



**ASPCRO Public Health Committee
2017 Annual Report to the Board
August 29, 2017**

At the March 27, 2017 ASPCRO Midyear Meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously agreed that it was appropriate to transition the Bed Bug Committee into a “*Public Health Committee*” and to focus on a broader range of public health issues and pests. While bed bugs remain of concern, the last year has brought to light other issues, for example, Zika Virus and vector control, which may require ASPCRO’s attention and action. With the transition of the Committee from bed bugs to public health, the committee members were notified and asked to indicate their interest in remaining on the Committee. All former members indicated their desire to remain on the Committee. In addition, new members have been added. Committee Members include:

Liza Fleeson Trossbach	Kelly Friend	Julie Spagnoli
Jenny Wren	Erin Worth	Jim Warneke
Tim Drake	Africa Dorame-Avalos	Jonathon Berger
Steve Sims	Jim Fredericks	Tom Wright
Dave Scott	Norman Goldenberg	Stan Cope
Davis Daiker	Kim Kelley-Tunis	

In addition, the chairmanship is transitioning from Liza Fleeson Trossbach to Jenny Wren, Georgia Department of Agriculture.

The Public Health Committee met via conference call on June 22, 2017. The discussion focused on revising the committee mission and defining/refining future activities.

Mission

Based upon the input received during the conference call, a draft mission statement was developed and distributed for additional comments. The mission of the Public Health Committee is:

To assist State/Tribal/Territorial Lead Agencies, the Environmental Protection Agency and other stakeholders address pest related concerns which threaten the health of the population and the role of pesticides in improving and protecting communities through pest prevention and vector control; facilitating dialogue and leveraging resources among stakeholders and affiliates; serving as a source of information for a broad range of public health pests and control of those pests including mosquitoes, ticks, bed bugs, cockroaches, bird and rodents; and, actively monitoring federal and state activities related to pests of public health concern.

Future Activities

The Committee also discussed those activities that remain pending from the former Bed Bug Committee including:

Model Regulations – The Committee had previously received a request from a member state to develop model regulations for canine scent detection; heat treatment; ozone treatment; and cold treatment including efficacy data. The Board requested that SLAs be polled to determine the need for model regulations and the priority order of activities for the Committee. Based upon the results of the poll, there was a need for model regulations for the aforementioned non-pesticidal treatment option. A recommendation was made to the Board, and the Board approved, drafting model regulations for the following (priority order): heat treatment; canine scent detection; ozone treatment and cold treatment. As much time had passed, the Committee questioned whether the need still existed. The Committee decided to survey the membership, specifically asking:

1. Does the currently have any model regulations/guidance documents for any of the above; and
2. If not, does State/Tribe/Territory feel there is a need for one or more of the above (please specify).

Current Status: The Committee Chair sent an email to States/Tribes/Territories on July 25, 2017 requesting the above information. To date, no responses have been received. A reminder email was sent on August 17, 2017.

Outreach/Education - The Committee continues to agree that education is the key and there is a need for all stakeholders to be able to recognize legitimate sources of information related to bed bugs and their management and the current resources available (SLAs & Extension) should be added/updated to the ASPRCO website. Additional resources needed include news releases/PSAs for use by SLAs to address misinformation or provide good sources of information. There also appears to be a need to reach out and coordinate efforts with a variety of organizations for example, cities, departments of health, landlord/tenant organizations. The Committee decided it appropriate to ask States/Tribes/Territories to submit current bed bug resources (or links to those resources) to be posted on the ASPCRO website.

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25b - • The Committee had previously discussed “25b” products indicating that the issue in not “25b” in other words, being exempt from federal registration, rather it is the lack of efficacy; no efficacy; claims that are not true (i.e.: kills on contact vs. residual activity). This is particularly true given the current issues related to Zika virus and vector control in addition to bed bugs. Dave Scott, Office of the Indiana State Chemist, supports “standardizing” requirements, etc., for

25(b) products across state lines since EPA does not regulate these products and the responsibility falls to states. Scott suggested that consistent standards for label claims and efficacy data would help both states and industry (EPA has guidelines for efficacy data related to bed bugs). Scott suggested and the Committee agreed to work with AAPCO's 25(b) and Industry Relations workgroups on this issue. Scott will serve as liaison with AAPCO's Industry Relations workgroup and ASPCRO's Public Health Committee

Other Related Activities

- ✓ Jenny Wren has been nominated as ASPRCO's representative to the Pesticide Program Dialogue's Committee (PPDC) newly formed Public Health Working Committee.
- ✓ Committee Chair sent an email to Susan Jennings, EPA's Senior Advisor for Public Health, regarding the formation of the Public Health Committee offering our services and desire to (re)engage with EPA. Included was the conference call information for the Public Health Committee Meeting which is scheduled in conjunction with the 2017 Annual Meeting.
- ✓ Committee Chair sent an email notification to the Membership regarding the transition of the Bed Bug Committee to the Public Health Committee and requesting any specific public health issues or concerns be forwarded to the Committee.
- ✓ Committee Chairs participated in the EPA's Pesticide Regulatory Education Program (PREP) Pesticides and Public Health Pests Course in Seattle WA and presented an overview of the Public Health Committee and solicited input from attendees. Committee Chair also followed with an email to participants asking for any public health related issues or items appropriate for the Committee. The meeting agenda for the Public Health Committee Meeting includes those items received.

Respectfully submitted,



Liza Fleeson Trossbach
Outgoing Chair – Public Health Committee



Jennifer Wren
Incoming Chair – Public Health Committee