



ASPCRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP AGENDA

Thursday, August 12th, 2021

11:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT

Online Meeting via Zoom

The ASPCRO Board of Director's Annual meeting and report to the membership was held online via Zoom due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions on Thursday, August 12th, 2021. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: Ryan Okey, ASPCRO President, Clemson University Department of Pesticide; Kelly Friend, ASPCRO Vice-President, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Allison Cuellar, ASPCRO Secretary, Texas Department of Agriculture; Liza Fleeson Trossbach, ASPCRO Past President, Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services; Cindy Fulton, ASPCRO At-Large Member, Wyoming Department of Agriculture; John Pitcock, ASPCRO At-Large Member, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Matthew Lopez, ASPCRO At-Large Member, Colorado Department of Agriculture; and Mike Page, ASPCRO Executive Secretary.
- State Lead Agency: Derrick Lastinger, Georgia Department of Agriculture; Courtney Frazier, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Amy Brown, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Stephanie Meyer, Missouri Department of Agriculture; Bob Blankenburg, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation; Chad Carpenter, West Virginia Department of Agriculture; Clint Shettle, Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services; Kristen Lashley, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries; Michael Kelly, Texas Department of Agriculture; Mary Begin, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment; Seth Dunlap, Arkansas Department of Agriculture; Don Gilbert, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Damardray Williams, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; Brian Kennedy, Arizona Department of Agriculture; and Jerry Seabolt, Tennessee Department of Agriculture.
- Industry Representatives: Jim Wright, BASF; Kristen Spotz, RISE; Jim Fredericks, NPMA; Faye Golden, Cooks Pest Control; Staci Johnston, Ecolab; Frank Crull; attorney; Julie Spagnoli, JM Specialty Consulting; Chris White, Pest Control Insulation, LLC; Jake Plevelich, NPMA; Marie Horner – Arrow Exterminators; Chuck Tindol – Rentokil North America; Melinda Howells, Ohio & Kentucky Pest Management Association; Mark Daniels, TPPC; RJ Karney, NASDA; and Cathy Mazo, Syngenta.

Ryan Okey, ASPCRO President called the meeting to order at 11:03 PM EDT. Greeted everyone and made opening remarks, followed by introductions of board members and a review of the agenda. Those present on the Zoom call were noted.

Ryan Okay (SC) provided the Treasurer's report:

- Reviewed ASPCRO's current financial position. The ASPCRO balance sheet was displayed and reviewed.
- ASPCRO spent some funds to hire Michigan State University to handle the administration and orchestration of ASPCRO's 2021 Annual Conference general session yesterday and Inspector Training.
- ASPCRO is in good financial position for in-person mid-year and annual meetings in 2022.
- There were no question regarding the treasurer's report.
- **MOTION MADE:** A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded. Motion passed.

Ryan Okay (SC) provided the Planning Committee Report:

- ASPCRO's 2021 annual meeting was cancelled but current plans are to host both 2022 meetings in-person. Mid-year will take place in Reno, NV and the annual conference in Minneapolis, MN.
- The planning committee has been largely inactive due to COVID.
- There were no questions for planning committee.

Allison Cuellar (TX), ASPCRO Secretary, provided the minutes from the 2020 Board of Directors Annual meeting at the ASPCRO annual Zoom call:

- **MOTION MADE:** John motioned to approve minutes as proposed. Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

Allison Cuellar (TX), ASPCRO Secretary, provided the minutes from the 2021 Board of Directors midyear meeting at the ASPCRO midyear Zoom call:

- **MOTION MADE:** Ryan motioned to approve minutes as proposed. Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Page (ASPCRO) provided the Executive Secretary report:

- Correspondence was up to date including Board of Directors Request for Nominations, meeting announcements and other notifications. A significant investment in time has been devoted to developing inclusive email distribution lists for our members and industry partners. This project has taken the better part of a year to complete. To date, there are 34 states that have paid membership dues. Paying membership dues have been made easier now that there is a direct website link to Authorize.net where payment can be received via credit card. Since 2019, the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Secretary position have been increased. As a result, a project to encapsulate the primary functions of the position have been underway in the form of Standard Operating Procedures. This project is ongoing and is hoped to be completed at the end of 2021. Changes and improvements to the website were discussed later in the agenda.

Committee Reports

Mary Begin (DC), Chairman of the Public Health Committee provided the following:

- Mary overviewed recent efforts of the committee and its current membership.
- Advised the committee members had given her some feedback the committee is focusing on too many items. Committee members feel their focus should be on one goal at a time. Mary expressed the difficult role of the being a committee chair to find focus with their full-time state duties.
 - Liza offered the background of the committee and their original goal – bed bug issues. Liza suggested doing a survey for activities the committee should focus their attention on.
 - As a result of discussion, Ryan and Liza suggested holding quarterly meetings with committee chairs to help with scope and keeping committees active.
- There were no questions for Mary.

Derick Lastinger (GA), Chairman of the Structural Fumigation Committee provided the following:

- The Structural Fumigation committee membership is growing, and the committee has been very active due to proposed draft mitigation efforts from EPA as a result of the OIG report.
- EPA also provided an update to ASPCRO and recognized request for additional time for comments regarding the mitigation effort.
- There is a new contact for the lead for fumigants, Tiffany Green, at EPA.
- ASPCRO's structural fumigation committee is also working with Sandra McDonald to develop a national non-soil fumigation manual and exam questions.
- Additionally, the committee polled SLAs for their state's current fumigation information because of the proposed mitigations.
- There were no questions for Derrick.

MOTION MADE: John motioned to accept the 2021 Committee reports as received. Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

Liza Fleeson Trossbach (VA) provided the AAPCO Liaison update:

- Pat Jones, AAPCO president cannot be present, and Liza is reporting as a result. Liza is currently President-elect of AAPCO.
- Due to issues with Dicamba, there have been some changes to the way EPA processes 24c registrations. This is something which could have resulting effects for other 24c registrations.
- AAPCO is also addressing pesticide devices. AAPCO and ASPCRO worked together on a letter with AAPCO and whether these letters are put together or separate, it is important to continue the communication due to the gray areas still existing with pesticide devices.
- Like APSCRO, PFAS is another issue AAPCO continues to monitor.
- Certification & Certification plan updates are coming to end of the implementation stage of the process and AAPCO & ASPCRO will continue to work with states to help. AAPCO & ASPCRO will also be working with the Tribal Pesticide Program Council to collaborate as they address the same issues we do. We hope to have regular meetings with the TPP.
- There were no questions.

Current Business

- Sulfuryl Fluoride: Draft Interim Re-entry Mitigation Measures & Fumigation Clearance Devices Updates: Several ASPCRO board members met with EPA and expressed concerns with impacts to the industry & consumers. ASPCRO did ask for an extension during the meeting, which was not approved nor denied, and sent a letter requesting a 180-day extension. Since then, a 60-extension was provided by EPA. ASPCRO suggests states do provide a comment. APSCRO feels it will be helpful to align our comments and may offer a template for SLAs to provide comment to EPA.
 - Kelly offered appreciation to ASPCRO & the Structural Fumigation committee for the sounding board provided. It is helps to hear from other states including those with a different perspective.
 - Derrick echoed appreciation for the committee and information gained and learned from working together as a committee especially for states that do not do many fumigations and are also impacted by the changes.
 - Jim Fredericks also wanted to commend ASPCRO for their engagement and remind states there are fumigations everywhere and he expects them to increasingly more common due to structural fumigation being used for bed bugs as well as being used for other pests, like cockroaches. Fumigations are done for more than just dry wood termites.
- AAPCO Devices Letter and Issue Update: Ryan provided Liza previously discussed this letter during the AAPCO update. This device letter was also created with input from NPMA. ASPCRO appreciates the opportunity to coordinate on the letter to EPA. The submissions requests EPA refine the definition of devices. It also asks for clarification of requirements for devices which produce a pesticide because of the device. Ryan has the letter if anyone would like to see it.
- ASPCRO/NPMA Quarterly Inspector/PCO Training: Ryan introduced the idea of a trainings in coordination with NPMA.
 - Jim (NPMA) offered the training would be 1-3 hours on variety of topics. There could be one on what to expect when you are inspected. Targeted towards licensees but developed with input from SLA. Another topic could be on technical aspects and be developed with input from NPMA members.
 - There were no questions, but Ryan offered his appreciation of past trainings with NPMA and believes we should proceed with this training opportunity.
- 2022 Midyear/Annual Meetings, Ryan provided the following:
 - Midyear and annual meeting will be in person.
 - Midyear will be in Reno, NV in the spring 2022.
 - Annual will be in Minneapolis, MN in August 2022
- Mike Page provided a website update and presentation:
 - Mike covered the history of the website. He also provided updates to the website to improve document searchability including switching website hosting providers and language the website is developed in.
 - Mike provided a visual walk-through of the website. This walkthrough covered many of the most used locations like meeting information, training information, hot topics, past meeting minutes, etc.

New Business

- ASPCRO Board of Directors nominations and votes were held as a result of vacancies at Vice-President, Secretary and an at-large positions. Two positions had one nomination, and the at-large had 3 and was the most competitive.
 - Allison Cuellar was elected Vice-President.
 - John Pitcock was elected Secretary.
 - Courtney Frazier was elected to the at-large position.
- Kelly provided an overview of ASPCRO's BOD Strategic Planning Efforts completed with FDACS staff. The board first began working on mission and vision statements. Kelly displayed the mission and vision statements on the screen. Next, the Board did a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats). Taking all these things together into a strategic plan is the goal. The board will meet in September to continue this process. Kelly reminded the board that once we have it, it's not the end. We will continue to work on this and look forward to sharing it with the association at the midyear meeting.

Professional Association Reports

R.J. Karney provided an update from the National Association of State Department of Agriculture (NASDA):

- There have been several changes in policy staff of NASDA. Provided overview of remaining staff changes to come.
- Discussed the relationship NASDA hopes to continue with ASPCRO.
- Discussed congressional bills affecting agricultural departments NASDA is currently monitoring.
- NASDA is also monitoring the EPA changing the definition of waters of the United States.
- NASDA is also monitoring food procurement funding measures from USDA. NASDA is trying to get more details.

Jim Fredricks provided an update from the National Pest Management Association (NPMA):

- Offered congratulations to new board members and applauded the strategic planning effort by ASPCRO. NPMA looks forward to continuing to work with ASPCRO.
- NPMA is currently working on devices and training.
- The topmost issue they are working on at the federal level is the structural fumigation mitigation efforts.
- NPMA is working on a consumer outreach campaign as a structural pest control industry as a good place to work. This activity has made NPMA realize how diverse the industry has become.
- All state regulators are invited to attend with complimentary registration to NPMA's Pest World in Nevada this November.

Kristen Spotz provided an update from the organization Responsible Industry for Sound Environment (RISE):

- Expressed thanks to ASPCRO for the ability to meet and be included. Also wanted to thank for your help during COVID and help with issues there – the dedication and effort during that time.
- Provided background on RISE – which represents distributors and registrants who distribute specialty products. Their goal is to serve as a trusted source for information.
- Recent regulatory efforts:
 - RISE hosted EPA Labels Live to help educate regulators about specialty products development and production.
 - Submitted comments on the proposed rule changes related to product efficacy. They also requested further clarification for termite efficacy.
- RISE completed a survey about the view of the general public regarding pesticide products. With roughly 1000 responses from adults 21 and older. 80% of respondents felt pesticides were needed. The majority felt the pesticide regulatory framework was doing adequate job on regulating pesticides.
- Their latest legislative activities are defending against preemption and policies changes not based on science or available data.
- RISE currently has over 950 members.
 - Ryan asked if they share survey findings. Kristen replied RISE may be releasing a white paper on the survey and would need to see if this is possible.

Mark Daniels provided an update the Tribal Pesticide Programs Council (TPPC):

- TPPC is made up of members of pesticide program professionals from tribes.
- The group serves as liaison for tribes to EPA and informs tribes of upcoming changes.
- The group has roughly 35 members from tribes across the nation.
- They have monthly conference calls often including guests like EPA.
- There are two meetings in-person each year, although COVID has affected these meetings recently.
- TPPC provides many comment letters to EPA and other entities.
- TPPC has several committees for topics of interest like pollinator issues.
- The group mainly discusses agricultural issues, but they have had more structural issues recently like disinfection applications.
- TPPC has been focused on IPM policies to minimize the use of pesticides.

Open Discussion:

- No remarks were offered during open discussion.

MOTION MADE: Motion made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted,


Allison Cuellar, ASPCRO Secretary