

Pest Management in Schools Committee Report

Midyear Meeting

Santa Fe, NM

February 24 – 26, 2014

Committee Membership

The committee consists of the following individuals:

Michael Page (co-chair)	FL Dept of Ag and Consumer Services
Josh Wiley (co-chair)	Georgia Department of Agriculture
Africa Dorame-Avalos	Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
Jim Burnett	North Carolina Dept of Ag and Consumer Services
Dr. Brian Forschler	University of Georgia
Beth Carter	Office of Indiana State Chemist
Dr. Faith Oi	University of Florida
Karl Falco	DuPont
Gene Harrington	NPMA
Dennis Howard	Maryland Department of Agriculture
Janet Hurley	Texas Agrilife Extension Service
Gary King*	Michigan Department of Agriculture
Dan Suomi ¹	Washington State Department of Agriculture
Lee Tanner	US EPA (BPPD)

* New Member(s) within the last year.

¹ Retiring member.

Mission Statement

The ASPCRO Pest Management in Schools Committee's mission is to assist member states with the improvement and implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles and concepts in schools in the interest of promoting and protecting Children's Environmental Safety.

Summary of Committee Actions and Activities

ASPCRO Position Paper on Legislation Requiring Schools to Use IPM adopted during 2013 Annual meeting in Atlanta.

ASPCRO Resolutions on SIPM adopted during 2013 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

ASPCRO-EPA SIPM Sustainability Workshop in Apopka, FL on September 10 – 12, 2013.

- Resulted from opportunity to train EPA Regional SIPM Coordinators

- Also known as the “Partnership Meeting” – demonstrated ASCPCRO model of working partnerships in SIPM adopted by many states. Included Extension (implementers), SLAs, School Facilities Managers/Staff, PMPs, EPA Regional IPM Coordinators
- Covered review of basic IPM in schools; scenario based IPM exercises using PMU facilities; presentations and discussions on how to implement sustainable IPM programs in schools
- Attempting to set up a meeting with Bob McNally, Director of BPPD to discuss collaborations with EPA, NPMA and ASCPCRO on PCO training initiatives

Issues Still Pending:

ASCPCRO Model Best Management Practices (for PMPs)

- Committee is addressing the development of Model BMPs (based on NPMA’s School IPM BMPs) based on Florida’s “experience” with what works, high pest pressures, high K – 12 student populations, and cooperation with PMPs
- Document is currently under review by the committee
- The document has also been shared with Regions 5, 7 and others and has received favorable comments as a strong document for PMPs performing in IPM programs

ASCPCRO Model Request for Proposal – “RFP”

- Based on Florida Model Request for Proposal (RFP)
- The committee is currently addressing this document
- Based on surveys that indicate 70% to 90% of schools in the nation outsource pest management to licensed companies.
- For use by schools and school districts when contracting pest control services specific to IPM by the PMPs.
- Develops criteria that help to minimize the chances of having to accept “low bid” proposals from contracted companies with no IPM experience.

PPDC Subcommittee on IPM Update

- Development of a pilot project in one or two states to test IPM implementation efforts is progressing
- The pilot project will help to demonstrate the mechanics, reach objectives outlined in the National Strategy; the interactions between IPM partners; identify useful tools to aid implementation; and help define success (and failure)
- Established 4 working groups: State Selection; Key Partners; Metrics; and Training
- Report provided to Full PPDC, December 6, 2013
- 9 states discussed for a pilot include AZ, CO, FL, IL ME, OK, UT, WA
- Next steps: contacting prospective states to make a selection (1 or 2 states); need to train “Change Agents”; finding funding for 2014 pilot projects

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