invited and encouraged to participate. The more involved the person is in setting up the topics they moderate, then the moderator can prepare follow up to expand conversation as well. Giguere likes the idea, especially to draw in folks outside of the board to help plan the meeting. Howard also likes the idea. Kachadoorian also lent her support. Cofer will continue to work on the idea, and Kachadoorian will be strongly involved.

Conference evaluations were lost at the meeting. They were left out during the afternoon, and when Bamber returned they were gone. The hotel wasn't able to locate them. Topics that were highlighted in the evaluations that we saw were strong support for EPA's speakers; the 25(b) topic was also highlighted frequently; incorporating partners in panels or as speakers rather than giving reports was also appreciated; the location was enjoyed as well. Questions posed: does the hotel have larger screens? We will discuss increasing our viewability for the center sections. Also, increasing information for the name badges came up, and Fredrickson and Bamber will follow up on that. Cofer offered up the idea of sending out a save the date that included about 5 survey questions related to the conference planning. Reed suggested to ask early and often for agenda topics and speakers. Bamber will be more directive in roll call, and will include asking for first time attendees.

Conversation turned to communicating with EPA directly through SFIREG, and how we will continue to work with EPA to allow those opportunities when needed. Rabe expanded the idea of the learning exchange to include AAPCO's efforts to reach out to new staff and to help them feel comfortable discussing issues directly with SLAs through SFIREG.

Rabe then moved to AAPCO coordination with other associations and organizations. Rabe asked the board to consider involvement as liaisons with these groups, to keep our partnerships moving forward. Rabe asked folks to think this over, and we can

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discuss it again during our next call. Jones agreed with this and discussed the NPDES issue, and that the administration's water and ag person is looking to AAPCO for a stance.

Social Media—can we fill that role, can we limit it? Twitter acct has demo'd and the board members who have seen it liked it. Bamber will draft an email for the list serve to review to allow AAPCO members to know about it.

Action Items:

- Please let the board know what issues you see coming, so that the board can have something prepared.
- Rabe will follow up with NASDA after Hopkins' presentation at the board meeting, as well as the NPDES legislation.
- Everyone should go to the Mission Statement, Policies and By-Laws, and bring up any questions for the next call.

The call adjourned at 1:32pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Bamber". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully Submitted,".

Amy Bamber, Executive Secretary