

*AAPCO Board of Directors meeting*

*September 4, 2019*

*Amy Sullivan, Executive Secretary*

On the call: Tony Cofer, AL; Rose Kachadoorian, OR; Leo Reed, IN; Derrick Lastinger, GA; Patrick Jones, NC; Cary Giguere, VT; Megan Patterson, ME; Amy Sullivan.

The call began at 2:00 pm eastern time.

Dicamba

Tim Creger, NE joined the board for the dicamba discussion.

Reed began by reviewing the questions EPA had provided in the spring. Reed had provided comments on the questions and was waiting to hear back from EPA about what questions would be most relevant. Reed had difficulty getting in touch with EPA over the summer but he has been able to have some conversations. At that point, some states offered that they are ready to share their information, and Reed drafted some simple questions to send out to the states to gauge interest in furthering the conversation. The survey was sent out on Tuesday. Creger offered that we should jointly work with EPA to set up calls in the future if necessary, but AAPCO can coordinate and maintain the SLA lead. Jones and Reed discussed non-ag injuries, and pointed out that EPA had asked for that data, but also seemed to emphasize yield loss as a more important issue. The board discussed the original questions and what was possible. We will review the survey responses on Friday.

POINTS

Kachadoorian described the EQI POINTS Issue Paper, and her conversations with Gary Bahr and Laura Mensch. Reed thinks it is important to keep the issue alive as it could fall away. Shortening the paper may be advised as well. Cofer had provided comments separately to Kachadoorian. Essentially, as this is a grant requirement, and either needs funding or removal from the grant. Perhaps it could be a pick list item for states? There should be a solution to the issue.

Kachadoorian will send a letter to FEAD and OPP regarding AAPCO's concerns about EPA's lack of support for POINTS, including that they ceased funding it several years ago without notifying anyone, and will follow up with SFIREG to clarify that AAPCO will not pursue additional SFIREG funding to support the data system.

MA Survey

All fine, Sullivan will send out.

The board then moved into conference planning.

The call ended at 3:26 pm eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Sullivan