

Meeting Minutes

2007 Mid-Year Meeting, Board of Directors

**March 14, 2007
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Rio Grande Inn
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

OLD BUSINESS:

Welcome and Opening Remarks - Steven Dwinell (FL)

Attendees included:

- **Board members:** Steve Dwinell (FL), Derrick Lastinger (GA), Lisa Gervase (AZ), Bonnie Rabe (NM), John Scott (CO), Grant Bishop (WV).
- **Others:** Julie Spagnoli, Mel Kyle, Frank Gasperini, Kevin Kirkland, Davis Daiker, Norm Goldenberg, Bob Rosenberg, Mike Paige, Danny Obyrne, John McCauley, Carl Falco, Benny Mathis, Liza Fleeson, Jim Harron, Doug Edwards, Lonnie Mathews, Jim Wright, and Allen James

Treasurer's Report – Grant Bishop (WV)

- The registration fee increase and good attendance at the annual conference in New Orleans and static spending, resulted in an increase in ASPCRO's income in 2006. Ten thousand dollars has been invested into a CD account. Dues notices for 2007 have been sent out. It was requested by President Dwinell for Board members to have their agencies pay for attending this meeting if possible. A written treasurer's report was submitted.

Annual Planning Committee Report – Bob Bailey (VA)

- Vice President Bob Bailey was recently promoted to a new department within his agency. Due to the new job removing him from specific duties in structural pest control, he submitted his resignation to the Board. His resignation has been accepted and the Board wishes him well in his new endeavors.
- Jim Wright provided an update for the 2007 meeting in Charleston, SC August 25-29, 2007. The meeting will be held at the historic Charleston Place Hotel with a room rate of \$113. The activities include an outing on Sunday (possibly a tour of downtown, golfing at the Rivertown golf course on Monday, a Navel Vessel Tour, and an aquarium tour. The conference portion will be primarily a panel discussion format with less individual presentations in order to facilitate full discussion and interest for attendees. The format will be evaluated based on feedback to determine the success and possible continuance of this type of format. Registration information will be going out in the next few weeks. Online registration will be made available – see the website committee report below. Discussion also included offering a possible discount for new attendees.

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Website Committee Report – Derrick Lastinger (GA)

- The ASPCRO website is now being maintained by Vicki Cassens at Purdue.
- Online registration will be available for the annual meeting which will allow credit card charges. This does require a transaction fee of 2-3%. All major cards will be accepted – Visa, MC, Discover and will American Express. The service will cost \$19.95 for setup and \$29 a month.
- The ASPCRO Listserve will continue to be just state regulators. To continue to keep active will need to start over from new site. Emails will be sent for those interested to link for subscription and to reregister.
- The SLA Directory has been updated.

Termiticide Label Review Committee Report – Jim Wright (SC) for Dave Scott (IN)

- The committee is currently working on 3 projects with 2 ongoing. The committee will meet in May in Atlanta to finalize one of the issues. Joe Debrow (AL) is a new member to the committee.

Outdoor Residential Misting Systems Committee Report – Bonnie Rabe (NM)

- Bonnie Rabe provided copies of Best Management Practices and Advertising Guidelines for misting systems. She proposed ASPCRO endorse the documents. It is intended for the documents to provide industry and regulators information and practices to minimize risks from misuse, false advertising, and unintended exposure from misting systems in residential areas. The Board voted to endorse both documents. The documents will be made available on the ASPCRO website.

Termiticide Standards Committee Report – Jim Harron (GA)

- In addition to this board meeting, a meeting to discuss revision of EPA's 810.3600 guidance document will be held Thursday and Friday, May 15 and 16 at this meeting site. Issues with the use of the current guidance include a new interpretation of the guidance limiting the amount of room for objectivity, and questions about revising the guidance since it is not formalized rulemaking. The committee proposed a possible alternative of ASPCRO adopting the document as policy for use in evaluations by the termiticide labeling committee. It was discussed that OMB has issued a bulletin with guidance issuance policies which all agencies are required to follow. The document states that if there is economic impact, the guidance is considered significant and requires a public hearing. This affects EPA's ability to make changes to 810.3600. Discussion on the issue will continue in tomorrow's committee meeting as to possible solutions.
- ASPCRO will sponsor further USEPA/ASPCRO training in May in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Fumigation will be the primary focus of the training. The training provides EPA Pesticide Registration staff the chance to learn and better understand implications of their decisions about registrations and label language for pesticide users, by bringing them to sites to view actual applications and speak with the applicators using the products.

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Building Codes Committee Report - Steven Dwinell (FL)

- ASPCRO continues to monitor additions or revisions to building codes affecting wood destroying organism control practices and regulations by attending hearings and monitoring reports of the International Code Council. ASPCRO continues to be a member of the Building Code Council. Current issues of potential concern include modifications to allow steel as the only material if Formosans are present and a new foam spray insulation for sealing crawl spaces.

Stewardship Committee Report – Jim Wright (SC)

- Efforts continue to make the case to EPA on enforceable label language in regards to the selling and distribution of RUPS to uncertified persons ('for use only by...'). OECA indicates FIFRA only regulates the distribution of RUP products. It is suggested they can define use of a pesticide to include distribution to be able to enforce with the label language. The efforts of the committee appear to have resulted in little or no definitive action from EPA. With the rodenticide mitigation indicating wanting to allow 'only applied by licensed applicators' on labels, seems there is an inconsistent application of the statements as far as intent and the issue is back to square one. The current efforts at rewriting of the federal certification rules may effect these issues with labeling statements about 'for use only by...'

State Meeting Assistance Committee – Derrick Lastinger (GA) - Chair

- Indiana Office of the State Chemist once again held several applicator meetings in partnership with ASPCRO. They had 250 attend the statewide meetings and raised \$9400 for ASPCRO. Other states are encouraged to participate in the program which allows ASPCRO to facilitate the financial arrangements for the meeting which is often easier than going through state agency channels. Further information has been placed on the website.

Structural Training for Inspectors Committee Report - Frank Crull(TX) - Chair

- Frank Crull was not present and is no longer with the Texas Structural Pest Control Board. John Scott agreed to become the new chair and evaluate current status of training, and determine the future direction for the committee.

Executive Secretary Report – Lonnie Matthews

- Incorporation papers have been renewed and filed as required.
- Lonnie had been contacted by a group wanting to pursue putting together a program for PBS on what ASPCRO does, however the large cost to the association of about \$30,000 was determined to be prohibitive.
- The Board agreed to renew Lonnie's contract as executive secretary.

Rodenticide Committee - Douglas Edwards (VA)

- IDoug provided a powerpoint on EPA's current proposal for rodenticide risk mitigation measures, including the implications for regulators, manufacturers, applicators and consumers. Measures include making 2nd generation rodenticides RUPs, requiring solid bait and bait boxes for consumer use, and label language changes. EPA has extended the comment period to May 18, 2007.

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- Currently 360 comments have been submitted to the docket, more which are now in opposition of EPA's proposed actions. It is determined that while mitigation of risk is necessary the actions proposed are not the full solution and a better understanding of control is needed as well as education and stewardship efforts. The committee recommends support of the EPA recommendations but conditioned to include further study of poisoning incident calls and gathering of applicable data for full evaluation of exposure rather than using poison control information collected for a different purpose. Also included the need for extension support for education in agricultural uses of rodenticides. The Board voted to send a letter relating ASPCRO's position for posting on the docket.

CTAG and PPDC – Tim Drake (SC)

- No report.

Termite Control Discussion Group - Lisa Gervase (AZ)

- The committee is currently working on draft documents for agreements and compliance with performance based treatment standards

NEW BUSINESS:

Board members

With Bob Bailey's resignation, the vice president position is now vacant. Steve Dwinell agreed to stay on as president one more year. It was agreed that the Secretary and VP positions would be combined until the conference business meeting in August.

Committee Membership and Chair Updates

Committee assignments were reviewed and several changes made to update assignments for each committee. A new committee was formed for monitoring and participation on the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) in federal applicator certification program revisions. See the new list of committees and membership for details. Committee chairs are asked to let the Board provide prior notice of meetings and any necessary budget.

Borate Insecticide Committee

President Dwinell proposed a new committee to address the growing number of borate products and their use by the industry. Mike Paige provided a presentation on issues Florida is currently dealing with in regulation of borates for pretreatment of structures. Florida has seen a large increase in borate use and a resulting increase in problems with proper preparation of the structure, mixing of the products, and how the application is performed. They are also encountering registration issues with label claims on some of the products. Current regulatory abilities to verify proper application is currently costly, invasive, and time consuming. The Board voted to form the new committee with Mike as Chair.

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Texas Structural Pest Control Board (TXSPCB) update

As a result of an agency sunset review of the TXSPCB, a bill has been introduced to absorb the Board into the Texas Department of Agriculture. The TXSPCB would become advisory to TDA. It was agreed by the ASPCRO Board to determine a contact person and provide assistance by sending a letter of support for the Board to remain in place. The bill and several others are currently moving through the various legislative committees.

Annual Dues Increase

It was agreed by the Board to propose an increase in the annual dues to \$150. A resolution will be made for consideration at the annual meeting in August.

Resolutions for Annual Meeting Proposals

Resolutions for recognition of host state, sponsors, etc. will be prepared for the annual meeting in August.

2009 Annual Meeting Location

The annual meeting will be held in Colorado in 2009. John Scott agreed to begin to look into possible sites. West Virginia was proposed for the 2010 meeting.

NPMA update

Bob Rosenberg briefly discussed the continued potential for national school IPM legislation. Multiple states currently have laws which address IPM and/or pesticide use in and around schools.

ISE update

Rise continues to track various legislative activities at the state and federal levels. Several legislative issues of interest include:

- consideration of pre-emption and restrictions on the cosmetic use of pesticides (RI, MI),
- school IPM proposals in several states, primarily focusing on bans and restrictions,
- jurisdiction of pesticide registration decisions shared with other agencies such as departments of health which could result in increased data requirements, restrictions, or denials of current products,
- continued increased occurrence of pre-notification and posting at local levels

Hall of Fame Nomination

A nominee was agreed upon by the Board. The presentation will be made at the annual meeting in August.

Open to the Floor

No other new items were presented.

Adjournment