

Meeting Minutes

2002 Mid-Year Meeting, Board of Directors

New York – Metropolitan Hotel

February 2, 2002

Meeting convened at 8:34am by President John McCauley

Introductions made. Those in attendance were:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John McCauley (KY)– President, ASPCRO
George Saxton (IN)– Vice President, ASPCRO
Steven Dwinell (FL)– Secretary
Bob Wulfhorst (OH)– Treasurer
Jerry Davis (AZ)– At-large member
Jim Harron (GA)– At-large member
Joe Uram (PA) - At-large member

Jim Haskins (MS)– Immediate Past President was not present

ASPCRO Committee Chairs/Members

Jim Wright (SC)– Termiticide Labeling Review
Ray Siegel (IN)– ASPCRO Homepage
Peter Paveglio (GA)– IPM in Schools
Carl Falco (NC) – Termite Bait Committee
Brian Forschler (UGA) – Termiticide Labeling Review
Terry Wagner (USFS) – Termiticide Labeling Review

ALSO PRESENT:

Tom Diedrich
Mel Kyle
Bruce Jewell
Charles G. Rock
Bob Rosenberg
Arnold Layne

MEETING:

OLD Business

Motion made to dispense reading of minutes from last meeting, passed unanimously. Secretary to email to minutes from last Board meeting to directors.

Secretary directed to work on 2002 directory.

Reports:

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Treasurer's report - Bob Wulforth - written report provided to Board

Summary -17 K in checking/ approx 6K more than last year

Tax filing done for TY 2000 - turns out that tax exempt filing was never done - need IRS filing, six months to complete submission and then review by IRS - Treasurer will fill out document - copy will be made as part of historical record. Tax exempt status is being worked on.

Motion to accept report by Saxton/ seconded by Harron - passed w/o dissent

Termite Work Group - report by Arnold Layne, USEPA/OPP

EPA invited to meeting to report on NPMA/ASPCRO/RISE workgroup established in August 2001. As part of this effort, EPA has received ten-year plans from a number of registrants. While WG process underway, EPA will keep PR 96-7 in place, keep working on Draft PR for Baits. This will be sent to Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to be convened in July 2002 - public meeting. Potential exists for a data call in on existing baits.

Goals - for termite work group

- maintain ASPCRO's role
- use USDA-FS expertise
- maintain CBI
- data generation via GLP
- efficacy data is sound, reproducible, and reflective of product performance
- protocols that are sound and peer reviewed
- labeling clear and enforceable
- consumers and their property protected
- PMPs have efficacious products

Question - What can be done for products that get registered that are not in compliance with PR 96-7? Arnold Layne - there is a state label tracking system - email to product manager/5 day response time - e-mail system.

Bob Wulforth asked about the use of state investigative file information for termiticide registration. AAPCO is developing a means to access some investigative information.

Task assignment - George Saxton will coordinate with Dave Scott to determine if AAPCO process is applicable to this issue (adverse performance data in state's reg files applicable to reregistration data)

Jim Wright - Under 6A2 - registrant should be required to report adverse data -such as product failures

Discussion deferred until presentations completed

Report on Termite Control workgroup - Bob Rosenberg - NPMA

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Described TAC/TAC-L proposal developed by Termite Work Group

Report on Forest Service termite testing - Bruce Jewell/Terry Wagner

FS administers 191million acres, currently 9% of budget is research

Began testing program in 1938, budget cuts in 1996 severely cut personnel for testing. Program is now fully staffed, but Forest Service would like to move research program back to basic termite research, while continuing testing program.

Forest Service supports the proposed TAC process and testing unit should be part of that.

They are proposing adding a separate testing unit, including QA person (for GLP) and are providing information to Congress to get it added to budget. They estimate \$564,000 in recurring funds needed to establish this testing unit. They are finding support in Congress. This request is not in current Presidential budget request and will need to be an add-on to budget. Current fee for testing is \$20,000 per year for a new product. Combined with on-going fees, testing raises \$60-\$80,000 per year. They would appreciate ASPCRO support of their proposal.

Interior agencies bill is the budget bill to be changed. Feb/March time frame for budget add-ons. "Member request letters" by Representatives are the vehicle for this change.

George Saxton made a motion to support FS budget request - and ask states to support also and request support from legislative delegation. No second, no vote recorded. Action will be taken by direction of President McCauley.

Proposed amendment by Brian Forschler that costs of baits should be added to proposal or at least qualify support to allow increase for bait testing when costs are known.

President McCauley directed Brian Forschler, and Jim Wright to work on letter in support of Forest Service, he will assist.

Discussion occurred on whether current tax exemption status allows lobbying. If the status is 501 c - 3 - no lobbying allowed. If 501 c 6 - lobbying allowed. Bob Wulfhorst and Steve Dwinell will investigate tax-exempt status and inform President McCauley. Consensus was that tax-exempt status needs to allow lobbying.

Carl Falco argued that there is a need to involve other organizations (NPMA, AAPCO, RISE) to support Forest Service.

Jim Wright made a motion to draft a letter in support of FS request and solicit support from other organization. Seconded by McCauley. Passed w/o dissent.

President McCauley will draft the letter.

Web page update - Ray Siegel

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Website management is being done by Kelly Solutions. They are to be commended for the level of service being provided. States will have ability to change directory listing, emails will be/have been sent with passwords to allow this. Website has capability to include enforcement data with password protection- some states have CATS data converted to searchable database. AAPCO field data project could also be used on this website.

Charles Rock of Kelly Solutions made a presentation of KSTREAMS - a web based system for access to state provided data at no cost to state (KRS does not do data entry). This system can be viewed at kellysolutions.com

Using this system, meeting registrations for ASPCRO meeting can be done from website. Also the site has capability for compliance confirmation - by Volcom system - Internet vendors of pesticides can check license status of Internet buyers. ExcessAG.com used system on trial basis - to verify compliance with licensing status before selling. No companies using it now. Bar codes can also be used.

ASPCRO website now has 600 visitors/month. Efforts need to be made to update site to keep interest up. Also need to link to directory and to state websites. Ray Seigel is the Webmaster. KRS would like to get Association support for website uses and provide meeting registration on line.

Motion made by Jim Harron to use on line registration for next annual meeting in Mississippi and to authorize Bob Wulfhorst to take steps to implement. Second by Jerry Davis - passed without dissent. Task assignment - Bob Wulfhorst to implement on-line meeting registration.

A question was raised by Jim Harron regarding identification of Internet advertisers of pest control services. KRS could help find an IP address for Internet advertisers, which law enforcement could possibly use to get physical address.

National Pest Management Association update - Bob Rosenberg/Tom Diedrich

The SEPA bill has been resurrected. A House/Senate conference stripped SEPA from education bill in Dec. 2001. On Tuesday 2/12/02 a manager's amendment (- non-controversial amendments) will be made to the Farm Bill by Harkin and Luger - new language in SEPA exempts state or local government performed mosquito control, fire ant control, etc. from SEPA requirements. This amendment will be introduced in Senate. House already passed Farm Bill w/o SEPA, therefore it will go to conference again.

Tom Diedrich expressed concerns about some termiticide claims made by operators that only trenching is needed for complete treatment. Minimum treatment standards exemptions in many states allow this. He also expressed concern about pre-treatment problems. Jerry Davis reported that Arizona was considering state legislation requiring pre-reporting of pretreatments.

Annual meeting report by George Saxton.

A tentative meeting schedule was handed out. Comments by Board were received and will be incorporated by George. The meeting is in Tunica MS, Aug 24-28 2002.

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Standing Committee reports:

Stewardship Committee - A new committee has been formed by President McCauley.

Mel Kyle of Aventis reported that it will focus on stewardship for pesticide products used in pest control, including reduced risk pesticides, responsible and legal use of pesticides and other issues of concern raised by the committee.

Termiticide Label Review Committee

Jim Wright reported that the committee was expanded by adding Brian Forschler. The committee had reviewed data and proposed label language for chlorfenapyr (Phantom - BASF). All comments had been addressed by USEPA, in a conditional registration. This experience showed that the process worked. The issue of several registrations by Arizona Chemical Group was raised. EPA registered w/o consultation to LRC. Task assignment - Steven Dwinell to check w/ Arnold Layne of EPA on process for addressing concerns with label.

Minimum Standards for Termite Control - Bob Wulfhorst

no report

IPM in Schools - Peter Pavegleo

Report on school IPM already given as part of NPMA update.

New Technology and E-Commerce/ ASPCRO Website

– Ray Siegel – report already given as part of presentation by Charles Rock.

Structural Inspector Training - Jim Harron

A paper on legal aspects of training being drafted by Frank Crull (TX). Frank Crull is a recent addition to the committee. Co-ordination of this effort is needed with AAPCO/EPA certification. Jim Wright commented that training for depositions by inspectors could be done for states and training for expert witness testimony. There is also a PREP course being organized in Texas by Frank Crull. Peter Pavegleo is on the committee for this PREP course and will email info to Board. Also - Jerry Davis will research who is structural representative on SETAG.

Termite Preventative Procedure for New Construction – Jerry Davis

Committee will be recommending label changes to termiticides. These were provided in a handout - recommending tracking number on container, record keeping requirements on label - discussion - comments needed by March 1 to Committee.

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Executive director

John McCauley discussed the idea of establishing an Executive Director position, that would be a paid position. This will be discussed in future - maybe next board meeting.

Agency only meeting

John McCauley has been approached about limiting board meetings to state agencies only. He opposes this, it has been tried before. His position is meetings should be open to interested parties.

Motion by George Saxton/seconded by Jim Harron - Open meetings unless for confidential/enforcement sensitive needed. Passed unanimously.

Liquid Soil Residue committee

- tabled until later discussion - President McCauley asked Jim Wright and George Saxton to develop recommendations for future of this initiative.

NEW Business:

John McCauley raised a concern about the name of the Association. The current name may not tell who we are – an association of state pest control regulatory officials (not part of AAPCO). Re-naming is an idea to consider at a future meeting.

Hall of Fame Nominations – George Saxton made a motion for consideration of Lonnie Mathews for the ASPCRO Hall of Fame. Seconded by S. Dwinell. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Harron/seconded by George Saxton. Passed - meeting adjourned at 1:42pm.

Next Meeting: August 24, 2002, Grand Veranda Hotel, Tunica Mississippi.