



**ASPCRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2015 MID-YEAR MEETING MINUTES
April 20-21, 2015
Detroit, Michigan**

The ASPCRO Board of Directors 2015 Mid-Year Meeting was held April 20 and 21, 2015 at the Motor City Casino and Hotel in Detroit, Michigan.

Attendees:

Board of Directors: Liza Fleeson, Vice President, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Grant Bishop, Treasurer, West Virginia Department of Agriculture; Linda Johns, Secretary, Montana Department of Agriculture; Doug Edwards, Executive Secretary; Michael Weyman, At-Large Member, South Carolina Department of Pesticide Regulation; John Dalley, At-Large Member, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Derrick Lastinger, Past President, Georgia Department of Agriculture

State Lead Agency Representatives: Jay Kelley, Office of Indiana State Chemist; Kevin Gibson, Office of Indiana State Chemist; Russell Kohler, Mississippi Department of Agriculture; Gary King, Michigan Department of Agriculture; James Belt, Ohio Department of Agriculture; Jasper Cobb, Mississippi Department of Agriculture; Ryan Okey, South Carolina Department of Pesticide Regulation; Davis Daiker, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; George Saxton, Office of Indiana State Chemist.

Industry Representatives: Chris Gorecki, Rollins, Inc.; Katherine Fedder, Neogen Corporation/Hacco, Inc.; Jan Brill, Bayer; Larry Zang, Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.; Jim Wright, Jim Wright Consulting, LLC; Faye Golden, Cooks Pest Control; Wayne Golden, Rollins, Inc.; Aaron Hobbs, RISE; Norman Goldberg, Namron Business Associates; Russ Ives, Rose Pest Solutions/National Pest Management Association; Ron Hampton, Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.; Julie Spagnoli, JM Specialty Consulting; Andrew Architect, National Pest Management Association; Rick Bell, Arrow Exterminators, Inc.; Jill Holihan, FMC Corporation.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Liza Fleeson, Vice President, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. welcoming attendees to the 2015 ASCPRO Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting.

Board members, state lead agency representatives and industry representatives followed through with self-introductions. An attendee sign-in sheet and a manila envelope for business cards were distributed amongst the group for collecting information to update the ASCPRO contact list.

Liza introduced Gary King from the Michigan Department of Agriculture as the host for the 2015 ASCPRO Mid-Year Meeting. Gary sent around sign-in sheets for anyone wanting to attend the evening event of dinner at the Historic House Bar and Grill and/or participation in the tour of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant (birthplace of the Model T). All attendees are to meet at the casino valet parking for transportation to either event.

Treasurer's Report

Grant Bishop, Treasurer, provided an overview of the previous year's budget reports including account balances, banking summary income (year to date), and summary of 2014 income and expenses.

1. Account balances
 - a. Checking – current balance is \$58,000
 - b. CD – current balance is \$22,000, started at \$20,000 so interest is incurring
 - c. Credit Card account zero out at end of each month
2. Banking Summary Income
 - a. Dues have been collected from 33 states. The ASCPRO website under the Officials tab shows a map of states in shaded blue paid and states still white not paid <http://www.aspcro.org/officials.html>
 - b. Meeting subsidies from sponsors and thanks to NPMA for organizing sponsorships
 - c. Miscellaneous category concerns credit card charges that need to be disputed and reimbursed back into account.
3. Summary of 2014 income and expenses
 - a. Expenses were less than income by \$10,542 with State Meeting Assistance Committee (SMAC) bringing in \$10,847 thus accounting for the income outweighing the expenses
 - b. Program services is the largest expense which mostly comprises of travel expenses

Derrick Lastinger mentioned that the members of the board need to send reminders to states that have not yet paid dues. It was suggested that Board members make personal contact with states not yet renewed to see if continued membership can be encouraged. Executive Secretary was directed to send the list of states not yet paid to the board members. Brief discussion on who in each state should

receive the Notice of Dues to try and eliminate any concerns that the notice is going to the wrong individual.

ACTION ITEMS: Send list of states not renewed to the members of the board requesting that individual board members contact states about continuing membership.

Planning Committee Report

Liza Fleeson, Chair, provided an overview of the planning committee touring several hotel sites, and possible sites for the pest tour and the spouse's tour on Wednesday and Thursday to prepare for the 2017 ASPCRO Annual Conference to be held in Detroit, Michigan.

The upcoming annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida is coming along nicely with 99% of the speakers confirmed and confirmation letters ready for mail out. A full agenda has been completed with four committee meetings scheduled for Saturday, August 22. The committees include, but may not be limited to, the Bedbug committee, Rodenticide committee, Communications committee and Structural Remediation committee. Three optional Sunday, August 23 morning outings are being considered: deep-sea fishing, golfing, and touring the everglades. The Board of Directors meeting will be held Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will be followed by the opening reception sponsored by Orkin. The official meeting starts Monday, August 24 in the morning with topics including The Vital Role of Pesticides - the Public Health Benefit, Risk Communications, and Risk Benefits Analysis in Product Registration. Monday afternoon will include The Future of Applicator Certification and Training Programs with a panel discussion about innovation of training and testing options. The afternoon will continue with two breakout sessions on special topics such as Methomyl (e.g. Golden Marlin) homeowner misuse issues with other topics are still underdevelopment. The morning of Tuesday, August 25 will include Climate Change and Effects on Pest Pressure, the Annual Report to Members (previously called the business meeting), and Invasive Species (focusing on conehead termites) which will then segway into the afternoon Pest Tour (box lunches provided). The morning of Wednesday, August 26 will wrap up the conference by discussing EPA Pollinator Protection: latest science and EPA and Industries perspectives, Retrospectives on the 2008 Rodenticide Risk Mitigation Decision, and Structural Fumigation and the Registration Review process. Lunch will be sponsored by Terminix and an off-site event on Tuesday will be sponsored by Arrow Exterminating.

Current agenda for the 2015 ASPCRO Annual Conference is on the website and being updated accordingly. You can make hotel reservations now and the registration page will be coming soon. ASPCRO is looking at a new webpage registration process that can be modified and edited internally. The conference registration fees will be the same as last years - \$ 185 regular and \$210 late, and as a reminder, Steve Dwinell has replaced Mike Page as the host for the Florida conference and once the extracurricular events get finalized and confirmed the registration process will be available. Should be sometime in May.

Approval of 2014 ASPCRO Annual Meeting Minutes

Linda Johns, Secretary, announced that the minutes had been distributed via email a few weeks before the mid-year meeting for all to review. No comments or changes were made.

MOTION to accept minutes by Derrick Lastinger; Second by Mike Weyman. Board unanimously accepted minutes.

Committee Reports

Note: Committee Reports referenced in minutes will be posted separately. Board did not receive all committee reports.

Communications Committee

Derrick Lastinger, Co-chair, reported that the committee has been primarily focusing on the web site with a new version launched a year ago. Derrick (GA) and Doug Edwards, Executive Secretary were trained by Vickie Cassens and staff from Purdue last November on how to manage the website. Derrick will be the website administrator and Doug will be the technical contact. ASPCRO is no longer using the Purdue Listservs but are still maintaining the following three listservs: Dues with 57 entries, Members with 266 entries and Industry with 105 entries by using outlook contact groups to handle email functions. Any information that needs to be placed on the listserv must be sent to Doug first with instructions on which listserv to use. Backup of the website is being handled by Doug and Derrick.

The website contains a new Library tab with a Meeting section and a Document section. The Meeting section is organized by year, and sorted into agenda's, minutes and recorded sessions. The Documents section is sorted by title of interest. Bonnie Rabe, ASPCRO historian scanned and bookmarked all the pdf's with Vickie Cassens staff organizing the pdfs into the document library. The documents can also include information not associated with a meeting (e.g. surveys). A "New Announcements" tab was added to the main ASPCRO website page and currently has a list of State and University Pesticide Training Centers. The website will soon have a google search tool that will be placed in the Library section.

The Adobe connect software license used for remote meeting was renewed this year at a cost of \$850.00 and is valid until April, 30, 2016. ASPCRO is currently looking at a new registration tool to replace the previous one that has been maintained by Purdue. Committee chairs need to review and update any information pertaining to their committee(s) with all changes being sent to Doug. The Website address was renewed in June, 2014 and will be valid through 2019.

Future activities will include developing web page content for membership recruitment, adding a form to the contact us page for additions to the email lists and the possibility of purchasing Adobe Acrobat Pro to assist in management of website.

Discussions followed regarding getting non-members to become members, who should receive the

ASPCRO official emails, especially for yearly dues, and how web content should be approved for publication on the website. The Communication committee report was distributed along with copies of the training center list.

MOTION to accept Communication Committee report by John Dalley; Second by Mike Weyman. Board unanimously accepted report.

School IPM Committee

Gary King, Chair, reported that he took over the chairmanship after Mike Page retired from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Gary is currently working on getting caught up with the committee news and minutes at looking at the status of the School IPM model contract which was finalized and ready for submission to Brad Miller, EPA for approval. The School IPM survey was completed and reported on at the 2014 annual meeting. He will be following up with Mike Page for current status of committee activities and will convene a committee meeting at the annual meeting in Ft. Lauderdale.

MOTION to accept the SIPM Committee report by Derrick Lastinger; Second by Liza Fleeson. Board unanimously accepted report.

Bedbug Committee

Liza Fleeson, Chair, provided the following report that the committee met in Missoula during last year's conference and again this morning (4/20/15). The EPA draft performance guideline revisions are expected to be completed by May, 2015, and will go through internal review process before being published and going out for the 30 day comment period. The Bed Bug and Termiticide Standards Committees submitted comments on the product performance data needs for invertebrate pests of significant public health importance at the SAP meeting held in March 2013. EPA currently has the lead and is reviewing the comments but no timeline has been established.

ASPCRO was approached by EPA asking for assistance on issues concerning 25b "exempt" products not meeting the requirements for exemption and that product efficacies with 25b labels were vague or misleading. AAPCO SFIREG is working on a template for compliance assistance actions with regard to 25b's. A letter was finalized and sent to EPA Regions in March, 2015 to help assist regions and states. ASPCRO efforts have been put on hold pending the outcome of SFIREG efforts in trying to get EPA to stand behind state efforts to get responses from manufacturers. Currently, EPA's position is that states will have to bear the burden. ASPCRO has been emphasizing the seriousness of the issue to EPA and there have been discussions about information sharing between states regarding adulterated, misbranded or spiked products with actual pesticides.

Liza reported that there have been requests from states and associations for a model or template

regulation related to non-pesticidal treatments for Bed Bugs. The board asked the committee to conduct a survey, which was sent out electronically with around half the states responding. The results showed that half the states regulate non-pesticide treatments and that half cannot regulate non-pesticide treatments. A standard would be of value with the highest priority on heat treatments, than canine scent detection and lastly cold and ozone treatments.

ACTION ITEMS: 1) Committee will craft a letter to EPA on how the association feels about the efficacy of products, both conventional and 25b's, for treatment of bed bugs 2) a 2nd round survey will be needed to collect more information from states and other associations on issues to supply to EPA showing data on what's really happening with bed bug issues (misuse of products, public house and multi-housing concerns, public misconception, etc.) 3) AAPCO and ASCPRO discussed a Bulletin Board idea for sharing information and resources.

MOTION to accept the Bed Bug Committee report by Derrick Lastinger; Second by Grant Bishop. Board unanimously accepted report.

Structural Fumigation Committee

Derrick Lastinger gave an update for John Scott, Chair, that there is not much to report; except that this is a new committee that was put together to provide a resource to EPA as fumigants go through the registration review process next year. Committee activity has not ramped up since the methyl bromide incident in the Virgin Islands, but the committee has had one or two conference calls. Derrick will be reporting on the workshop activities later in the agenda.

MOTION to accept the Structural Fumigation Committee report by Grant Bishop; Second by John Dalley. Board unanimously accepted report.

Green Building Standards Committee – No Report

Inspector Training Committee

George Saxton, Chair, reported that the committee met today (4/20/15) and discussed the need for a survey to come out polling states on what structural pest control trainings are needed. There was discussion of alternative meetings, for example one-day trainings or 1 or 2 hour webinars. Dr. Saxton reported that more information will be forthcoming at the annual meeting.

MOTION to accept the Inspector Training Committee report by John Dalley; Second by Mike Weyman. Board unanimously accepted report.

Label Stewardship Committee – No Report at this time, but will follow up with Bonnie Rabe, Chair.

Rodenticide Committee

Linda Johns, Chair, reported that the committee met this morning (4/20/15) to discuss the label language change for commensal rodenticides recently approved by EPA stating “for use only” on House mice, Norway rats and Roof rats. ASPCRO originally asked EPA to remove the verbiage “only” but were informed that this was not an option. A letter was then sent to EPA from ASPCRO asking for a total of twelve rodent species to be listed on the label. EPA was fine with the additional species, but recently ASPCRO got a response from Meredith Laws with concerns for some endangered species which are members of the some of the genera to be listed on the label. The committee will be prepare two separate options for EPA to review related to endangered species. One option will be to name all the species for which the products may be used, and the other option is to exclude the endangered species. A comment was made to keep the list as short as possible, for the longer this list gets the harder to put on the label. EPA reserves the right to ask for data on an individual basis.

It was requested to ask Meredith Laws about the lab data process for certain species: What to do if there isn't lab data available, how should the data be produced and what data will be expected? There is, however, a problem with a lack of species specific Laboratory data and what EPA will accept. If the lab data has to meet a certain criteria, how do registrants meet this need if certain species cannot be trapped and placed into a lab environment? Is there a supply of rodents available for lab data work?

ACTION ITEMS: 1) The committee will update risk mitigation compliance sheet after receiving response from EPA on label language change 2) The committee will send a new letter to EPA addressing the endangered species issue.

MOTION to accept the Rodenticide Committee report by Grant Bishop; Second by Mike Weyman. Board unanimously accepted report.

State Meeting Assistance Committee (SMAC)

Jay Kelley, Chair, reported the purpose of SMAC and that the program is offered to state lead agencies to put on programs within their states by sidestepping the red tape. This gives the states control of their program, pays for venues, catering and speakers. This whole process goes through ASPCRO and has created a win, win situation for Indiana. Four training programs were conducted recently with 214 participants with all of them being recertification programs. From this effort, SMAC generated about \$10,000 for ASPCRO. SMAC can also be used for other types of trainings outside of the structural realm.

Discussion ensued regarding how ASPCRO can do a better job of promoting SMAC. It was suggested that some documents could be added to the web site to better explain the benefits. It was mentioned that Indiana calls is SCAT for Structural Compliance Assistance Training.

MOTION to accept the SMAC report by Liza Fleeson; Second by Doug Edwards. Board unanimously

accepted report.

Structural Remediation Committee

Derrick Lastinger, Chair, introduced committee members and a new member, Irene King of New Mexico. The committee was formed to address structural remediation issues when incidents happened in states. This developed from a response to a Vermont incident. ASPCRO doesn't have good guideline on how to respond to states and if the states have needs. The committee had a conference call on April 1, 2015 with NPIC (Kaci Buhl and Project Manager) and EPA Health Effects Division regarding the effort of NPIC putting together very general (not AI specific) guidelines for structural remediation. Derrick looked at the current fact sheet draft. NPIC is moving forward, hoping to have a comment worthy draft available by the end of May, 2015. The SRC will be reviewing and commenting on the draft.

Derrick reported on two structural remediation projects from EPA Region 5 through the Research and Development office and the Solid Waste and Emergency Response office under the direction of Amy Mysz. The studies are focusing on five pesticides commonly used indoors including malathion, carbaryl, fipronil, permethrin and deltamethrin. Most of the studies were conducted using solutions from pure chemical, but formulated products were used for some phases of each study. This is a two year project for evaluating surface residues regarding the efficacy of decontaminants on surfaces. The rest of the decontamination studies are now complete and EPA is evaluating the results. The committee should be hearing more soon, but no date was set.

Another project still ongoing is for the evaluation of surface wipe sampling. ASPCRO supplied a letter of support for the project and to help put study together where we will provide information on what states are currently doing. There are three phases to the project with two phases being complete for malathion and carbaryl. Phase one evaluated three different wipes and two different solvents and wipe material placement. Phase two was twill and gauze wipes wetted with IPA used to investigate high and low concentrates and the number of wipes needed for surface recovery. The best performing wipe solvent combination was cotton twill wetted with IPA which was used in the third phase to test performance on three surfaces. Derrick has more result information available if anyone would like to take a look.

The committee last met during the annual conference meeting in Missoula where Irene (NM) talked about a swipe project in New Mexico where they are swiping service vehicles and monitoring residues in schools.

NPMA offered to help with resources in the regulated community on structural remediation and on what are some the current guidelines that industry is following. Derrick will follow-up with NPMA.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES 1) Derrick reported that though a lot of resources have been collected, time is

needed discuss them. This will require a long face to face meeting, possibly a full day. Would like to have board's approval to move forward with the meeting 2) work on a draft of a roadmap for SLA's on how to response to situation and incidents requiring remediation. Vermont has offered to help put this together 3) the committee would like to invite Kaci Buhl, NPIC to participate on the above draft and asked if they should engage the Association of Industrial Hygienist (AIHA) to participate and 4) the committee will review and comment on the NPIC Fact Sheet once available.

Discussion ensued on the subject of the roadmap and how this might be of help in responding to incidents.

MOTION to accept the Structural Remediation Committee report by Liza Fleeson; Second by Mike Weyman. Board unanimously accepted report.

Termiticide Label Review Committee

Dr. Davis Daiker, Chair, reported that the committee has a new member – Dr. Guy Shelton, USDA Forestry Service from Stockwell, MS. Davis spoke to him at the meeting in Missoula and were able to work through some red tape with USDA where the previous representative from USDA was not exactly honored in terms of the MOU between USDA and ASPCRO. We will now be able to engage in future activities moving forward.

ACTIVITIES 1) Met at the Missoula meeting to always make ourselves available to meet with termiticide registrants. Had three meetings with termiticide registrants on Sunday, but since that time, have been relatively quiet 2) the committee submitted formal comments to the agency (EPA) on an EUP and a revision to a label. Comments are now at EPA.

Discussion ensued regarding how meetings with TLRC are set up.

MOTION to accept the Termiticide Label Review Committee report by Mike Weyman; Second by Grant Bishop. Board unanimously accepted report.

Termiticide Standards Committee

Mike Weyman, Chair, reported

An action item was brought to committee a couple of years ago in Atlanta regarding a proposal to look at changing the way pre-construction liquid termite treatments were historically done. The proposal would allow the applicator not to treat the open slab areas, provided they treat critical areas. The proposal has met with great deal of resistance. Two years have gone by now and the meeting in Missoula last year got a little ugly with industry making their intentions known that they were opposed to this action. Mike had a conversation with John and the board explaining that he was never on board

with this, but that we had a responsibility to take the proposal seriously since it was brought before us. We've vetted this through registrants and researchers and at this point. Mike made a motion to the board to take this off the committee as an action item since no one has come forward to fund the trials that would be necessary to prove the efficacy of the proposed procedures. The committee will be willing to re-open the subject should funding become available.

There was some discussion as to whether this would require Board approval. A motion was made by Liza Fleeson, seconded by Derrick Lastinger to allow the committee to remove this issue from their action items. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION to accept the Termiticide Standards Committee report by Grant Bishop; Second by Liza Fleeson. Board unanimously accepted report.

End of committee reports.

Professional Association Report/Updates

ASPCRO/AAPCO Meeting Report

Liza Fleeson reported on the joint ASPCRO AAPCO Board meeting which took place during the AAPCO meeting early in March. Two items of interest:

1. Working together on some kind of forum, like a bulletin board, offering something for SLA's to use to share information, a place to find out what another state is doing. An example is the EPA SLIT system for asking questions about labels. Board will continue to pursue this issue and is willing to share the cost.
2. State managed pollinator protection plans are being proposed as a mechanism to help mitigate risks. The current elements being considered as critical to plans are based on states that have already got plans in place. What are the critical element and what are not? The discussion mostly focused on one item in particular that was listed in the plans on optional and not critical and that was non-ag applications. Need to encourage states to consider both ag and non-ag applications, could be one or the other or both per application. The final draft guidance has not been released from AAPCO/SIFREG as of yet, but should be out soon.

NPMA Update

Andy Architect introduced Russ Ives of Rose Pest Solutions in the Detroit area. Mr. Ives will be the incoming NPMA president. He also spoke about the recent fumigation workshop held in Georgia.

Andy commented on the work of the NPMA Public Policy Committee work on a draft industry pest management plan for state managed pollinator protection plans. The NPMA Board of Directors did approve this and it is currently posted on the NPMA website.

NPMA is planning the 2015 stewardship initiative which will involve a group of stakeholders for a one to one and a half day stewardship meeting. The five main registrants will be planning this soon.

Mr. Architect noted that they now have two pollinator related websites, Pollinatorhealth.org, a consumer site for info about pollinators and Pollinatorfacts.org, a guidance site for applicators relating to state managed plans. It includes materials that can be downloaded for PMPs to use with their customers with talking points and links to free training courses.

April is national pest management month. This is now listed in the Chase's Event Calendar.

STATE ISSUES 1) Colorado sunset review is in progress. NPMA is hoping to get three amendments to bill so they can extend to avoid the one year wind down 2) North Carolina will go through a sunset process in 2018. There was an Arkansas bill introduced to de-regulate everything except doctors and lawyers.

NPMA has hired Andrew Bray public policy director. He is in charge of distribution of policy news re: pesticides and NPMA is planning for their annual convention to be held in Nashville, TN, October 20-23, 2015.

A general discussion ensued regarding pollinator protection plans.

Rise Update

Aaron Hobbs, President, reported on four items

1. As an association we just started working on a new five year strategic plan in conjunction with celebrating the association's 25th anniversary during the annual meeting in September. As an association grows it must look into the future and be forward thinking to become smarter, better, faster, and better looking. The new plan was created and implemented in six months with four strategic drivers 1) advocacy 2) investing in the future that's all about membership 3) communication building and 4) organizational strength – our industry is aging and with it comes a new influx of individuals that are purpose driven, not product driven.
2. Wednesday is our opening activity for the Spring Regulatory Conference with Crop Life America in the Crystal City/Pentagon area. There will be a small trade show/workshop titled "Bring the Label to Life" addressing label consistency with EPA. Have received confirmation that 125 EPA employees will be attending the workshop. The three day conference will be covering regulatory issues including Statewide Preemption, the Clean Water Act, and Pollinator Protection.
3. RISE delivered a petition on pollinators to the White House this morning and reported on current status of the issue. EPA estimates 60-70 Ai's will be affected, but by definition RISE believes it will be closer to 90 Ai's. This list may not be inclusive to just insecticides. EPA completed their portion of the work and the White House is now in the driver's seat.
4. The Clean Water Act has become a widely political move and there is an effort to make changes

in definition of Waters of the US though he was not confident that any changes will occur.

Meeting adjourned by Liza Fleeson at 4:10 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Structural Fumigation Workshop

Derrick Lastinger reported on the Structural Fumigation Workshop held during March in Georgia at the Rollins Learning Center and hosted by ASCPRO and NPMA at a request from EPA. A survey was distributed to states as to what should be included in the workshop. The workshop included a roundtable discussion on the last day. A lot of technical information was needed on 1) basic biology of pests 2) biology on stored product pests and import/export pests 3) demonstration on a live residential fumigation with sulfuryl fluoride 4) demonstration on container fumigation 5) demonstration on tarp fumigation 6) demonstration on chambers and 7) demonstration on tape and seal fumigation. The workshop was videotaped and recorded and all demonstrations went through to completion of the aeration procedure. The workshops are for EPA staff members with 13 EPA HQ staff attendees from several divisions and from EPA Region 4.

Future activities under consideration for ASCPRO/NPMA 1) a PIRT or PREP course focusing on structural fumigation. Had a discussion with Bonnie Rabe (NM) about a future workshop on metal phosphides for rodent fumigation e.g. prairie dog control 2) may have a follow-up survey to states on regulatory issues from the states. Waiting to hear from EPA on survey results to see if they need more information/data 3) follow-up conference call with EPA is to occur next week to see what else we can do in the future and 4) will maintain communications with AAPCO specifically on these issues due to cross-over issues with non-structural applications.

Andy Architect, NPMA, went on to report that it was during the reregistration of fumigants conversation with EPA where they saw the need for the workshop because most have never had the opportunity to see a live fumigation. The folks at the Rollins Center that volunteered did a great job and the workshop was fantastic. EPA folks learned a lot about the amount of product used vs. the different type of fumigation methods demonstrated. Degesch gave a very interesting presentation on metal phosphides. After 48 hours of being together, relationships were formed with no animosity due to the informal venue where everyone felt comfortable taking and discussing issues. Industry and EPA learned a lot from the demonstrations and the interaction. This sets the stage for future workshops. Chris Gorecki or Rollins, Inc. continued the report. The workshop included instruction on basic biology of structural pests, termites and wood boring beetles along with import/export pests.

Derrick recognized Chris Gorecki and his team, and Jim Fredericks from NPMA.

Chris Gorecki reported that the workshop was unique and that everyone did their part with EPA having conversations, to the Rollins crew doing all the set-up, walk-thru's and cleanup. It was a very casual environment. Everything was videotaped and almost 1500 photos were taken. EPA was very attentive. The collaborative effort of everyone was invaluable, especially the crews from three different companies that conducted the various fumigations.

General discussion ensued about future training opportunities of this type.

New Business

Pollinator MPs Development Status

Liza Fleeson posed a question regarding how APSCRO can assist states with the non-ag piece of pollinator protection plans in order to be sure that non ag situations are taken into account. It was suggested that the board think about what the ASPCRO role may be moving forward. The group was polled regarding who has a plan. South Carolina is in the midst of developing a plan. West Virginia is waiting on EPA's position before developing a plan. Montana has not developed a plan yet and Georgia is working on a plan.

General discussion ensued of state of plans for various states and the EPA perception of state relationship with beekeepers. What is the role that ASPCRO may be able to play in setting the story straight? Will have to decide which committee or perhaps an ad hoc group would be put together to develop guidance for states as they address their plans. It was suggested that this would be a possible topic for EPA training.

Stewardship – Booths at Annual Conference

Liza Fleeson reported that six of the sponsors have expressed an interest in having a display of their stewardship efforts at the conference. Hotel states that there is space in the meal room for up to 10 spots. Another option would be for the hallway where 6 or 7 spots could be made available. The rule would be that there is no sales information displayed, displays would be limited to product stewardship only, the tables would be limited to conference sponsors, and there would be no additional cost to sponsors. The question was put, "Do we want to allow this activity for this year's conference"?

During discussion the question arose as to when the booths/tables would be active. Would this detract from the presentations? It was proposed that the tables would be active during meals and breaks. Mike Weyman expressed support as a trial for 2015. It was also noted that the idea is to limit the displays to a table-top display, no booths.

The board agreed to support the booth option for the 2015 conference in Florida then reconvene after the meeting to consider whether this would be a continuing feature of the conference going forward.

Posting Information on the ASPCRO Website

The issue was brought up as to what process should be used for posting information on the website. Who has authority to place information on the site? Should there be a central control over content, or should anybody be able to post information. Board approval? Committee chair autonomy?

Derrick, Communications chair recommended all submissions to the communications committee first and if there is a question or concern it can be submitted to board for further discussion. The web site still needs a search engine option. It was noted that many of the committee reports and some of the meeting minutes are not currently posted. Doug Edwards was assigned the task of reviewing website content and reporting back to the Board as to which items are missing and if they exist, Board members could transmit them to Doug for publication on the web site.

There ensued a more general discussion of communication issues, draft to committee chairs on up to date information, provide more notifications to members about new information, funnel all web content through the president or designee for approval prior to posting, and create something about “the 10 things you don’t know about ASPCRO – comment from Andrew, NPMA.

Model Regulations for Non-pesticidal Treatments for Bedbugs.

Liza Fleeson reported that a survey went out to states on devices (heat treatments, canine dog detection, ozone, etc.). The survey asked whether the states can regulate non-pesticidal treatments and if a model regulation would be of value. The survey showed that heat treatments were first priority, with canine dog detection second and cold or ozone coming in last. The survey reported that model regulation would be of value for approximately half of the states that responded that have the authority to regulate non-pesticidal treatments.

Liza recommended to the board that the committee begin work on developing model regulations for non-pesticidal treatments for bedbugs with emphasis on heat treatment first.

A motion was made by Derrick Lastinger and seconded by Mike Weyman to accept the committee recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Comparative Efficacy Claims

Julie Spagnoli of JM Consulting reported on an issue that arose during the SFIREG meeting regarding

comparative efficacy claims e.g. “five times more effective than the leading brand”. Product Registrants have concerns about allowing such statements on labels as the efficacy methods are difficult enough now let alone comparative efficacy. She questioned whether EPA should be in the business of approving comparative efficacy. The issue will be going to full SFIREG.

Open to Floor

No comments.

Meeting adjourned at ?????

[Submitted 6/30/2015 by Linda Johns, Secretary]