AAPCO Workgroup or Liaison Report to Annual Meeting

Work Group/Liaison Name: TPSA Liaison Report
Lead Person’s Name: Jeffrey Rogers, VA
Date of Report: 2/21/2018
Issues to be raised for discussion by AAPCO Board or General Session: None

General summary of work group/liaison activities for the year:

The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA), founded in 2000, is a non-profit organization of federal, state and local governmental agencies, educational and research institutions, public organizations, private corporations and individuals that are actively involved in different aspects of pesticide stewardship. The goals of TPSA are to increase the effectiveness, efficiency and longevity of various pesticide stewardship efforts. Please go to the TPSA web site for more information such as the application for membership.

2018 Annual Conference

The 2018 TPSA Conference was held February 6-8, 2018 in Memphis, Tennessee at the Hilton Memphis. Attendees were welcomed to Memphis by Bill Gibbons with the Public Safety Institute at the University of Memphis and our keynote speaker was Richard Keigwin, Director, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Pesticide Programs, who spoke on the Role of Stewardship in EPA’s Registration Decisions. The conference focused on the challenges and control of resistant weeds and drift and dicamba; worker/applicator health and safety; pesticide disposal and pesticide plastic recycling. Presentations included information on EPA’s final certification rule, implementation of the changes to the WPS rule; drift research on 2,4D and dicamba and environmental stewardship as it relates to obsolete pesticide disposal and the recycling of pesticide plastic. The conference was attended by 126 participants representing two countries. The 2018 Conference presentations are available to attendees and TPSA members on the website.

The 2019 Pesticide Stewardship Conference is scheduled for February 5-7, 2019 in Savannah, Georgia. For more information, please visit: http://tpsalliance.org Please check the TPSA website in October of 2018 for information.
Highlights from the Conference: Stewardship Awards

**President’s Award:** Kevin Neal, Investigator, Office of Indiana State Chemist
Bonnie McCarvel, Executive Director, Mid America CropLife Association

**Leadership in Product Stewardship** (Private Industry or the Pizzy Award): Ron Perkins, Executive Director, Ag Container Recycling Council.

**Program Excellence:** Sam Gibson, (Posthumously) USAg Recycling

Board of Directors & Association Activities:

A. **State Pesticide Disposal Map and Database**
TPSA has published a State Pesticide Disposal Map & Database now available on the TPSA site. An interactive map links viewers to the contact information for each state. [http://tpsalliance.org/resources/state-disposal-map](http://tpsalliance.org/resources/state-disposal-map)

B. **The TPSA Advisor**
TPSA has continued its newsletter. It can be viewed on the TPSA site: [https://tpsalliance.org/tpsa-advisor-january-2018/](https://tpsalliance.org/tpsa-advisor-january-2018/)

C. **International PPE consortium**
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Presentation was made by Dr. Anugrah Shaw, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Carol Black, Washington State University. The Board is considering the possibility for cooperation between international PPE consortium and TPSA. Some organizations are members of both however; one difference is the international consortium does research. More information is to be provided to the Board. See Carol Black for more information or if you are interested in working on this project.