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**ASPCRO Mid-year Board Meeting  
February 24-25, 2014  
La Posada de Santa Fe Resort & Spa  
Santa Fe, NM**

Meeting called to order by President John Scott at 1:04 p.m.

**Self Introductions:**

John Scott CDA – President

Derrick Lastinger, GDA – Past President

John Campbell, MDA, At Large

Jay Kelley, OISC, At Large

Mike Page, FDACS, Secretary

Mel Kyle, Syngenta

Chris Gorecki, Rollins

Jan Brill, Bayer

Jim Wright, BASF

Irene King, NMDA

Jim Fredrickson, NPMA

Davis Daiker, FDACS

Bonnie Rabe, NMDA

Liza Fleeson, VDACS – Vice President

Doug Edwards, Executive Secretary

Mike Weyman, Clemson University DPR, At Large

Grant Bishop WVDA, Treasurer

Larry Zang, Syngenta

Julie Spagnoli, JM Specialty Consulting, RISE

Rick Bell, Arrow Exterminators

Wayne Golden, Rollins

Clint Shettle, VDACS

Linda Johns, MDA

Norman Goldenberg, “Free Agent”

Steve Dwinell, FDACS

Jonathan Berger, BASF

**“Meeting at a Glance”**

- Introduced Doug Edwards as the new Executive Secretary
- Planning Committee provided an update of 2014 annual meeting topics and activities
- Board heard updates on all committee activities
- Merged the Communications Committee and the Webinar Committee into “Communications Committee” and approved renewal of Adobe Connect license and purchase of equipment
- A request was made of the Bed Bug Committee to draft standards for non-chemical treatments (heat, ozone, CO<sub>2</sub>) and other devices
- The TSC and TLRC collaboration on the development of new termiticide pre-construction treatment standards inclusion of NPMA Termiticide Blue Ribbon Task Force helped to move the idea toward consensus and possible discussions with EPA

- Announced a new working committee: Structural Remediation Committee in an effort to provide states guidance on when and how to get involved with extreme pesticide misuse events
- Agreed to support research effort conducted by EPA Region V on swab/surface wipe sampling protocols
- ASPCRO agreement to support PSEP funding efforts and support for PSE in IPM programs with letter of intent
- Consider the inclusion of “Stewardship Booths” at coming ASPCRO Meetings
- Work with EPA to develop a survey to member states requesting data on urban pesticide misuse trends

#### **Announcements:**

Announcement of Doug Edwards as executive secretary – will help assist with expanding the role of this important position in the association.

#### **Treasurer’s Report** - Grant Bishop

Submitted three reports:

- Balance Sheet – Checking account is approximately 48,000, CD is at 22,126 and credit card accounts.
- Banking Summary or income and expenses from 2013 (dues, registration fees, food, gift bags, speakers, tours) can be used to estimate expenses for future meetings. Monthly fees now accounted for as a separate item.
- Report of dues paid. Many states still outstanding.

John Scott suggested that the list be divided up to states to make reminder calls to member states in each area to remind states to pay current dues. Grant indicated that a second notice had not yet been sent out.

**Motion:** to accept treasurer’s report by Liza Fleeson; Seconded by Mike Weyman; Accepted unanimous

#### **Planning Committee Report** – Liza Fleeson

Linda Johns provided an update on the year’s meeting in Missoula, MT.

- Sponsor’s reception is arranged for the Children’s Museum
- Spouses tour to Daly Mansion (see: <http://www.dalymansion.org/>) about an hour’s drive south along the Bitterroot. Catered lunch to be provided.
- Pest tour at Fort Missoula. It rests on 32 acres of ground. Tour will feature issues with museum pests, rodents, foxes, etc.

Liza Fleeson outlined the draft agenda below:

- Committee meetings on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> – note to go out to committee chairs for planning purposes.

- BOD meeting on Sunday and opening reception.
- Monday - regular meeting begins on
  - Changes to Hazard mitigation
  - Risk Communication issues
  - Thresholds for industry regulator response to incidents (i.e., pollinators)
  - Afternoon breakout sessions – four committee concurrent sessions including Structural Remediation Committee; SIPM Committee, Termiticides Standards and Label Language Committee – hoped to spark interest in general membership
- Tuesday
  - 25b Products
  - School IPM – EPA pilot project status (possible change in session content)
  - Wildlife Management – endangered species issues
  - Tribal issues
- Wednesday
  - The future of pest management

Future meetings - 2015 Ft Lauderdale, FL; 2016 – Santa Fe, NM

**Approval of Board meeting minutes as distributed to Board.**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Moved by Jay Kelley, Seconded by Grant Bishop, Passed unanimous

**Committee Reports**

**Communications and Webinar Committees** – John Scott / Derrick Lastinger

John reported a merger of Communication and Webinar committees; hence forth to be known as “Communications Committee” and will include John, Derrick and Vince Craig (AZ) as co-chair – identified crossover between the two committees and the need to have direct communication to better coordinate communication and training issues.

**Communications Committee Report** - Derrick Lastinger (GA)

Derrick provided a review of the website and the recent transition to another platform due to complicated nature of Drupal. All webpages have been transferred to new platform. New platform will allow easier updates and changes (Word docs) to be made by committee chairs/board members. Primary focus in coming weeks will be to update all docs on the website’s Document’s page (may need assistance from past presidents to capture accurate document dates). The Documents page will be renamed as “Library” which will house information related to ASPCRO working committees, resolutions, (reviewable) meeting webinars and PowerPoint presentations as well as other important documents. Listserv’s: states, members and industry also updated regularly.

Notification to members of these changes is needed.

**NOTE:** Permission forms now important for recorded webinar sessions and presentations (such as FBI presentations); will need to remind members.

**Webinar Committee – John Scott (CO)**

Reviewed history of web broadcast - Web broadcasts in started in Seattle. Limited web link access at that time. There were some issues in Atlanta with web link distribution on a daily basis – max number of people ‘hitting’ the link at any one time was 9 people. May not need to limit distribution of the link.

**Motions:**

- Consider combining Communications and Webinar Committees
- Consider renewing our Adobe Connect license for 2014 [moved by Fleeson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Page – motion carried]
- Consider purchasing a 6 channel sound board for future meetings[moved by Fleeson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly – motion carried]
- Make a webinar link available for general membership in 2014 (send out a single link to all conference registrants upon registration a week prior to the meeting with final meeting information) – [moved by Fleeson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bishop – motion carried]

**Discussion of issue:** making sessions available may negatively affect registrations, but this is considered “value added” to our membership. Our sessions are currently available to anyone who goes to our website. This is taken as an indicator that we will not feel any negative impacts to our meeting attendance. We can send out a link one week prior to the conference so members can watch the proceedings live. Password protections could be considered for members. Decided to pilot webinar availability during 2014 meeting and review attendance records.

**Bed Bug Committee - Liza Fleeson (VA)**

The Committee last met informally during the 2013 annual meeting. Discussed future areas of interest for the committee as follows:

- Labeling and efficacy issues related to 25b products (not necessarily specific to BBs)
- Maintain efforts/dialog with EPA regarding *all* 25b products – Agency does not register 25bs but are interested in them. Also, EPA is willing to continue discussions along with a number of states who are interested in efficacy issues related to 25bs. OPP agreed to work with States and through ASPCRO bedbug committee (review labeling and efficacy issues)
- OECA also interested in products not qualified for 25b exemption. This would be in line with state’s compliance efforts. EPA had individual working on this but recently retired and there is no replacement, to date. Feeling is to develop a mechanism – guidelines/requirements – to assist with labeling issues because some in the agency want to regulate these products.
- Considering follow up survey in support of the initial survey (needed to minimize the # of questions) “Phase II” survey being developed now (hopeful to have completed by August) will be sent through federal bedbug workgroup

- US EPA lists numerous bedbug products that includes 25bs – efficacy issues related to all of these products abound - the agency is willing to accept comments on the products listed and how they might be presented; the BBC is willing to work on this
- Tim Drake (SC) has requested ASPCRO, through the BBC, can assist with the creation of standards for non-chemical treatment (primarily heat)? (Bob Rosenberg noted that NPMA does have a document addressing heat treatment); may also need to consider ozone and CO<sub>2</sub> generators (as devices)

#### **Green Building Standards – Steve Dwinell (FL)**

The committee had one meeting in 2012 and developed reasonable recommendations on pest management to US Green Building Council for their pest management credit in the LEED building system. The recommendations on the pest management credit (CEU) were approved in November 2013 and are included in the LEED version 4. There is now a need to follow up with developing educational materials for the PM credit and participate in national “on-line” dialog on the process which involves monitoring the blogs that those interested in pursuing the credit use. ASPCRO should monitor what building professionals are being told related to PM credits. Problem: it takes someone to take time to do this. Also problematic, list of pesticides recommended to building professionals is generated by City of San Francisco and is quite limiting. He also recommended that ASPCRO renew membership in LEED.

Clint Shettle (VA) “volunteered” to monitor the blogs and attend meetings/forums which are HQ in VA.

#### **Inspector training committee – John Scott (CO)**

ITC developed “scenario based” training for inspectors first attempted in Atlanta (in 2012?) at the Orkin Training Facility. The ITC developed the training with the theory that it could be “taken on the road”. This theory will be tested by doing another similar PIRT working with the Washington Dept of Ag in early April. ASPCRO committed resources to this training and George Saxon, Mike Page, Liza Fleeson and Bonnie Rabe are among the presenters.

Ran into issues related to the training being run through a university and the indirect costs on all grants – WA took 40% off the top of the grant amount. This impacted the budget significantly and ASPCRO was asked to support individuals who were traveling to assist with the training. We may want to run future PIRTs that are run through a university through SMAC and/or reconsider Orkin’s Training Center as the standard venue. Also, may consider videotaping some of our sessions for members.

#### **Label steward ship committee - Bonnie Rabe (NM)**

The Committee met discussed pollinator protection language. A letter was sent to EPA requesting information/clarification on protection language. Committee needs to do a follow up with EPA. We have not heard a response back from EPA on the ASPCRO letter requesting clarification related to guidance, to date. Need is to support regulators on interpretation of use language. The L&O and O&T categories need the most help with the interpretation of label language. It was suggested that the committee can move forward to create a document addressing those label issues requiring clarification for the benefit of state lead agencies.

**Motion:** to draft a document which helps clarify label language [moved by Lastinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fleeson – motion carried]

**Pest Management in Schools (AKA “School IPM”) – Mike Page**

Mike Page reported on an SIPM Sustainability workshop (“Partnership Workshop”) to bring together groups involved in School IPM programs including Cooperative Extension, State Lead Agencies, School Facility Managers, Pest Management Professionals, EPA Regional IPM Coordinators and the Center for Excellence from Texas. The effort was split funded by FDACS and the EPA. The workshop lasted a day and a half and was held at Apopka, Florida where the UF Pest Management University is located. The workshop utilized Scenario Based Exercises and label navigation exercises.

There were valuable open discussions among all attendees about sustainability and partnerships in school IPM. Mike suggested that ASPCRO can be an important partner in School IPM efforts especially in the training for school and pest management professionals in cooperation with the Center for Excellence and NPMA to do something positive in the future.

Committee co-chair - Josh Wiley is currently co-chair, but need some help because Mr. Wiley is in a different job and is not as available to help.

A PPDC subcommittee is active in school IPM. A pilot project is in the works. The agency will work with one or more states to test school IPM implementation efforts. Mike Page represents ASPCRO on the committee. Four workgroups have been established to determine how to move forward: State Selection, Key Partners, Metrics and Training. Workgroups developed concepts and measures to ascertain success. Nine states have been chosen as possible participants. Agency is reaching out to the selected states to see if they will participate in the pilot project. More may be available by the Montana meeting.

Committee is also developing an RFP for Schools to use as a means of contracting with PCOs who utilize IPM in their PM.

**Rodenticide committee – Linda Johns (MT)**

Linda Johns reported that the committee has been inactive. There was an email question regarding a possible requirement for labels inside bait stations but there has been no response to that question, to date.

**SMAC – Jay Kelley (IN)**

Mr. Kelley (IN) reported that Indiana will utilize SMAC to put on four structural trainings for PCO in the state in the coming year in Indiana - details to follow.

### **Termiticide Label Review Committee. - Davis Daiker (FL)**

Dr. Daiker reported that the committee has submitted comments to the Agency on two active products. The committee is caught up for the moment and has been participating with the Termiticide Standards Committee on the proposed pre-construction treatment standards.

### **Termiticide standards committee – Mike Weyman (SC)**

Mike Weyman reported that the committee met in Atlanta at the last annual meeting. Steve Dwinell proposed label language for pre-construction open slab treatment that would provide PMPs with an option not to perform the horizontal barrier treatment, but instead to concentrate on treating all critical entry points (and the perimeter). During a conference call near the end of 2013 the committee decided to move forward with the proposed amended language. Early this year NPMA assembled a taskforce of stakeholders to review the proposed language changes. The taskforce met at the Rollins training center in Atlanta on February 4<sup>th</sup> to allow interested parties an opportunity to voice opinions on the proposed standards. NPMA indicated that they are willing get behind and support changed language provided some clarifications are made (Jim Fredrick's to provide a written report). In particular the concern is whether data exists to support this proposed label language, or is more research necessary to demonstrate efficacy by eliminating a horizontal barrier treatment. There was minor opposition to the proposed changes, but there appears to be a majority opinion in favor of the changes.

Ultimately, the TSC working in conjunction with the TLRC will come back to the Board with a recommendation on the proposed standards.

Another issue being discussed by the group is when to get EPA and RISE involved in the discussion process.

NOTE: Mike Weyman has taken over as chair taking over from John Campbell. Steve Dwinell is acting as co-chair.

### **Joint AAPCO/ASPCRO board report – John Scott (CO)**

ASPCRO and AAPCO began to hold joint luncheons (2012). The purpose was to discuss current activities and identify any areas where the two associations could better utilize resources and work together. Met with AAPCO during SFIREG and provided updates on ASPCRO activities. One issue that affects both associations is pollinator label language where the two associations can work better together. The next meeting scheduled in a couple of weeks during the AAPCO meeting

## **NPMA update – Bob Rosenberg (NPMA)**

Mr. Rosenberg commented on policy issues; that a big challenge for pest management professionals will be the pollinator protection label language. This is likely to be an issue for a couple of years. He expressed thanks to ASPCRO for taking a leadership role in obtaining clarification on the issue.

Mr. Rosenberg and Jim Fredericks commented on the Termiticide Blue Ribbon Taskforce that was noted in the earlier report by Mr. Weyman. The taskforce brought together a wide representation from industry, regulatory community and academia to discuss how labels can evolve.

Mr. Rosenberg noted that the Termiticide Scientific Review Panel (NPMA partner with RISE) has not been active but has been asked to come back together to review a couple of compounds.

It was also noted that NPMA was able to get a provision in the farm bill to prevent EPA from taking food uses of sulfuryl fluoride into account when considering exposure to fluoride. The issue was brought to EPA by the Fluoride Action Network due to excessive FI levels in drinking water. NPMA had success in convincing the EPA to allow continued use of the fumigant for commodity fumigation.

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## **RISE – Julie Spagnoli**

Julie Spagnoli reported that Dudley Hoskins has left RISE to work for NASDA. Ms. Spagnoli is now the RISE representative for regulatory management. Other staff at RISE: Hunter Carpenter is Manager of State Affairs focusing on state legislation. Allison Donaghy is the new Communication Coordinator working primarily on the pollinator issue, tracking media related to this issue.

Ms. Spagnoli reported on five priority issues identified by RISE

1. Regulation by letter – the regulation of labels by letter without going through public comment (need to engage stakeholders)
2. Pollinator protection will be rise priority both at federal and state levels
3. Clean Water Act – NPDES and possible changes to ‘waters of the US’ definition (elimination of the term “navigable” would result in vastly expanding regulatory scope of CWA impacts to an increasing array of water bodies in the US)
4. ESA – as EPA works toward finalizing its procedures on assessing impacts to endangered species and mitigation for species
5. Product Bans and Restrictions – local level activity, banning the use of pesticides in public arena. Lists that get developed become issues e.g. endocrine disrupter list appears to be expanding – listing taking on a life of their own and becoming the basis of regulation not related to the original purpose.

RISE wishes to continue to work with ASPCRO on labeling issues as they come up.



## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Structural Remediation Committee (new committee)**

John Scott reviewed background for committee, in particular a case in Vermont involving misuse of Chlorpyrifos – some sites becoming superfund sites. How do SLAs deal with issues that may involve cleanup, remediation after a misuse? Therefore a committee has been formed to help develop state guidance (flow chart) for triggers that would lead to decisions related to remediation after misuse.

Derrick Lastinger reviewed committee membership. First meeting occurred today (2/24/14). An email was sent out in January to ASCPRO membership asking five questions.

1. At what point must a site be cleaned up?
2. Who should do the cleanup?
3. What is effective and what should be done?
4. When should the SLA notify other agencies?
5. What is the SLA role after the investigation indicates a misuse?

Committee will focus on providing guidance for states. ASCPRO will try to engage POM and EQI to work cooperatively.

Mr. Lastinger also reported on a research project being conducted by Amy Mysz of Region V involving surface swipe sampling research project. To date, 15 states have provided information related to their procedures for conducting swab/surface wipe sampling. Some states have leveled concerns about the outcome of this project leading to changes in current sampling procedures. Funding has been approved and a preliminary survey has been circulated to states involving information related to surface swipe sampling procedures. The committee has reviewed the project and generally supports the project. The committee is proposing that a letter be drafted from the ASCPRO Board expressing support for the project. The letter will be drafted and circulated to the Board for comment.

The next committee conference call is expected to take place in late March including a webinar hosted by Cary Giguere of VT going over their case and how it worked out.

Jim Wright (BASF) requested that he be included as a member of the committee.

### **Annual conference board meeting schedule – John Scott (CO)**

The periodic discussion related to when to have the Board meeting; on Saturday or Sunday, has come to light again. Discussion ensued regarding the timing of the Board meeting at the annual conference.

Question was posed to the Board; should the Board meet on Saturday or Sunday? When should committee meetings occur?

There will be no change for 2014. Any change may take place as of the 2015 meeting in Florida. After considerable discussion it was decided to survey states during the 2014 annual meeting.

**Tuesday Feb. 25, 2014**

**ASPCRO Board Meeting Continued.**

**New Business:**

President John Scott called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Training Announcements – Derrick Lastinger (GA)**

Derrick Lastinger reported on a request from Dr. Dan Souter of the University of Georgia regarding webinars that they present. Dr. Souter has requested other boarder states to list the webinars on their websites and that ASPCRO send out announcements of their webinars to the ASPCRO list server. These webinars are 1-2 hours long and take place every other month or so. Participants must register for the training; cost to participate is \$10-20. These trainings may be a possible source of training for inspectors.

Is this an appropriate activity for ASPCRO inspectors? Dr. Suiter has contacts with the UGA and can offer the seminars to state inspectors.

Mike Weyman expressed support for the idea indicating that he is familiar with the sessions. Liza Fleeson stated that this would be a great resource – we can give it a try – Suggested that we could create a page for all the structural training centers in the various states.

Action Items:

1. Communications Committee will send out email re: UGA webinars
2. Poll states for structural training centers
3. Create a page on web site with listing and links to state training resources

**PSEP Support Letter – Bonnie Rabe (NM)**

Dr. Carol Somody and Chuck Moses sent out a request for support for funding of pesticide safety education programs (extension) and including PSE as part of IPM programs. They also want ASPCRO to be 'involved in a national dialogue'. Marjorie Lewis (MN) was appointed to represent ASPCRO on this committee. There is some confusion as to exactly what being involved in a national dialog actually means.

Mike Page also had a conversation with Carol Somody. One possible focus is safety education for school applicators which would tie in nicely to ASPCRO school IPM efforts and could be an area of mutual interest. Likely, this will be a task for the PMSC.

**Action item:** Liza Fleeson and Mike Page to draft a letter of support. Try to get this out prior to the AAPCO meeting in March.

**Stewardship booths – Jim Wright (BASF)**

Mr. Wright requested Board consideration of allowing BASF to host a booth at the annual meeting to show their stewardship efforts. The company reviewed issues related to its product, Termidor (fipronil) and felt that they needed to update and improve the product's stewardship nationwide. It also occurred to BASF that many states may not be aware of all of the resources that SLA's can utilize (not necessarily dealing with sales, but rather specific information related to fostering the proper use and regulation of the product). However, BASF is also cognizant of the potential of putting ASPCRO in a position where it is seen as promoting a product.

Dialog ensued regarding the pros and cons of allowing such a booth. How does ASPCRO keep these efforts from going beyond stewardship efforts and on to marketing? Do we have room for displays? Would this idea fit into a regular session as part of a future ASPCRO meeting?

Suggestion to connect this to the agenda and invite industry to present as part of the program e.g. panel discussion regarding stewardship efforts and how these efforts can assist with enforcement.

A poster session was also suggested.

It was further suggested that stewardship efforts might fit well with the last day session this year on the future of pest management.

Action item: The issue was deferred to planning committee for further consideration.

**Urban misuse survey status – John Scott (CO) & Liza Fleeson (VA)**

John Scott provided background. Based in recent high profile misuse cases in Vermont and Wisconsin, the question is, "Has there actually been an increase in urban pesticide misuse?" The question has prompted a national dialog on the issue with the intention of ascertaining if urban use of pesticides is out of control (i.e., beg bug treatments; Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs, etc).

Liza Fleeson reported that she is working on developing survey on incidence of urban misuse. She is working with EPA/OPP. The brief survey asks states if they have seen demonstrable increases in urban (homeowner and/or PMP related) misuse cases and simply focuses on whether there "is" or "is not" demonstrable increases in misuse and if so, are they related to a pest management (specific pest) problem. The questions have been developed and reviewed by the Board and EPA. The survey

requested SLAs provide information for three year span (2011-2013), but may need additional years of data for it to be statistically significant and demonstrate trends.

The survey will be put out through the ASPCRO list-serv. Any initiative by EPA will await the results of the survey before it makes any decisions related to the issue.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the pitfalls of this sort of survey.

President Scott requested that comments on the questions be returned to Liza Fleeson within the next thirty days so that the survey can be distributed.

#### **EPA liaison to ASPCRO – Liza Fleeson (VA)**

Ms. Fleeson posed the question as to whether we should have an EPA person act as liaison to ASPCRO. Would it benefit ASPCRO to have an EPA representative attend meetings to provide feedback?

Derrick Lastinger indicated that he likes a single overall liaison and pointed out that some EPA staff currently participate on a few ASPCRO committees. The question arose as to whether EPA policy would allow a liaison position.

It was determined to consult with EPA staff during the upcoming AAPCO meeting regarding this issue.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:09am.**