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Certification Training & Assessment Group (CTAG) Report to the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO)

CTAG is a group of state lead agencies (SLA), pesticide safety education programs (PSEP), and tribal certification programs that can rely on each other for collaboration, eliminate duplication of effort and maximize the utility of existing solutions for pesticide applicator certification and training (C&T).

CTAG Meetings

- The first meeting was held on February 13, 2020, with consecutive monthly meetings thereof.
- CTAG held a virtual 3-day meeting June 24 -26, 2020.
- CTAG will hold second virtually meeting October 14 – 16, 2020.

CTAG Website

CTAG updated its website: <http://ctagroup.us>.

- About: Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives, Structure, Relationship with EPA, Measuring Success
- C&T Contacts for SLAs and PSEPs
- Completed Documents – with search on category and key words
- Current Issues – those actively being addressed and those in the queue for the future

CTAG Membership

Member terms are normally three years, but have been initially staggered to bring on new members in future years. Terms end January 31 each (YEAR) noted below. CTAG strives for balance between SLAs and PSEPs and with representation from four US regions (West, Southern, Northeast, North Central). CTAG is currently composed of 11 members including: 5 SLA representatives, 4 PSEP representatives, and 2 ex-officio members. If you are interested in becoming a member of CTAG please contact CTAG's SFIREG liaison Leslie Talpasanu at <Leslie.Talpasanu@cdpr.ca.gov>. Membership Solicitation for 2021 will begin in September 2020.

- Co-Chair – John Feagans, North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture (2022)
- Co-Chair – Michael Helms, Cornell University (2022)
- Carol Black – Washington State University (2021)
- Amanda Couture – Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (2023)

- Lindsey House – Washington State Dept. of Agriculture (2022)
- Linda Johns – University of Minnesota (2022)
- Michael Murray – Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (2023)
- Ples Spradley – Arkansas State University (2021)
- Leslie Talpasanu – California Dept. of Pesticide Regulation (2021)
- Ex-officio – Jeanne Kasai – EPA HQ
- Ex-officio – Amy Sullivan – CTAG Executive Secretary
- Tribal Representative – Vacant

CTAG Workgroups

The CTAG members reviewed the pesticide certification related topics nominated for CTAG to work on. The topics were ranked by the CTAG members and prioritized accordingly. Four topics were rated as high priority. From these topics, four workgroups were established, and scoping documents were created.

- Remote proctored exams workgroup
- Asynchronous online training (on-demand) workgroup
- Synchronous training (live webinars) training workgroup
- Label mandated training workgroup