

Minutes of AAPCO BOARD Conference Call

Date: April 9, 2013

Time: 2 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. EST

Present on the call: Jeff Comstock, VT, President, Gina Alessandri, MI, Past-President; Tim Drake, President-Elect; Charles Moses, NV, Director; Steve Dwinell, FL, Director; Mike Fresvik, Treasurer; John Scott, CO, ASPCRO; Jim Gray, ND; and Grier Stayton, AAPCO Executive Secretary.

Fresvik reported \$35,350 in revenue from the 2013 AAPCO Spring Meeting. Expenditures were \$33,958. There are a few remaining expenses. Fredrickson purchased enough lanyards and name tags for perhaps the next 2 spring meetings. Current balance of AAPCO finances were reported as \$21,254 in checking; \$22,947 in savings; and \$30,000 in CDs; for a total of \$74,201. In response to a question on state dues, Fresvik reported 8 states (primarily New England) were not paid. Alessandri asked how the training of Fredrickson was going. Fresvik replied, very good. Fredrickson will be adding QuickBooks to his new laptop soon. Fresvik noted they will need to contact some labs (esp. foreign labs) for payment of AAPCO check sample fees.

Comstock discussed a proposal to restructure the AAPCO. Comstock outlined the proposal as a gradual conversion from 7 “full-term” Directors to 5 full-term and 2 at-large Directors. The At-Large Directors would serve a term of 2 years, with the possibility of moving into a full-term Director position. Moses agreed this would be a good idea. John Scott discussed a similar Board of Directors set-up for ASPCRO. ASPCRO Officers generally serve 2 year terms (President, V.P, Secretary) with the exception of their Treasurer who has served about 10 years. Scott stated the system has pluses and minuses. Comstock also discussed in the interim the establishment of the ad hoc workgroups discussed at the March BOD meeting (Industry Relations; Information Management; Pollinator Workgroup; and Legislative Relations). Alessandri state there is a willingness of some AAPCO members to serve on the BOD, but the duration of involvement is difficult. She asked for a draft By-Law revision to start the process. Comstock agreed to draft an amendment for circulation to the BOD.

Discussion turned to the Ad Hoc Workgroups. Dwinell noted the need for a Pollinator Workgroup because the issues are bigger than just the EPA label work being discussed in the PPDC. AAPCO should work with EPA, Industry, NASDA, APHIS and others to facilitate communications between bee keepers, applicators, and other stakeholders. The Workgroup should also work with CropLife America. Comstock and Alessandri agreed AAPCO relationships with bee keepers should be extended. Dwinell suggested the Workgroup’s first order of business be the drafting of a Mission Statement. Comstock asked who would be interested in participating in an “Industry Relations” workgroup. This ad hoc workgroup was recommended to supplant the States/Industry Forum. Dwinell felt this would be a critical group with an expanded role of working with industry on stewardship programs. The Save Our Crops Coalition was given as an example of a group for the Industry Relations workgroup to become involved with. Comstock noted this is also a function of the BOD, but the time demands limit their involvement. He

suggested 1 or 2 Directors work on each ad hoc workgroup or ask the workgroup chairs report to the BOD. Dwinell felt this was a good way to involve AAPCO members with the Workgroup chairs acting as the liaisons to the BOD. Alessandri suggested a set of guidelines for each ad hoc workgroup to follow (mission, timeline, reporting, etc.) Comstock agreed to have further discussion on this topic during the next BOD meeting.

Comstock reported ASPCRO's BOD has invited AAPCO participation in their annual meeting – to be held August 2013, in Atlanta, GA. Comstock and Drake will attend. There was discussion of AAPCO-ASPCRO collaboration on investigator training. There was discussion regarding PIRT training. Drake stated the next PIRT Steering Committee meeting is April 16th, and he will know more on the status of the program at that point. Scott felt AAPCO BOD collaboration with ASPCRO on investigator training would be of benefit to both organizations and felt an AAPCO Director should sit on the ASPCRO Inspector Training Committee. Scott also briefed the BOD on a Z-P Ag rodenticide product and issues with its use in areas of re-introduced endangered species. Drake and Scott will report back to the BOD after the PIRT Steering Committee call.

On the subject of the 2013 Spring Meeting, Stayton apologized for not having a summary of the evaluations. The ratings in general were excellent or good. The areas receiving the highest comments were the Inspector Safety and the Carl Winter presentation. Very few negative comments. There were about 30 evaluations collected.

Dwinell discussed the potential use of webinars hosted by AAPCO – e.g., a presentation for members given by Save Our Crops Coalition. Dwinell felt the use of webinars would be a benefit for association members. Comstock felt this area of relations could fit in with the “Industry Relations” ad hoc workgroup. Stayton was asked for information and he agreed to contact WebEx. Comstock stated a decision will be deferred until more information on the subject is available.

Jim Gray briefed the BOD on the status of the State Regulator-in-Residence program. He suggested the new SRIRs be briefed before they go to RD so they know the “lay-of- the land” at EPA and who the power brokers are. RD wants to keep the program informal. The volunteers for SRIR are Charlie Clark, FL; Liza Fleeson, VA; and Dave Scott, IN. Gray offered to discuss RD and OPP politics with the volunteers in advance. Dwinell suggested the volunteers provide the BOD with updates after their visits. Comstock agreed to take the lead in setting up the SRIR conference calls with Gray.

Comstock reported the next PPE Symposium will be in October 2013, in Greece. Chuck Andrews will attend with NASDARF travel cost support. Andrews will keep Drake involved.

Comstock discussed the potential of a joint SFIREG Working Committees meeting. Since the 2013 WC meetings are already scheduled, the earliest a joint meeting could be arranged would be April-May 2014. Carry-over topics from the 2014 AAPCO Annual Meeting could be incorporated.

Comstock noted that MaryLou Verder-Carlos had informed him she would be unable to attend the July PPDC meeting. Comstock will ask Brian Rowe, MI, if he can attend. Steve Dwinell will be the back-up.

Moses asked if there was a list of ad hoc committees (e.g., Performance Measures). Comstock replied the Performance Measures Workgroup was an EPA workgroup – not AAPCO.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Grier Stayton".

Grier Stayton
Executive Secretary, AAPCO