AAPCO Board of Directors meeting  
March 4, 2018  
Alexandria, VA

The meeting commenced at 2:04pm.

AAPCO President Tony Cofer, AL, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions. Present in the room were association members: Tony Cofer, Amy Sullivan, Tim Drake, Derrick Lastinger, Rose Kachadoorian, Cary Giguere, Dave Fredrickson, Leo Reed, Pat Jones, Carol Black, Dennis Howard, Chuck Moses, Wendy Sue Wheeler, Erica Millette, Irene King, Ed While, Kelly Friend, Davis Daiker, Bonnie Rabe (Rollins, Inc., invited), John Scott, and Liza Fleeson Trossbach.

The previous Board minutes had already been approved by the Directors.

Treasurer’s Report  
Dave Fredrickson gave the Treasurer’s Report. He confirmed that we used Eventbrite for the conference registrations, and that we had received $25,000 and expected another $17,000 more for the registrations. He has invoiced individuals at $650. Our current BMO Harris account has $79,124, which will cover expenses for the conference. Fredrickson explained his use of classes in Quickbooks to keep the AAPCO and SFIREG accounts separate. The SFIREG no cost extension has been extended through the end of April 2018. $6,700 are the expenses incurred payable under the grant on the expense/revenue report. They have been drawn down at this time. After draw down SFIREG has $24,074. This reflects the end of the 5-year grant and should be sufficient for the April 2018 Joint Working Committee expenses and salaries. Membership dues and check sample are ahead of pace from previous years, with 22 states having paid their 2018 membership. Intuit makes paying online much easier. ACH transfers direct from invoices are possible. Fredrickson reminds folks to forward the entire email and invoices electronically; otherwise the staff person paying it cannot use the Intuit link to pay by credit card or ACH. Fredrickson maintains the contact lists for membership and Laboratory Check Sample within the system and updates as necessary.

SFIREG Grant Report  
Fredrickson has redone the budgets per EPA’s request. Sullivan explained that the new grant requests $165,000 per year for the five-year grant period. This is an increase from previous years to cover SFIREG committee members staying additional days at EPA’s request and to cover a summer board meeting to review SFIREG activities and grant oversight. Fredrickson announced that he will be retiring this year, and will stay until a new Treasurer is trained into the position. Cofer added that the board has reviewed and updated the position description, and that after meeting with Fredrickson for 4 hours on Saturday March 5, the position description will be revised. Cofer said he hopes to announce the position shortly. Reed motioned to accept the reports, Lastinger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
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Kachadoorian thanked Fredrickson and expressed that the position is more expansive than had been recognized. Cofer added that Fredrickson had been an active member of SFIREG and AAPCO during his tenure in Wisconsin and is an AAPCO Lifetime Member.

Secretary’s Report  
Sullivan presented the written Secretary’s Report.

SFIREG Report  
Cary Giguere, VT, is outgoing SFIREG chair. He welcomed Liza Fleeson Trossbach as the new SFIREG chair starting in 2018. He discussed the December 2017 SFIREG meeting, adding that the topics came out of Pre-SFIREG meetings and Joint Working Committees. Dicamba was a big issue, especially as SFIREG was involved in detailed discussions of the nuts and bolts of the new labels and the required trainings for 2018. He stressed that the volatility vs drift discussion is still a big issue and that we are unsure if the 2018 label changes will be effective in reducing damage complaints. Giguere also discussed SFIREG’s efforts related to the PPDC MP3 measures proposal, adding state input where needed. Kachadoorian and Fleeson Trossbach were important in representing the states and a PPDC developed survey will be sent out soon by AAPCO. On the topic of Cannabis, Colorado and Oregon have brought up significant issues this year related to formulation impurities and action levels for pesticide residues. Both topics will be covered during the AAPCO general session. Ingredient Transparency was brought to SFIREG in December, mostly related to cleaning products. The idea is concerning to SLAs due to possible safety implications and adherence to FIFRA.

Pass through insecticides were an issue in the New England states this year, and after SFIREG undertook the problem, FDA stepped in to assist with resolution. Giguere identified Tim Drake, SC as the new POM chair and Gary Bahr, WA, as the new EQI chair. A lot of good work has been done in the committees. There is a new paradigm at this time and SFIREG and AAPCO are dedicated to supporting our federal partners. Cofer further discussed the issue and noted AAPCO’s current dialogue with EPA’s decision makers through our learning exchange.

Check Sample Program  
Ping Wan, IN, provided a written committee report which Cofer reviewed.

Laboratory Committee  
Andy Randall, NM, is no longer with the state and the vice-chair of the Laboratory Director’s Committee is Tom Philips, MD. Phillips will lead the concurrent Laboratory Director’s meeting at AAPCO and will present the written report at the Business Meeting.

WPS Committee  
Patrick Jones, NC, is the chair of the WPS committee. Jones officially requested consideration of a discussion on regulatory reform, AEZ, Designated Rep, and minimum age. He mentioned that PPDC had a lot of discussion related to the designated rep, and that the Farm Bureau is who actively objected to the concept.
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Website Report
Sullivan presented the written website report.

PIRT Report
Cofer submitted the written PIRT report and identified three new trainings this year.

PREP Report
Black submitted the written PREP report, detailing attendees, changes in EPA support for tribal attendees, and the upcoming courses.

Kachadoorian motioned to accept the standing committee reports. Lastinger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pollinator Protection Workgroup
Kachadoorian presented the Pollinator Protection Report. She requested that the board consider a new focus for the workgroup. The main points are to 1. Maintain the MP3 inventory; 2. Collect information on reporting and use of SFIREG protocol for investigations; and 3. Look at the effectiveness of surveys. She recommended engaging the Honeybee Health Coalition on the surveys. She also recommended refreshing the committee through focus areas and membership. There was an additional discussion of the PPDC measures (for use by EPA) vs the SFIREG measures (for use by states).

Industry Relations Workgroup
Lastinger orally presented the Industry Relations Report. He emphasized the need to have all of the state specific Dicamba information collected and presented on the AAPCO website.

NASDA Report
Cofer orally presented his NASDA report. He attended the NASDA Winter Policy meeting and mid-year meetings. He is specifically interested in collaborating with NASDA for increased grant support to the states. Cofer also encouraged the board to consider political interactions with a view to the 2019-2020 period coming up. Cooperative Federalism is a model used by the states and EPA for the pesticide program and should be well supported at this time.

Certification and Training Workgroup
Sullivan presented the C&T workgroup report, submitted by chairperson Tim Creger. In particular, Creger requests that the board consider continuing the workgroup to address 1. Redrafting of the Certification Plan; 2. Rules and Laws; 3. Revising state plans; 4. Changes in the definitions of categories. Reed concurred with the recommendation to formally reconvene the workgroup. Kachadoorian felt it would be beneficial to funnel state questions to the workgroup, get answers and disseminate them to the states. Cofer agreed that there will be serious implementation issues, and would like Creger to remain chairperson. Black added that CTAG could be recommissioned to help address the issues
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when they are funded. There are PACT dates on the AAPSE website for August, although
the supporting grant has not come through. Lastinger motioned that the workgroup be
reconvened with Creger as chair, Kachadoorian seconded, and the motion was passed
unanimously.

New Business

The board discussed the request for a Dicamba survey, Black said that she had developed
related bullet points and would share with Sullivan. Sullivan can post the points and
related links to the web. Lastinger motioned to move forward, Kachadoorian seconded and
the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 4:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Sullivan, Executive Secretary