



ASPCRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP AGENDA

Tuesday, August 18th, 2020

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT

Online Conference via Zoom

The ASPCRO Board of Director's Annual meeting was held online via Zoom due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions on Tuesday, August 18th, 2020. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: Ryan Okey, ASPCRO Vice-President, Clemson University Department of Pesticide; Grant Bishop, ASPCRO Treasurer, West Virginia Department of Agriculture; Allison Cuellar, ASPCRO Secretary, Texas Department of Agriculture; Liza Fleeson Trossbach, ASPCRO Past President, Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services; Cindy Fulton, ASPCRO At-Large Member, Wyoming Department of Agriculture; John Pitcock, ASPCRO At-Large Member, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Kelly Friend, ASPCRO At-Large Member, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and Mike Page, ASPCRO Executive Secretary.
- State Lead Agency: Derrick Lastinger, Georgia Department of Agriculture; Kevin Gibson, Office of Indiana State Chemist, George Saxton, Office of Indiana State Chemist; Alvin Harris, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment; and Mike Weyman, Clemson University Regulatory Services; Amy Brown, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Stephanie Deeken, Missouri Department of Agriculture; William Reid, Office of Indiana State Chemist; Bob Blankenburg, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation; Buzz Vance, Nebraska Department of Agriculture; Cary Giguere, Vermont Department of Agriculture; Chad Carpenter, West Virginia Department of Agriculture; Clint Shettle, Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services; Erica Millette, New Mexico Department of Agriculture; John Scott, Colorado Department of Agriculture; Mary Begin, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment; Mike Weyman, Clemson University Department of Pesticide; Seth Dunlap, Arkansas Department of Agriculture; Tim Drake, Clemson University Department of Pesticide; and Victor Lennon, North Carolina Department of Agriculture.
- Industry Representatives: Jan Brill, Bayer; Jim Wright, BASF; Stephanie Binns, RISE; Dominique Stumph, NPMA; Jim Fredericks, NPMA; Faye Golden, Cooks Pest Control; Staci Johnston, Ecolab; Bonnie Rabe, Rollins; Rick Bell, Arrow Exterminating; Allen Fugler, Capital Risk Underwriters; Andy Architect, NPMA;

and Julie Spagnoli, JM Specialty Consulting; Darrel Hensley University of Tennessee (PSEP);

- Unknown affiliation attendees: Bob Harris; Chris Wade; and Russell Kohler.

Ryan Okey, ASPCRO Vice President called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM EDT. Greeted everyone and made opening remarks, followed by introductions of board members and a review of the agenda. Those present on the Zoom call were noted.

Mike Page (ASPCRO) conducted a member roll call. The following members were present:

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Mike Page provided ground rules for the Zoom meeting and Ryan Okey reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any modifications to the posted agenda. No modifications were made.

Grant Bishop (WV) provided the Treasurer's report:

- Reviewed ASPCRO's current financial position. The ASPCRO balance sheet was displayed and reviewed.
- Sponsorships were solicited for the midyear meeting prior to cancellation. Roughly \$21K was collected prior to the cancellation. Sponsors were contacted and offered the option to refund or roll their sponsorship to next year. All sponsorships collected from this year will roll to next year's meeting.
- Association dues were received from several states. States on the call were encouraged to reach out to other states that are not currently members. ASPCRO Board members can provide membership benefits of joining ASPCRO.
- Liza Fleeson Trossbach asked a question regarding the number of current member states and how it compares to past membership totals. Currently, there are 30 member states. On the best year, ASPCRO had 40 or 42. Most years average mid-30's.

- **MOTION MADE:** A motion was made by Liza Fleeson Trossbach to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Cindy Fulton. Motion passed.

Ryan Okay (SC) provided the Planning Committee Report:

- ASPCRO's 2020 annual meeting was cancelled but current plans are to host both 2021 meetings in-person. The midyear meeting will be held in Reno with the date TBD. The annual be held in Minneapolis, MN at the Graduate Hotel from August 9-13, 2021.
- ASPCRO is appreciative to the sponsors who have already contributed to the 2021 meetings.
- More information about the meetings will be distributed closer to the events. The planning committee will begin planning as early as possible.

Allison Cuellar (TX), ASPCRO Secretary, provided the minutes from 2020 Board of Directors midyear meeting at the ASPCRO midyear Zoom call:

- **MOTION MADE:** Cindy Fulton motioned to approve minutes as proposed. Kelly Friend seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Page (ASPCRO) provided the Executive Secretary report:

- All state official updates, meeting agendas and several of the committee reports have been posted to the website.
- ASPCRO did purchase a subscription to Zoom, mostly done to facilitate online meetings.
- Articles of Incorporation have been updated and paid to the New Mexico Secretary of State. ASPCRO is current for 2020. The registered agent has also been updated.
- The new website will be covered further on this agenda and will be discussed more fully at that time (see Current Business section below).

Committee Reports

Mary Begin (DC), Chairman of the Public Health Committee provided the following:

- The committee met via Teams on July 7th, 2020.
- They had a good meeting, with several people including some that were new.
- They began with a recap of what they had discussed on that last meeting in August of 2019. They discussed education resources.
- Discussed the differences between sanitizers and disinfectants, difficulty using the N-list by the public, distribution of unregistered products and false and misleading claims on labels.
- Discussed on how to reach out to the public with this information. The committee discussed about reaching out NPIC for their resources and shared information including the questions received from the public.
- They plan on having their next meeting/call in October.

Derick Lastinger (GA), Chairman of the Structural Fumigation Committee provided the following:

- The Structural Fumigation committee has met two times since the last meeting, March 30th and August 12th, 2020.
- At this time, EPA is still planning on having an update on the re-registration of non-soil fumigants by the end of the year. Specifically, the interim decision is

- expected in fall of 2020. This decision will be a focus of the committee when completed.
- The draft risk assessments for all fumigants are planned to be completed no later than September 2021.
 - OPP at EPA has made staffing moves and the person leading the fumigation project has been re-assigned to antimicrobials. By October 2020, EPA plans to have the new lead for the re-registration project appointed.
 - In lieu of these changes in staff, Derrick asked EPA if there are any other resources needs for training. EPA stated they were good at this time. In total, ASPCRO held 3 training opportunities for EPA staff touching a total of 46 EPA staff at the workshops. Hopefully, many involved are still involved with the project.
 - The clearance devices study (related to OIG report) is pending release as EPA is currently working on their strategy to release the information. They plan to post it in a public docket by October 2020. Between now and then they are hoping to share information with stakeholders.
 - An update was provided by Sandra McDonald regarding the Non-Soil Fumigation Manual update for PERC. They are making great progress on getting the manual together and certification exams for states as a resource. Sandra expressed appreciation for assistance in selection of the learning objectives for the manual from committee and ASPCRO members.
 - The committee is also discussing on what our role is and how to best to assist with issues of air permitting at some state environmental programs. The Mid-Atlantic Air Association issued a white paper on fumigation and regulating fumigants as air pollutants. The committee would like to reach out and let them know that our organization and committee exists, and we would like to be included in future discussion. The committee feels this is a good place to start and see where it leads.
 - Derrick asked the Board how best to start this initial dialogue with the Mid-Atlantic Air Association.
 - Liza suggested it would be best to first reach out via phone call, and Derrick can call representing ASPCRO. We make ourselves available. We would also welcome opportunities to learn more about what they do have possibly have them after a future event.
 - Kelly agrees that phone call would be a good thing. She also thinks it would be good to have them come to ASPCRO and share a little bit more about what they do and the challenges.
 - Ryan agrees with reaching out by phone and suggested Derrick call. If they discussion, set up a call with Derrick and Ryan. Ryan asked if the white paper should be distributed to the committee.
 - Cary (VT) would like to see the paper.
 - Derrick forwarded the white paper to Cary and Ryan and advised other attendees he could forward the white paper to others if requested.
 - Mike asked the Board if this paper should be added to the new website, as the new website can handle this as a blog post. Ryan suggested waiting until we reached out to see if there are any updates to the paper dated in April 2019. If after we reach out there are no further updates, we can post.

Grant Bishop (WV), Chairman of the Building Code Committee provided the following:

- The Building Code Committee did not formally meet.

- The committee invites all on the phone call to share information for the website or directly with Grant related to Spray Foam or building code.
- There are documents on the ASPCRO website under a spray foam tab related to spray foam and a white paper the committee worked on last year.
- They hope to get the group together soon, before midyear, but no current activity at this time. Grant has worked out to some researchers regarding spray foam.
- If anyone has any questions about spray foam or other building code issues, please reach out to him.
- Derrick provided a comment regarding an update from by Ken McPherson (Douglas Products) to the Structural Fumigation Committee regarding a study in Florida on structural fumigation of homes with spray foam insulation in the attic and aeration using the C.A.P. method. There still doing the study new and existing construction. Derrick also provided Georgia worked on building code amendments to protect consumers regarding spray foam insulation and its effect on termite contracts. Their experience at the public hearing was many lobbyists iiiiii,,,,from D.C were present. The changes to the building code were mainly to set standards to prevent everything from being sprayed in the crawl space to allow for termite inspection and services. Derrick thinks it will be another year before anything is completed. He also wants to share the experience that the folks involved were not local and were at the national level. Derrick offered to share the amendments to the Georgia building code changes.

George Saxton (ID), Chairman of the Inspector Training Committee, provided the following:

- The committee was head full steam and sent out a survey to gauge interest in a one-day training and were working on speakers. Then COVID-19 hit, and everything stopped.
- They are considering the training for next year, if everything works out, and it would include topics that you do not necessarily get at the state level training like interviewing, interrogation and testifying in court.
- The committee is ready to pick this training back up and continue planning if the Board is interested in holding the training.
- Liza mentioned to the Board and the Chair of the Committee, George, she was asked to present Tribal Pesticide Program Council Meeting about ASPCRO and the training we have done. They asked specifically for training for tribes, whether it be attending a ASPCRO meeting or ASPCRO members reaching out to provide training. She will share contact information with George because if there is an opportunity to hold a training in 2021 they can be included.
- Kelly asked if the committee has considered doing virtual training. George provided they are considering it and have looked at it although the committee feels spending all day in front of a computer is too much. They would like to break up any possible future virtual training into smaller segments possibly held over several days. It is all dependent on what happens next year. If it gets cancelled, they will start looking at virtual but the preference is in-person.

Micah Raub (VA), Chairman of the Label Stewardship Committee was not present for the meeting. No update was provided.

Allison Cuellar (TX), Chairman of the pest Management in Schools Committee, provided the following:

- The committee met on August 6th via Zoom. Thirteen members present for the call.
- The committee reviewed old surveys and would like to develop a new survey to gauge how things have changed in pest management in schools since the last surveys 6-8 years ago and see how enforcement varies through the states.
- The other subject the committee discussed is a white paper on how pesticides are registered focusing on risk. This white paper is intended to be used by school districts, parent and be developed to allow member states to use the document and possibly add to it. These additions could be their specific state requirements.
- The plan is to have a draft white paper and survey instrument by October.
- The committee also discussed applications of antimicrobials at schools. From this discussion, the committee realized many states do not have a license requirement for disinfectant applications.
- Lastly, the committee wants to reiterate last year, under Chair Seth Dunlap a white paper regarding disinfectant applications was developed. This white paper will be added to the ASPCRO website.
- Kelly and Cindy expressed this white paper for registration of pesticides and risk would be a good document to develop for ASPCRO.

Alvin Harris (DC), Chairmen of the Rodenticide Committee provided there was no meeting was held. However, the committee is still available if there are any issues that the committee needs to pay attention to or act on.

Ryan Okey (SC), Chairman of the Termiticide Label Review Committee, provided the following:

- The committee has two new members, Amy Brown from Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Derrick Lastinger from Georgia Department of Agriculture.
- If there are any information or activity needed from the committee, specifically for registrants on the call, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan.

Mike Weyman, Chair of the Termiticide Standards Committee, stated there are no activities to report at this time.

Clint Shettle (VA), Chairman of Structural Remediation Committee, provided the following updates:

- The Structural Remediation Committee has not formerly met since last August (2019) in Franklin.
- There has communication behind the scenes mainly with Amy Maez at EPA.
- The committee includes to enlarge their list of references for remediation. Information that will contribute to the Remediapedia. A demonstration was provided last year at the annual meeting in Franklin. The purpose of Remediapedia is if someone is in a pickle and needs to clean up a pesticide, Remediapedia can be a quick reference tool to help them quickly locate references to help remediate.
- Meetings are planned to be held forward.
- Liza mentioned the Board did draft a disclosure statement, because of concerned comments for contributors to Remediapedia, to the ASPCRO website regarding Remediapedia. This purpose of the statement is to inform users this is a resource but ASPCRO is not making recommendations. This statement has been reviewed by counsel and will be on the new website with Remediapedia.

MOTION MADE: Allison motioned to accept the 2020 Committee reports as received. John seconded. Motion passed.

Liza Fleeson Trossbach provided the AAPCO Liaison update:

- Liza serves on the Board the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO).
- There are several issues that both ASPCRO and AAPCO have worked together on through out years and she wants to provide some high-level overview:
 - The first update is not necessarily germane to ASPCRO functions but is of interest to state members. AAPCO did submit a letter of support for a new bill called the Farm Workers Pesticide Safety Act. This Act is currently being introduced and would use existing money received from civil penalties to support worker protection, pesticide safety education programs, as well as partnership grants.
 - AAPCO & SFIREG label improvement project was started at the beginning of 2020 and is a long-term, holistic approach to look at pesticide labels. During this project, a core team will be putting together a plan of attack that will focus and decides those areas where there needs to be some focus. From there, implementation teams will take it from there and come up with deliverables. Core team members are made up of state lead agencies and EPA. There are six broad areas to focus their attention on: formatting of labels, enforceability of pesticide labels and label language, use directions and the appropriateness for the applicator like are understandable and clear, claims we see on pesticide labels, audience for the labels (professional product vs homeowner product) and finally looking at the future of labels and the flexibility of labels for future technologies like UAV. There will likely be a presentation on this project at the spring mid-year meeting and can serve as liaison for this project for ASPCRO.
 - Disinfectants is another hot topic that has been mentioned a few times in our meeting already. There are many more products are being registered. States are grappling with what category if they have a category. There has also been discussion of using UAV for disinfectant applications. This would be great opportunity for ASPCRO to collaborate with AAPCO.
 - Recent legislation at the national level, legislation called Protect America's Children from Toxic Pesticides Act of 2020. This legislation is at the national level and would potentially remove all state preemption. Allows for regulation of pesticides at the local level, allows citizen lawsuits, and classification of pesticides as dangerous pesticides. This is another good place to collaborate with AAPCO.

Current Business

- First item of current business is the 2021 mid-year meeting. It is the Board's intent to hold an in-person meeting in Reno, Nevada. The location and dates are TBD and the Board will keep everyone posted regarding any updates. The 2021 Annual meeting will be August 9-13, 2021 at the Graduate hotel in Minneapolis.
- ASPCRO & NPMA Rodenticide Workshop for EPA update provided by Derrick Lastinger:

- These workshops are for EPA staff involved in the re-evaluation of pesticides, specifically rodenticides.
- The workshop was originally planned for June in Boston. This workshop had to be cancelled.
- Currently they are planning to do short, all virtual workshop. They are still nailing down dates. Most likely towards the end of September.
- As part of this workshop, ASPCRO asked EPA to submit questions they had regarding rodenticide from the different divisions. Most questions revolved around use. They are also trying to gauge state regulatory issues and exposure to wildlife. They put out a survey to members and as of this meeting they have received 11 responses. Derrick suggested sending more personalized emails and asked those on the call to complete the survey to ensure the most informed training and conversation possible related to rodenticides.
- Jim Fredricks added this training is an opportunity to educate and provide additional information and to provide the science of pest control. Dr. Neve Quinn from University of California will be presenting her research on the pathways rodenticides go to get from bait stations to carnivores like coyotes.
- Ryan added there is a 2014 Rodenticide survey ASPCRO posted to the ASPCRO website that could be helpful for the workshop.
- Mike Page provided a demonstration of the new ASPCRO website to those viewing the presentation highlighting the new features, organization, and look. Due to technical difficulties, Mike's presentation was cut short.

New Business

- ASPCRO recently distributed revisions to the ASPCRO Bylaws to the membership. The bylaws were amended due to a review by counsel solicited by the Board. It was determined in the review the ASPCRO Constitution and Bylaws were duplicative. The revisions removed the need for the constitution and allow the Board to only use the bylaws for operation of ASPCRO. As a result of disturbing the bylaws to membership, there was a simple majority vote by membership. The new bylaws passed with 100% vote among simple majority.
- ASPCRO Board of Directors nominations and votes were held as a result of vacancies at President and two at-large positions. As a result, Board of Directors having appointed him interim President and an election, Ryan Okey will serve fulfill a term as President until 2023. Cindy Fulton was nominated and will serve as an At-Large member from 2020-2022. With these new nominations, we have a vacant Vice President position.
- **MOTION MADE:** Liza motions to appoint Kelly Friend to the serve the remaining, unexpired term as ASPCRO Vice President previously held by Ryan Okey. Seconded by John. Motion passes.
- There is still one more remaining board position. The Board is determining ways to fill the last remaining seat.
- ASPCRO is looking to reinstate a Communications Committee. There have been different activities from the communications committee in the past, with the last activities being broadcast of meetings. Liza suggested Mike reach out to

membership to gauge interest in and provide the needs/goals for the Communications Committee.

Ryan returned to an agenda item overlooked during Current Business:

- A survey from the Inspector Training Committee resulted in 11 out of 30 respondents saying they would send inspectors to a training if ASPCRO held one. Ryan asked the Board if ASPCRO should commit to a 2021 Inspector Training and possibly having inspector training as a permanent fixture of the annual meeting.
 - Kelly, Allison, and Cindy stated the 2021 training should be held and annually.

As for cost of the training, ASPCRO would like to cover the cost as much as possible and will review our funds and interest to see what is doable. ASPCRO has covered cost for registration to meetings and some travel cost in the past to make attending meetings for state member possible. Another survey is also likely needed for the Inspector Training as state members needs for training may have changed as a result of COVID-19.

Professional Association Reports

Jim Fredricks provided an update from the National Pest Management Association (NPMA):

- Pestworld 2020 is going to be virtual instead of in-person Nashville, TN. The meeting takes place from October 13-15th. They are excited about the platform, unique exhibit hall with their vendors and our educational program. They are excited about their on-demand courses attendees can attend due to the format they would normally be able to attend. NPMA welcomes state liaisons to attend and can waive attendance fees for those interested.
- COVID-19 has taken over the minds at NPMA like it has taken over many of our minds. Pest control is an essential service and many of NPMA's members are stepping up to the plate to provide disinfecting services. NPMA encourages those attending to visit pestcontrolcoronavirus.com, a page devoted to all NPMA's efforts related to coronavirus with resources for training and education like how to understand master labels and List-N. NPMA's Coronavirus task force is also in the final stages of putting together a white paper on disinfectant services to help the industry to provide disinfecting services that are effective and safe.
- As previously mentioned, NPMA wants to put the Protect America's Children from Toxic Pesticides Act on the memberships radar. The bill could potentially have a great effect on pesticide programs in each state by eliminating a state's ability to preempt local regulation.
- Liza asked Jim if there is anything ASPCRO can do at this time related to the legislation previously mentioned. Jim stated the bill is unlikely to pass under this administration or current make-up of the Senate but it will likely be presented again in the future. NPMA will reach out if the situation changes in the future.

Stephanie Binns, of RISE (Responsible Industry for Sound Environment), provided the following update:

- RISE also wants to highlight the Protect America's Children from Toxic Pesticides Act and while the bill is not likely to pass, it does indicate a blueprint for anti-pesticides groups looking to undermine FIFRA.
- SFIREG is currently considering state pesticide preemption and we're seeing more bills like Udall's (Protect America's Children from Toxic Pesticides Act). RISE promotes state pesticide preemption because of the uniformity and consistency it provides around training, enforcement, and registration. RISE welcomes opportunities to partner with ASPCRO in support of state pesticide preemption.
- RISE understands everyone is experiencing challenges in the COVID landscape and wants to let ASPCRO members they are happy to help communicate needs and situations to their membership to minimize registration delays where that is appropriate.

Open Discussion:

- No remarks were offered during open discussion.

MOTION MADE: Allison motioned to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Liza seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Cuellar, ASPCRO Secretary