



ASPCRO Communications Committee Report
April 20, 2015

Committee Co-Chairs, Derrick Lastinger (Georgia), Vince Craig (Arizona)
Committee members: Grant Bishop (West Virginia), Jay Kelley (Indiana), John Scott (CO), Doug Edwards (ASPCRO)

The ASPCRO communications committee submits the following report for the 2015 mid-year board meeting.

The new website was launched at the 2014 mid-year board meeting. In November 2014 Derrick Lastinger and Doug Edwards met with Vicki Cassens and her team and transitioned the website and listserves to ASPCRO management. As part of the meeting, there was hands-on training for content management of the website. During the training, the website content was updated including the membership directory, meeting minutes, upcoming meeting information and board information.

At the November meeting, a plan was developed to create an ASPCRO library of archived documents. The library webpage has been published. ASPCRO historian, Bonnie Rabe, provided scanned copies of the historic records which were also published. The archived records cover the years 1962-1999.

The website has two back-up copies. Doug Edwards and Derrick Lastinger currently maintain the back-ups. The website is hosted through Network Solutions and Derrick Lastinger is listed as the current administrator and Doug Edwards is listed as the technical contact.

The listservers hosted by Purdue University were downloaded and a current copy is being maintained by Doug Edwards. ASPCRO maintains the following listservers:

1. Main contact: membership dues contact list (55[57])
2. All SLA/University/EPA contacts: (everyone in directory & conference attendees) (283[266])
3. Regulated community and ASPCRO Partners (PMPs, Registrants, NPMA, etc.) (215 [185])

Note about the email lists – When received from Purdue there were a number of bad addresses in the lists. The numbers in brackets above indicate the current number of items in the lists after bad addresses were removed.

ASPCRO does not have listserv software. These lists are being maintained as contact lists (distribution lists) in Outlook. Backup of these lists is kept as a csv export files.

A new feature of the website is the addition of an 'Announcements' section of the main page. In this area we will be listing newly added items to the website.

Webinar?

Adobe connect license – last renewed in march 2014 – what about 2015? [would need to check with John or Vince regarding this. I know it's still working, ergo we must have updated...]

Committee chairs were asked to look at their committee page and provide updates previously. Each chair will be sent their committee page as a Word document and updates can be made to the document as needed.

At the ASPCRO board of directors meeting in August 2014, there was a discussion regarding the need for structural/urban pest management training for pesticide inspectors and specialists. Inspectors and specialist often attend these programs in-state and out of state for focused training. A complete list of structural and urban pest management training centers that allow state regulatory inspector participation would be a resource for SLAs. In October 2014 a survey was sent to the states requesting general information regarding state and university training centers. Eleven responses were received and a document/webpage was developed to maintain this information. The webpage was published in April and the Committee would like to send a notification out on the listserv announcing the results of the survey and new resource.

In June 2014, the web address www.aspcro.org was renewed for 5 years (2019) through Network Solutions for a \$184.95 fee.

The committee met on April 19, 2015 in Detroit in conjunction with the mid-year board meeting.

Future activities:

The committee would like to develop content for a membership webpage that will include information regarding how to become a member, who can be a member and membership benefits.

Request the purchase of Adobe Acrobat Pro to further enhance website content management.

Respectfully submitted,

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