



**ASPCRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MIDYEAR MEETING MINUTES
April 3-4, 2012**

The ASPCRO's Board of Directors 2012 Mid-Year Meeting was held April 3 – 4, 2012 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

Attendees

Board of Directors: Derrick Lastinger, President, Georgia Department of Agriculture; John Scott, Vice-President, Colorado Department of Agriculture; Grant Bishop, Treasurer, West Virginia Department of Agriculture;; Liza Fleeson, Secretary, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Jay Kelly, Office of the Indiana State Chemist; Mike Page, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; John Campbell, Mississippi Department of Agriculture, and Bonnie Rabe, Past President, New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

State Lead Agency Representatives: Dr. Davis Daiker, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Douglas Edwards, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and Linda Johns, Montana Department of Agriculture.

Industry Representatives: Chris Gorecki, Orkin; Rick Bell, Arrow Exterminating; Jan Brill, Bayer; Brandon Ansley, TAP Insulation; Jonathon Berger, BASF; Carl Falco, DuPont Professional Products; Bob Rosenberg, NPMA; Judy Fersch, BASF; Karn Manhas, Terramera; Gabriel Lee, Terramera; and Jim Wright, BASF.

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Derrick Lastinger, President (GA), called the meeting to order at 8:14 AM (PDT) and welcomed attendees to ASPCRO's Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting. Derrick Lastinger (GA) provided an overview of Board's activities since the Board of Directors 2011 Annual Meeting. Board activities include conference calls on November 9, 2011, January 4, 2012 and March 1, 2012; ASPCRO presentation at Full SFIREG Meeting (December 2011); and the Joint Association of American Pest Control Officials (AAPCO) and ASPCRO

Board of Directors Meeting (March 2012). Derrick Lastinger also announced that as a result of the organizations efforts, ASPCRO will now participate along with AAPCO in biannual meetings with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These meetings provide the opportunity to raise specific issues with the EPA and to provide the state's perspective on pesticide-related matters in guidance to EPA.

Self introductions and a review of the agenda were completed. No modifications were made to the agenda at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Grant Bishop, Treasurer, (WV), provided the Board with two Treasurer's Reports (attached): *2011 Banking Summary* (January 1 – December 31, 2011), and, *Dues – Year to Date* (January 1 – April 3, 2012).

The *2011 Banking Statement* provides a snapshot of last year's activities. For 2011, income totaled \$78,897.50 including States dues (\$4,200), annual meeting registration (\$28,965), subsidies (\$36,600), State Meeting Assistance Committee (\$8973.97) and interest. For 2011, expenses totaled \$59,723.20 and included annual and mid-year meeting expenses, travel and training as well as banking fees (shopping cart and virtual bank). The cash balance as of December 31 totaled \$19,174.30 (income less expenses). Grant Bishop expressed his thanks, on behalf of ASPCRO, to sponsors for their continued generosity.

The *Dues – Year to Date* provides an overview of the current membership. Through April 3, 2012, 21 States have become Members (new and renewing). Annual dues renewal notices were sent to all States on February 13, 2012. Discussion included the need to follow-up with those States that have not yet paid their dues and recognition that due to State budget restraints, some may not be able to join ASPCRO. The possibility of providing incentive to States that are not currently members to join were briefly discussed, for example, providing travel to Annual Meeting, if an invited speaker, but requiring dues following year to continue membership.

The current bank balance is \$65,448.35. This does not include ASPCRO's CD which totals \$21,730.28.

MOTION to accept Treasurer's Reports made by John Scott (CO); Second, Bonnie Rabe (NM); Board unanimously accepted reports.

ACTION ITEM: Grant Bishop will send a second notice to those States that have not yet renewed. In addition, a list of States that have not renewed including their contact information will be sent to the Board by May 1. The Board will contact states by phone regarding membership dues and will confirm contact information.

Approval of 2011 ASPCRO Annual Meeting Minutes

MOTION to approve the 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes made by Liza Fleeson (VA); Second, Bonnie Rabe (NM); Board unanimously approved meeting minutes.

Executive Secretary Report

Submitted by Lonnie Mathews (NM) and read into the record (attached).

Planning Committee Report

John Scott (CO) provided an overview of the 2012 Annual Meeting which will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, Washington, beginning on Monday, August 27 through Wednesday, August 29, 2012. Committee Meetings are scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2012 and the Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2012.

To date, the Planning Committee has held several conference calls to discuss the conference agenda. The majority of speakers are confirmed with the exception of EPA (tentative). Activities include the Sponsors Reception (invitation only) at Columbia Tower on Saturday, April 25. There is a dress code for this event and transportation will be provided (bus will leave at 5:30 PM). ASPCRO will not be hosting a formal golf tournament on Sunday, however, the local pest control association is coordinating a golf outing for those that are interested. Paul Wagner is scheduled to open the Annual Meeting with the Commissioner, Washington Department of Agriculture, providing a formal welcome to attendees. Select agenda topics include: Monday - issues related to rodenticides and pyrethroids; bed bug efficacy and 25(b) products; endangered species; carpenter ants; and the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug; Tuesday – Fipronil issues; LEED building requirements including pest control elements; tour – Tuesday, Museum of Flight (also a LEED Building); and Wednesday – pest control in our ports including “first line of defense” discussion and panel – regulatory side of port of entry – security issues; Inspector safety, antigovernment sentiment and increasing frustration from public and PCOs; Meredith Laws is scheduled to discuss her personal experiences as a federal employee.

Once the agenda is final, it will be posted. The goal is May 1 for distribution. A “Save the Date” flyer was sent last month. In the interim, Vicki Cassens will need to set up the registration page for the website. Registration fee through August 1 is \$185. After, August 1, the registration fee increased to \$210. An additional fee is required for the Spouses Tour. There are no other additional fees. Registration includes the Sunday Opening Reception (sponsored by Orkin), breakfast Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (sponsored by Arrow and Western Exterminators), and lunch Monday (sponsored by Terminix) and Tuesday as well as the Tour. Attendees do need to indicate if they will be attending the reception and tour for planning purposes.

Dan Suomi (OR) was recognized for his super work coordinating this meeting including the Spouse’s Tour. Options currently under consideration include the King Tut Exhibit, Space Needle, and a glass blowers exhibit, along with lunch and shopping.

Derrick Lastinger (GA) shared with the Board that PCT published an article after the 2011 Annual Meeting in Mobile AL which included an overview of the agenda sessions.

Finally, the 2013 Annual Meeting will be held in Atlanta GA. The 2013 meeting will be one week earlier than the traditional meeting (August 19 – 21, 2013). The Board Meeting will be on August 18, 2013. The location of the Board of Director’s Mid-Year Meeting for 2013 has not yet been decided. Discussion included the possibility that it be held in the State that will be hosting the 2014 meeting.

ASPCRO EPA Field Training

Derrick Lastinger (GA) provided ASPCRO's history of hosting field training for EPA. The trainings, which have been held every two years, have proven to be helpful in solidifying relationship between our Agencies and EPA as well as between ASPCRO and EPA. Previous field trainings have included termite training (GA), fumigation (FL) and termite testing (MS). This training has provided real life experience which has been helpful to EPA as they make decisions regarding product labeling. The most recent training was coordinated by Grant Bishop (WV). The training was held on November 14 and 15, 2011 and took place in the District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia. This training expanded beyond termites. The Field Training included presentations and field activities related to: Rodenticide Risk Mitigation Decisions including the challenges in rodent control at the National Zoo and Apple Orchard as a result of the label amendment; Bed Bug Infestations and Treatment Options including inspections of infested, occupied units and the challenges in effective treatment; IPM in Schools including the challenges with implementation for both the facility and pest management professionals; and Brown Marmorated Stink Bug including both the Agricultural and Non-Ag Nuisance Pest issues and the challenges with control. Attendees include and Region 3 Staff representing Registration, Field and External Affairs Division (FEAD), and Biopesticides. ASPCRO received positive feedback from participants.

The question was posed if it was a good idea to hold the next event in DC? Derrick Lastinger indicated that the location actually worked against us as EPA HQ Staff, who had originally confirmed their attendance, could not get away because of work related issues or had to miss portions of the training. It was noted, however, that the specific topics may drive the location and that having multiple states participate demonstrated the differences in states' issues. Regarding possible future topics, discussion included the possibility of repeating what we've done in the past. Due to staff turnover, EPA has new people in decision making positions, thus Meredith Laws suggested termites. Linda Johns (MT) indicated that Montana may be a great place to demonstrate rodenticide issues because of open topography. Bonnie Rabe (NM) recommended a phosphine demonstration in a food processing plant or commodities fumigation operation and that we may want to consider inviting other federal agencies, for example, the FDA, to this kind of training. It was decided that the training plan for the November 2013 Field Training needs to be complete by April 2013.

Standing Committee Reports

Note: Committee Reports referenced in minutes will be posted separately.

Bed Bug Committee

Liza Fleeson (VA), Chair, provided a summary of the Committee's activities since the 2011 Annual Meeting and the priorities identified for 2012 during the Committee's April 2, 2012 Meeting (*see report*).

Since the Annual Meeting, select Committee activities include the drafting of the introductory information to appear on a webpage dedicated to bed bugs as well as an initial listing of links; submission of nominations to EPA's FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) considering methods for testing efficacy of bed bug products as well as both written and oral comments on the EPA's "Draft Product Performance Test Guidelines OCSPP 810.3900: Laboratory Testing Methods for Bed Bug Pesticide Products"; and assisting EPA with gathering outreach and education materials from State Lead Agencies for inclusion on the EPA Clearinghouse.

During the April 2, 2012 Committee Meeting, the following priority areas were identified:

1. Prophylactic Treatment for Bed Bugs – review of protocol and assisting in next steps;
2. Non-Chemical Treatments/Detection – research of currently available information and development of additional materials if needed; information to be posted on dedicated webpage;
3. Phase 2 Survey – development of the Phase 2 Survey in collaboration with interested parties; and
4. Label Initiative – continued work on problematic label language for both consumer and professional products.

Finally, the Bed Bug Committee has two new members: Karn Manhas and Gabriel Lee, both of Terramera BioSciences.

Board discussion included the draft webpage. Derrick Lastinger (GA) suggested that the Bed Bug Committee's webpage be used as a template for the other Committees when developing their introductory information for their dedicated webpage.

Communications Committee

Doug Edwards (VA) Co-Chair, provided a summary of the Committee's activities (*see report*).

ASPCRO has been previously notified that their website, which is currently hosted at Purdue University, will need to be removed from the NPIRS server. At the March 5, 2012 meeting of the Communications Committee, Vickie Cassens (Purdue University) confirmed the move and indicated that the project needs to be completed as soon as possible. The full Board, which was in attendance at the March 5 meeting, discussed the move in detail and the next steps were identified and agreed upon by the Board.

ASPCRO will purchase space from a web hosting company in order to house their existing website. The cost for this space is \$300 for a five year period (\$5.00 per month). This move will allow ASPCRO to expand the functionality of the new site, for example, assign members login rights/permissions, and increase ASPCRO's flexibility to make changes. This move also gives ASPCRO the opportunity to choose a new web template which better reflects the organization's mission and goals. To accomplish the move, Vicki Cassens (Purdue University) and her staff will transfer the existing ASPCRO web content over to the new space incorporating the new template. The transitioned web site will be designed in a fashion to allow the association to easily update the content and not have to rely upon the Purdue staff for most changes. The web site will continue to handle document posting, directory maintenance, conference/meeting sign ups and fee collection. In the first phase, updates to the ASPCRO website will still be completed by Vickie Cassens (Purdue University) and her staff. ASPCRO will have full content management in the second phase of the project.

The next step is the development of a second web site for use by ASPCRO Committees utilizing the free Drupal content management system (CMS) open source software. This software allows the web site administrators to assign roles and privileges to users to gain web site access. ASPCRO Committee Members will be able to edit and post content to the web site. Template #29068 was selected from TemplateMonster.com. In order to develop and maintain the new web site, select committee members will

need to learn Drupal. Vicki Cassens has offered to provide a 2-hour training webinar as an introduction to Drupal. Numerous training materials and tutorials pertaining to Drupal are available online for free.

A test website will be set up until ASPCRO is ready to move to the new site. The possibility of the new website reveal at the 2012 Annual Meeting was discussed. In addition, Committee Chairs need to put together the content they want on their Committee page, for example photographs, however should avoid company names or other identifiable information. A deadline of June 1 to get webpage information to Doug Edwards was set. The need for a formal process to upload content was discussed, including: How will content be submitted? Will it need Board approval? How will content be controlled? Derrick Lastinger expressed he was comfortable with Committee Chairs deciding what content can be uploaded. Finally, an address for the Committees webpage is needed: ASPCRO-WC, for “working committees”, was suggested at the March 5, 2012 Meeting.

MOTION to make webpage address "ASPCRO-WC.org" was made by John Scott (CO). Second, Liza Fleeson (VA). Board unanimously approved motion.

ACTION ITEM: Liza Fleeson (VA) will send an email to all Committee Chairs requesting they submit their Committees draft introductory webpage by June 1, 2012.

Green Pest Management Committee

Steve Dwinell (FL), Chair, provided a summary of the activities of the Committee (*see report*).

The Committee has been inactive for approximately two years. The last activities of the Committee included the evaluation of the industry’s green credentialing programs (4) in response to the shifting trend towards “green pest control” by the regulated industry. The results of these evaluations are posted on ASPCRO’s website. Previous discussions included determining if there is a need to certify providers of green credentialing programs. Currently there does not appear to be a need to verify “green” certified companies as the issues with companies making “green” claims have gone from substantial to minimal. Of course, these issues could come back to the forefront in the future.

Green Building LEED Standards have popped up on the radar and seemingly replaced “green pest control” as the newest issue. The Committee [(Steve Dwinell (FL); Lee Tanner (EPA) and Bob Rosenberg (NPMA)] submitted comment on US Green Building Council’s Standards for pest control. These suggestions were incorporated into the standards which are currently going through the adoption process. The current draft standards for pest control in buildings and homes are consistent with IPM. ASPCRO is a member of the US Green Building Council. A new ASPCRO Committee is needed to follow this process and the other activities of the Council. There is also a need for individuals being certified to assess green standards to be trained. This is a good opportunity for ASPCRO to be involved. The new Committee needs to work closely with Integrated Pest Management in Schools Committee to ensure one consistent message. The activities in this area represent a great effort to bring standards in line with what is considered reasonable. Bonnie Rabe (NM) recognized the huge accomplishment in this area to identify LEED standards and make them practical.

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE – Derrick Lastinger (GA) directed that Building Standards Committee be re-activated and re-named the Green Building Standards Committee. The Green Pest Management Committee is inactive.

Members of the Green Building Standards Committee are Steve Dwinell (FL), Lee Tanner (EPA), Bob Rosenberg, NPMA, Jim Wright (TAP Insulation), Carl Falco (DuPont Professional Products), John Campbell (MS); and Karn Manhas (Terramera).

Hall of Fame Committee

Nomination submitted by George Saxton (IN), Chair.

Inspector Training Committee (ITC)

Jay Kelly (IN) provided a summary of the Inspector Training Committees activities (*see report*).

A Structural Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (PIRT) was hosted by the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) in Atlanta at Orkin Training Center in September 2011. The planning for this PIRT was unique as ASPCRO's ITC played a major role in the development of the training event. EPA provided the needed latitude to create the training. Given the logistics for this meeting, there were additional expenses, however GDA did assist with those costs.

Investigators from 29 States participated in classroom and hand-on training including CLEAR, chemistry for Inspectors, interviewing techniques, report writing and mock scenarios (commercial kitchens, grocery store, termites). Post course evaluation indicated that the attendees felt the training was very good, offered real world experience, and wanted to know when the next one would be.

The training concept can be "taken on the road" to other States that have training facilities. The possibility of developing modules that individuals States could use is also being considered by the ITC. In addition, Florida will be hosting his training in 2013.

Jay Kelly (IN) recognized the hospitality of Chris Gorecki (Orkin) and his contribution towards the success of the training.

Label Stewardship Committee

Bonnie Rabe (NM), Chair, provided a summary of the Committee's activities (*see report*).

The Committee is in the process of developing a guidance document which identifies problematic label language on existing labels and offers alternatives or preferred language that is clear, concise and if appropriate, enforceable. This living document is intended to provide guidance to registrants when developing or amending labels, to SLAs during their respective registration processes and to EPA as a compliment to the Label Review Manual.

The Committee has been focused on the pyrethroids label language most recently. The new language has resulted in a number of questions from SLAs and the regulated industry. The Committee believes the language still needs some clarification and is encouraging EPA to develop a Q&A document to assist stakeholders. In addition, the Committee intends to draft a letter to the EPA expressing concerns with the current label language and offering suggested changes for consideration by the EPA. The Committee is also

looking at current beg bug label language, identifying problem language and making recommendations. Although it is early in the process, there appears to be a lot of variation in this language. It is possible this could be incorporated into the aforementioned guidance document.

Pest Management in Schools

Mike Page (FL) and Josh Wiley (GA), serve as Co-Chairs. Mike Page provided a summary of Committee activities (*see report*).

The Committee has been monitoring the EPA's IPM Initiative. This national strategy seeks to increase the number of children (K-12) currently covered by a "verifiable" and sustainable school IPM program. SLAs have expressed concerns regarding this initiative including the possibility of mandating through legislation the implementation of school IPM. Central to those concerns is funding (could this be an unfunded mandate?); will SLAs be in charge of regulating the implementation initiatives; as well as related certification requirements for school applicators.

Mike Page offered for consideration by the Board the document "ASPCRO Position on Legislation Requiring School Pest Management". This document is the cornerstone of the Committee's activities and is intended to be a resource for SLAs considering school IPM legislation.

Initial Board discussion included concerns regarding the use of the term "position paper". The Board requested time to review the document outside of the Board Meeting with comments due to Mike Page by May 15, 2012. The target date of June 1 was identified for final consideration by the Board. The document will then be sent to the Membership for input and considered at the Annual Meeting.

Rodenticide Committee

Bonnie Rabe (NM) and John Scott (CO), serve as Co-Chairs and provided a summary of Committee activities (*see report*).

While supporting the initial Rodenticide Risk Mitigation Decision (RMD), ASPCRO identified some items which were potentially problematic. The Committee was reactivated in 2011 to address issues and concerns raised by SLAs and shared by other Stakeholder groups which resulted from implementation of the risk mitigation measures. The Committee began with the development of a mission statement and goals as well as a review of previous Committee activities and efforts on the RMD.

Numerous efforts to address the RMD were undertaken by the Committee including a letter to EPA in support of changes to the RMD. Of primary concern were the 50 foot limitation and the use of the term "building". ASPCRO requested consideration by EPA of a distance of 100 ft and use of the term "man made structure" instead of "building" in the language on the labels. EPA accepted recommendations of the Committee. The revised EPA language was finalized in March. The Committee believes that the joint training with the EPA also contributed to the revisions (see previous entry "ASPCRO EPA Field Training").

Given the above referenced changes, EPA is seeking information and materials specific to consumers to educate users of the changes. NASDA Foundation is offering grant funding to help with outreach, identify specific needs, and develop materials including, for example, a reference sheets for inspectors on the

different types of products that indicate the particular requirements that need to be in place using a table format for easy reference; and a PPT with a template that can be used by individual States for state specific training. Interested parties are encouraged to formulate a work plan with Carol Ramsey of WA.

The Committee also discussed the issues surrounding the aluminum phosphide language that was placed on labels after the incident in ID (use near single family home). ASPCRO forwarded a set of recommendations which were accepted by EPA and they have been approved. The Committee also provided EPA with recommendation for zinc phosphide. EPA will begin to review those recommendations.

The Committee proposes to develop a work plan for the NASDA Foundation grant for consideration by the Board in the next month or so.

MOTION to have the Committee pursue funding through the NASDA Foundation made by Liza Fleeson. Seconded by John Scott. Motion carried.

Additional discussion included the EPA's cancellation of rodenticides that do not bear the risk mitigation label language. To date, there is no additional information regarding the EPA's efforts. It appears that manufacturers are 'holding back' on product distribution with old label language in anticipation of new label changes. Also, regarding the risk mitigation decision and registering new labels, the old language allowed use on non commensal rodents. Currently use is limited to the house mouse, Norway rats and roof rats with some additional uses no longer allowed. The need for field data to support these continued uses is the issue for most of the registrants. There is no known field work on a number of species although registrants are looking for researchers that have done work in this area. Questions include can lab data suffice and would ASPCRO support this effort. Some SLAs have petitioned to issue 24C registration to address the issue of non commensal rodents, however, multiple 24C requests is not common. These SLNs do put pressure on EPA to again allow use on certain species, for example, in Western States. There is a health concern related to these species. The Board indicated its support in drafting a letter to EPA to support certain uses not currently included on the label. Finally, the need for some type of application that can be queried that can assist users with these complicated labels was discussed, for example, a decision tree. Also, different user groups were discussed as well (consumers, PCOs, inspectors, others). There does seem to be a need for something like this and could certainly be part of the funding requested from the NASDA Foundation.

State Meeting Assistance Committee (SMAC)

Jay Kelly (IN), Chair, provided a summary of Committee activities (*see report*).

Since last year, ASPCRO sponsored 4 state compliance training meeting which generated a positive return >\$8000. No other requests for assistance have come to the Committee. It is possible that the new website may offer opportunities for this Committee to become more active, for example, offering interested parties sample flyers, programs and agendas. In addition, it is possible that payments coming directly to ASPCRO – if website offered credit card acceptance – could further enhance use of this meeting assistance option. Discussion included whether or not there is a need for States to offer training modules, for example, for rodenticides, through SMAC? The NPMA ASCPRO Survey would be a means to gather this type of information from SLAs.

Termiticide Label Review Committee (TLRC)

Davis Daiker (FL), Chair, provided a summary of the Committee's activities (*see report*).

The Committee met with three registrants and submitted formal comments to the EPA in response to two. While meetings with registrants are closed, the disclosure of information was discussed, specifically, what, if any, information can be shared with SLAs. The Board agreed to review the MOU with the EPA.

Termiticide Standards Committee (TSC)

John Campbell (MS), Chair, provided a summary of the Committee activities.

Currently, the Committee is attempting to determine the status of the termiticide efficacy document submitted to EPA, however, is having a difficult time. Obviously, the status is an important factor as the work of the Committees hinges on what EPA does, for example, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendations on termiticides because EPA took over a decade. While it does appear that the EPA is committed to making changes, nothing has been heard yet.

Historian Report

Bonnie Rabe (NM) indicated that upon receipt of the additional historical records (from Steve Dwinell), the plan is to scan documents and add them to existing information on the website. Also, the Board needs to consider including or developing other historical items, for example, a list of presidents; list of states; hall of fame recipients, etc. A dedicated "history" page could hold all this information.

WEDNESDAY, April 4, 2012

New Business

Board Members

No new business.

Committee Memberships and Chair Changes

No new Committee membership issues were discussed. New Committee Members include Katherine Fedder (Rodenticide Committee), Dr. Brian Forschler and Lee Tanner (Green Building Standards Committee); and, Karn Manhas and Gabriel Lee (Bed Bug Committee).

School IPM – Legislative Position Paper – Mike Page (FL)

See Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2012.

Pyrethroids Labeling Issues - Bonnie Rabe (NM)

The pyrethroids labeling issues are being addressed through State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Groups (SFIREG) Pesticide Operations and Management (POM) Working Committee. Bonnie will provide an update of ASPCRO's discussions related to this issue at the next POM Meeting scheduled for May 30 – 31, 2012.

Green Building Standards – Steve Dwinell (FL)

See Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2012 (Green Pest Management Committee).

Professional Association Report / Updates

- AAPCO/POM – Bonnie Rabe (NM)
A joint Board Meeting was held during the 2012 AAPCO Meeting (March 4-7, Alexandria VA). The meeting provides an opportunity to share information regarding the Association's respective activities and to coordinate when possible on issues of mutual interest. The joint meeting included a brief overview of select ASPCRO Committee activities as well as a discussion of issues including pyrethroids label and rodenticides.
- CTAG - Joe Spitzmueller (MN)
No report. The next CTAG Conference will be held in 2013
- TPSA – Liza Fleeson (VA)
The 2012 meeting of The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance was held in Boise ID February 8-9, 2012. Of particular interest was that the meeting included, for the first time, a session that was focused on Non-Ag Stewardship and related issues. The Board agreed to offer ASPCRO's assistance to TPSA should this be included in future activities.

NPMA Update – Bob Rosenberg, NPMA

NPMA is in the final development stages of a survey (~ 31 questions) of SLAs regulation and is seeking both ASPCRO's feedback if the survey questions will be helpful as well as their support prior to dissemination. This type of data was last collected 15 years ago thus needs to be updated. This is a living survey and will likely morph into something beyond what is currently developed. The survey is available at <http://tinyurl.com/ch27178>, and NPMA is requesting that the Board participate in (review and take) the survey and provide comments to Bob or Derrick. In addition, NPMA is requesting that ASPCRO assist in following up with those States that do not participate initially. Comments are requested by next week.

NPMA also wishes to thank ASPCRO for its efforts which contributed to the development of significant label changes within a year (rodenticides). NPMA treasures its relationship with ASPCRO and believes the next big challenge will be pyrethroids label language. EPA has signaled to NPMA that they are willing to work together. While some use patterns have been taken off the label, they are willing to look at returning some of those use patterns back into the label as well as use patterns that are needed but not previously part of the label. The 1st goal is outreach. NPMA realized that few PCOs were aware of these changes – they snuck up on all of us and as a result, language is somewhat unclear and resulting in many questions. An additional challenge will be that of multiple generations of labels in the marketplace.

Finally, NPMA indicated that the Endangered Species Act is causing great challenges to PCOs due to ongoing litigation, for example, Pacific NW and northern California. It seems that the plaintiffs always “win” because EPA has failed to complete the consultation process or provide proper guidance/instructions to the user. That brings rise to the second and related issue - use of product in areas where there are restrictions due to endangered species, specifically, how a PCO complies with interim label restrictions / requirements when species are located in small areas that have been sectioned off into a “polygon” and this information is not well known or accessible to an applicator. In many cases, the areas are very specific, for example, an applicator could treat on one side of a street but not on another; or there may be other restrictions, for example, the concentration of a pesticide that can be used. NPMA indicated that some states are planning to make requirements county-wide, which could eliminate the ability to use a pesticide at all. While NPMA recognizes that Ag experiences similar challenges as a result of the ESA, PCOs, unlike Ag, often treat in multiple locations, thus could have multiple bulletins. USGS is working on mapping these areas where endangered species are found. In closing, NPMA extended an invitation for ASPCRO to participate in a conference/webinar with EPA to discuss these issues.

RISE Update

No report.

Termidor Update and Issue re: Treated Articles – Jim Wright, BASF and TAP Insulation

- Termidor - EPA has backed away from classifying Termidor as an RUP in lieu of a robust stewardship program which targets specific groups including PCOs, nursing home administrator’s, taxidermists, and apiculturists given the well documented misuses of this product with bees. The basis of this online stewardship program is the proper use of pesticides. BASF is also looking at other unique and specific groups as part of the program and would welcome assistance from states that have additional groups that need to be included. BASF is using a third party to “listen” to the internet, for example, on blogs and other social media to identify what is being said about Termidor. If there is a “hit” about the misuse of the product, BASF has three levels of response: 1) company contacts the individual directly; 2) letter from the company attorney to the individuals; and 3) contact with the company regarding specific employees. In addition, should other companies be identified that are misusing the product, they will be contacted as well. The stewardship program is slated to go live within the next week or so. BASF indicated that the stewardship program is tied to customers, however, anyone can go to the website to find information. There is no certification for participating in this program. Regarding notification of SLAs to aid in enforcement in cases of misuse, BASF indicated that has potential to negatively affect their relationship with their customers however also they recognize the negative side of not getting SLAs involved. Given the means by which potential misuse is identified, BASF does not want to alienate customers or drive them from using current social media and communicating underground or in another manner and not be able to reach them. BASF also offered a potential issue - burden of proof - on SLA to prove if a product has been misused. The question was raised if there is a need for the Label Stewardship Committee to review the stewardship program. It was determined that at this time, there is not, however, should there be in the future, the Committee could certainly do so. BASF is also requesting that ASPCRO provide a link from its website.
- TAP Insulation - TAP Insulation (TAP) is a registered pesticide and has been for 10 years. The issue involves unfair competition from contractors attempting to sell an insulation product that is said to provide the same benefit as TAP, however, is not registered as a pesticide. The product in question is

Supreme Plus by Masco with Zone Defense. Zone Defense has cellulose insulation is listed, but no rate or insects listed. TAP is marketed to licensed PCOs – Masco has been contacting top companies nationwide and attempting to sell their product to them claiming that they can do the installation because it is not a pesticide.

The insulation is treated with boric acid (a registered pesticide), however, AI is quite different in concentration. In this case, the competitors are using the exemption provided for in the “treated article clause” in FIFRA part 152. The treated article clause is allowed only if the article needs to be protected (like wood for termites) – competitors have a cellulosic insulation product that does not need to be protected – termites do not eat this stuff, and other pests do not harm this insulation either. To that end, TAP Insulation has talked to OECA and OPP to get them to take action and there is an open investigation into the competitor. TAP Insulation intends to pursue this to its legal end. TAP Insulation cautions ASPCRO that just because someone says it’s a treated article, doesn’t mean that it is – unless the product that is treated requires protection it can’t be a treated article – and is asking SLAs to help stop this by identifying violators and notifying EPA. TAP Insulation requests that SLAs in developing compliance strategy, consider the” fairness doctrine” given that TAP Insulation been playing fair. Discussion included the availability of other similar products – none are known at this time.

Annual Meeting

Hall of Fame Nomination – Submitted

Resolutions

1. Recognition of Host State; and
2. Recognition of Sponsors

2014 and beyond

Locations for meetings beyond 2014 were discussed:

1. Annual Meetings – Locations under consideration include MT (thanks to Linda Johns for offering to assist should Montana be selected) or VT. Florida has committed to 2015.
Tentative schedule:
 - a. 2013 Atlanta GA (confirmed)
 - b. 2014 Montana or Vermont
 - c. 2015 Florida (committed)
2. Mid-year Meeting – Possible locations discussed include hosting it again in conjunction with AAPCO (March, 2013 in Arlington VA) or in a future host state. There are certain advantages to both. Regarding future host states, we will begin planning for 2014 in the near future and should also consider beginning planning for the 2015 meeting. Site visits are very helpful in the planning process however travel approval can be difficult for all SLAs in addition to also time away (lost productivity) so combining meetings (like in DC), can be helpful. Board proposes that in 2013, we move the mid-year meeting a year in advance (to

2015) and go to FL to do site visits (tentatively scheduled for April 1-3, 2013). Site visits for the 2014 meeting location will be scheduled for Fall 2012.

Open To Floor

Inspector Training

The Board was asked whether ASCPRO would allow the Pest Management University to advertise on their website. The discussion expanded to include other training programs and facility locations and if they could also be posted on the ASCPRO website. It was determined that doing so would provide a valuable resource to SLAs and may assist States to develop Staffs in areas where they may lack expertise, for example, FL has expertise in fumigation whereas another state may not. This could also be an opportunity to expand ASCPRO's State Meeting Assistance activities. Links could be provided from our site. Jay and Mike will work together on this project.

Action/ Items for Follow-up

1. Annual renewals and list of contacts and email addresses;
2. Plan 2013 ASCPRO EPA Field Trip;
3. Committee Chairs - draft short description of committee by June 1 for new website;
4. ASCPRO School IPM position paper – review draft and comment by May 15, send to membership for comments prior to annual meeting;
5. Develop links and training needs; collect information to advertise states training programs on website;
6. ASCPRO/NPMA survey comments to Derrick;
7. ESA webinar in May;
8. Stewardship Website comments ;
9. 2013 Mid-year Meeting in FL – Mike Page to determine location for site visits.

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