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ASPCRO MID-YEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
TUESDAY April 19, 2022  
*Renaissance Reno Downtown Hotel and Spa*  
Reno, NV

The ASPCRO Board of Directors Meeting was held in person at the Renaissance Reno Downtown Hotel and Spa in Reno, NV on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Those in attendance were:

- ❖ Board Members Present:
  - ASPCRO President – Ryan Okey- Clemson University Department of Pesticide;
  - ASPCRO Vice President - Allison Cuellar - Texas Department of Agriculture;
  - ASPCRO Secretary - John Pitcock – Kentucky Department of Agriculture;
  - ASPCRO Treasurer – Grant Bishop – West Virginia Department of Agriculture
  - ASPCRO Past President – Liza Fleeson Trossbach – Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
  - ASPCRO At Large Member – Cindy Fulton – Wyoming Department of Agriculture
  - ASPCRO At Large Member – Mathew Lopez – Colorado Department of Agriculture
  - ASPCRO At Large Member – Courtney Frazier - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
  - ASPCRO Executive Secretary – Mike Page
- ❖ State Lead Agencies:
  - Brad Smith – Kentucky Department of Agriculture
  - Amy Brown - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
  - Derrick Lastinger – Georgia Department of Agriculture
- ❖ Industry Representatives:
  - Bonnie Rabe – Rollins
  - Kim Nemeth - P&G
  - Faye Golden - Cook's / AAPSE
  - Alvin Harris - DC Pesticides
  - Chris Davis – Rentokil
  - Staci Jo Johnston – Ecolab
  - Linda Johns - UMN GA
  - Jim Fredericks – NPMA
  - Marie Horner – Arrow
  - Jim Wright – BASF
  - Jan Brill - Bayer

President, Ryan Okey calls the meeting to order. Introductions were heard from the Board and all attendees.

Ryan Okey recognizes At Large Member, Cindy Fulton for her upcoming retirement thanking her for her service to ASPCRO.

### **Treasure's Report - Grant Bishop**

- ❖ Accounts
  - Checking Account \$44,548.49
  - CD \$22,892.45
- ❖ Grant notified everyone the annual meeting sponsorship funds from 2020 were used for virtual meeting coordination services for the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- ❖ The most activity over the last year involved the collection of annual dues from member states.

**Motion made** to approve - Cindy Fulton

Motion Seconded – Allison Cuellar

Motion passed unanimously

### **Planning Committee Report – Allison Cuellar**

Annual Meeting August 15-19 Minneapolis, MN (The Graduate)-

- ❖ Rough Itinerary
  - Monday- Travel Day
  - Tuesday- Free Inspector Training, Committee Meeting, and evening welcome reception
  - Wednesday-Friday general session
  - Thursday- Pest Tour location TBD followed by an evening reception
  - Friday- General session wraps up at noon and traveling home
  - Ryan Okey shares with the membership that as a board we have decided to make the Inspector Training at the ASPCRO annual meeting a regular event. The board also decided to have the ASPCRO Past President chair the Inspector Training committee.

### **2021 Annual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Allison Cuellar**

**Motion made** to approve minutes – Liza Fleeson Trossbach

Motion Seconded – Cindy Fulton

Motion passed unanimously

Minutes available for review on our website [www.aspcro.org](http://www.aspcro.org)

### **Executive Secretary Report – Mike Page**

- ❖ Filing the articles of incorporation was completed in February 2022.
- ❖ Annual Dues reminder went out January 20, 2022, along with a revised Dues Letter and invoice. The process for paying membership dues has been slightly simplified with embedded links to Authorize.net account services directly on the Members Page. Currently 28 states have paid

dues. A reminder email has not been sent to date. Status of states listed in good standing can be found at <https://aspcro.org/members/>.

- ❖ Notice of the Annual Conference has not yet been distributed. However, dates and information related to the meeting have been posted on the website's home page (marquee) and at <https://aspcro.org/meetings>.

**Committee Reports:** Reports can be viewed on ASPCROs website

- ❖ Communication Committee – Mike Page

- Website Review

- Suggestions for improvements were mentioned. Key among them were timeliness of information on the website. Aesthetics appear to be satisfactory although changing images posted on the About Us page should be updated periodically. Use of images taken during ASPCRO meetings is also an important consideration. With few exceptions, the website still allows users to locate documents within 3-clicks (stated goal of the website's design).

- SOP Development

- Work toward developing a manual delineating the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Secretary position continues. The goal is to provide future ExecSecs with a manual of how-to responsibilities given the position's critical importance in communicating information to the membership and industry partners as well as website and document management. A list of current and planned SOP's is below.

- 001 – SOP Template
- 002 – File Naming Convention
- 003 – Filing Articles of Incorporation
- 004 – Official Communications Members/Industry
- 005 – Login Procedures
- 006 – ASPCRO Files
- 007 – Authorize.net Actions & Updates
- Website Editing (planned)
- Website Page Creation (planned)
- Official Calendar of Events (planned)
- Document Management/Strategy (planned)
- OneDrive/iDrive Account Access (planned)
- ASPCRO Sponsorships (planned)

- Videos on Homeowner Page

- The idea is to post short informational video that explain specific issues related to structural pest control and other non-agricultural related topics.

- Search Functionality
  - The desire to build a search functionality into the ASPCRO website remains an important goal.
- Alternate Webmaster
  - The committee has identified the need for a backup/alternate webmaster, familiar with website management or willing to learn, how to assist with developing and strategically designing website pages. **Brian Kennedy (AZ)** “agreed” to serve as an alternate webmaster.
- ❖ Building Code Committee – Grant Bishop
  - The Building Code Committee convened in person on April 19, 2022, prior to the Board of Directors Midyear Meeting in Reno, NV. Topics of discussion included revisions to the ASPCRO Spray Polyurethane Foam White Paper, continued efforts to revise the International Code Council Energy Codes that address spray foam and a Demonstration Project Reporting Detection of Subterranean Termite (Blattodea: Rhinotermitidae) Infestation and Spray Polyurethane Foam.
  - In 2019 ASPCRO finalized a Spray Polyurethane Foam Insulation White Paper. The document advises state lead agencies to work with their building code officials to insert building code provisions for inspection gaps in spray foam applied in crawl space to allow for inspection of termite activity. The group agreed to revise the document with similar language to successful code revisions in GA. The amended version provides for a visible inspection of the foundation and framing interface (FFI) of a crawl space and basement construction. To allow for inspection it is recommended rigid foam be used and the airspace leaks be sealed with caulk. The Building Code Committee will send the revised paper to the Board of Directors for review and approval for posting on ASPCRO’s web site.
  - Via membership with International Code Council the Building Code Committee will continue efforts to revise International Energy Codes with language to allow for inspection of the FFI as noted above and outlined in the Spray Foam White Paper. A unified front from ASPCRO and NPMA to encourage this revision was suggested as we move forward.
  - The committee agreed to update the Hot Topics section of the web site to include a link to Demonstration Project Reporting Detection of Subterranean Termite (Blattodea: Rhinotermitidae) Infestation and Spray Polyurethane Foam. Brian Forschler, Department of Entomology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602 USA. J. Entomol. Sci. 57(1): 138–144 (January 2022)
  - Work on ICC International Energy Conservation Codes on potential revisions.
  - Comments:
    - Derrick asks if any states are looking to make changes
      - Faye Golden – AL is considering changes

❖ Structural Fumigation – Derrick Lastinger

- New Members
  - Ken Everett (CA)
  - Tory Matsumura (HI)
  - Derek Johnson (Cardinal Professional Products)
  - Chris Davis (Rentokil)
- The Committee met several times regarding the Sulfuryl Fluoride Draft Interim Re-entry Mitigation Measures Memorandum in response to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit.
- Registration Review
  - SFC is routinely communicating with OPP as they finalize risk assessments and preliminary interim decisions for the structural/commodity fumigants.
  - SFC continues to offer and provide resources and assistance to EPA for training needs and discussion regarding the state regulation and the use of the structural/commodity fumigants.
  - ASPCRO has worked with NPMA to host 4 fumigation workshops for EPA pesticide reevaluation scientists. (Over 50 US EPA staff participated in these workshops)
- Air Permits
  - SFC started a dialogue with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA) which is made up of 11 states.
  - After US EPA issued the draft mitigation measures on May 25th, ASPCRO reached out to MARAMA to make them aware of the memo and ask if they planned to discuss. No communications have been received.
- PERC
  - SFC worked with Sandra McDonald on the PERC Non-soil fumigant project.
  - Several SFC members served on the PERC project workgroup.
  - ASPCRO assisted with the learning objective ranking survey
  - The NSF Exam workgroup finalized the test blueprint and reviewed the manual and writing examination questions.

❖ Inspector Training – George Saxton - Chair (Not Present), Report given by Ryan Okey

- The second annual inspector training was announced to the membership.
- The training will be limited to 30 participants.
- Nominees must be ASPCRO members and will receive free registration to attend the full ASPCRO annual meeting/general sessions.
- All nominations for the training are due back to Mike Page by **June 6<sup>th</sup>**.

❖ Public Health – No Report Given

❖ Rodenticide – Alvin Harris

- For the mid-year meeting, the Rodenticide committee anticipated focusing primarily on the EPA's expected Proposed Interim Decisions (PIDs) for the rodenticides scheduled to be issued in early 2022. The Office of Pesticide Programs, Biological and Economic Analysis Division (OPP-BEAD) is currently in the process of analyzing the usage and

benefits of rodenticides proposal to make all bulk rodenticides Restricted Use Products (RUP). The PID was not issued, and it is expected to be issued later this year, 2022.

- Dr. Jim Fredericks gave a brief synopsis of where EPA is on the forthcoming PID. After several exchanges of ideas and suggestions regarding how the proposed PID may affect both the regulators and regulated entities, Ryan Okey proposed that ASPCRO will send out a short survey regarding the possible impact this may have on the State Lead Agencies certification programs.
- The meeting adjourned with the understanding that once EPA announces the PID release, the committee will immediately convene a called meeting.
- Comments:
  - Jim Fredricks makes the comment, “EPA has thoughts and plans to propose Restricted Use labels for all rodenticides. It is unofficial at this moment and has only been talked about”

❖ Pest Management in Schools – Allison Cuellar

- White paper on pesticides and children at schools - A draft white paper was shared with committee members. This paper communicates how pesticides are registered and information on how to evaluate safety/risk of pesticide applications at schools. During the next meeting in June or July 2022, we’ll discuss revisions to the paper. The paper will be emailed to all attendees.
- Survey – A new survey will be done using the previous survey from 2014 as a basis and increasing question related to licensing. The committee discussed licensing in different states for applications at schools. Cindy (WY) offered to share a template of a letter WDA created and sent to school superintendents suggesting they license their staff making applications and offering training for applicators at schools. Wyoming has seen success from the letters. Mike offered to assist in creating the survey. The draft survey will be shared during the next meeting in June or July.
- Suggestions received from committee members
  - Derrick shared Georgia was able to get an EPA grant to do outreach with elementary students. They discuss pesticides and bugs in an age appropriate way.
  - Mike suggested making short videos of information meant for schools for the ASPCRO website. It was suggested and agreed this effort would be improved with the help of the PSEP community in states.

❖ Structural Remediation – Clint Shettle (No report given at meeting but the following was submitted by Clint Shettle as a report.)

- The SRC Chair met virtually on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 with Tom Smith and Mike Cameron of the National Pesticide Safety Education Center (NPSEC) to further discuss options and test drive a possible webpage based RemediaPedia concept that Mike Cameron created.
- In the April 12, 2022 Zoom call, arranged by NPSEC’s Ms. Courtney Weatherbee, NPSEC’s Tom Smith and Mike Cameron and SRC Chair, Clint Shettle walked through a draft website concept for RemediaPedia. The website based format does offer some

features and versatility that a simple downloaded file would not. The ability to rank references in multiple categories simultaneously remains a challenge. If RemediaPedia were website based, the “search-ability” and internet accessibility are greatly increased. The stumbling block at this point for either the downloadable file version or the website-based version is the limited data entered into the RemdiaPedia thus far.

- NPSEC and the SRC plan to meet again in the near future to discuss progress and improvements.
- The next step will be to put together (a “starter set” of) references to place into RemediaPedia.
- NPSEC’s willingness to help is very much appreciated and recognized.
- We are still in need of structural remediation references to populate RemediaPedia. If you or someone you know, is aware of a reference or references that have been useful in the structural remediation of pesticides, please contact the SRC.

❖ Termiticide Label Review – Ryan Okey

- The TLRC is communicating with the EPA pesticide registration division on a future meeting.
- They also have plans to organize a meeting to introduce new members of both the committee and the EPA. The intent is to open up a dialogue between the two parties and revisit the MOU between the EPA and ASPCRO.

**Motion made** to accept – Grant Bishop

Motion Seconded – Cindy Fulton

Motion passed unanimously

**New Business-**

❖ Preemption Issues - Ryan Okey, Jim Fredericks

- As of now, 46 States have Preemption at the state level
- A pesticide preemption bill (HR 7266) was introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday by Representative Rodney Davis (IL-13). This bill would codify federal pesticide preemption as the national standard, ensuring that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the state lead agency jointly regulate pesticide usage. It would preclude localities from regulating pesticides.
- AAPCO and ASPCRO signed a letter to support HR 7266, the request to sign was submitted by NPMA. More than 100 organizations have already signed on in support.

❖ Sulfuryl Fluoride Label Changes – Ryan Okey, Allison Cuellar, Derrick Lastinger, Jim Fredericks

- Ryan Okey provided a summary of EPA’s Sulfuryl Fluoride proposed interim decision (PID) released in May 2021
- The comment period for the PID closed in September 2021
- SLA members from ASPCRO’s Structural Fumigation committee provided comment
- ASPCRO and ASPCRO’s structural fumigation committee continues to monitor for updates from EPA

- ❖ International Residential Building Code – Grant Bishop, Ryan Okey
  - Spray Foam White Paper
    - Grant proposed draft revisions to include the following:
      - Inspection gap language to visual inspection of the foundation and framing interface (FFI).
      - The use of caulk to seal up airspace leaks and rigid foam in the FFI will allow for removal and visual inspection
      - The Building Code Committee will continue efforts to get this language into the international building codes, specifically the International Energy codes where insulation is addressed
- ❖ Termiticide Efficacy Model Regulations/Pretreat Rules – Ryan Okey, Courtney Frazier
  - The TLRC and TSC have discussed the proposal to draft model regulations for the registration of termiticide.
  - Some states do not have the ability to request and review efficacy data to support the approval or denial of a termiticide registration.
  - The committees are currently reviewing the product performance requirements for public health pests that were recently incorporated into CFR.
- ❖ Rodenticide Registration Review – Ryan Okey
  - ASPCRO is waiting to review the PIDs for rodenticide.
  - In anticipation of some of the proposals, the rodenticide committee is drafting a brief survey to identify how some changes would impact supervision, certification, and testing in SLAs.

### **Presenters from the Industry**

- ❖ RISE – Kristin Scott
  - Hosting their Annual meeting this week
- ❖ National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) – Zach Gihorski
  - Focused heavily on Farm Bill discussions
    - What is going well?
    - What needs to be addressed?
  - Making sure they have EPA Funding for FIFRA Programs
  - Hosting Regional Meetings this summer please be on the lookout for invitations and attend if possible.
- ❖ Tribal Pesticides Program Council (TPPC) – Mark Daniels
  - Recently focusing efforts on:
    - Pollinator Protection
    - Air quality in schools
    - Informing homeowners on proper treatment of cockroaches
    - Over use and misuse of disinfectants in schools
    - Prepared a issue paper for the EPA on Bed Bugs in Tribal communities



- ❖ National Pest Management Association (NPMA) – Jim Fredericks
  - Developing training materials which are available at [npmatrain.org](http://npmatrain.org)
  - High Priorities this year:
    - Fumigation
    - Rodenticides
    - Spray Foam Insulation
    - House Bill 7266
    - Back yard mosquito mist blower treatments (Looking for clarity on labels)
  - Pest World is coming up in Boston this October- please consider attending
  - Launched Workforce Development Initiative – positions the Pest Control Industry as desirable place to work
  - NPMA has a website, [npmatrain.org](http://npmatrain.org) that has several training opportunities for new inspectors some are free some are not
  - TIKTOK - @pestworld
  - NPMA issues a monthly podcast which can be found on any platform that has podcasts
- ❖ Certification Training Assessment Group (CTAG) – Linda Johns
  - Meet on a monthly basis
  - Preparing for there “In Person” meeting in July before AAPSE
  - Have some open At Large Member positions if anyone is interested (3 Year Commitment)
  - Current High Priority:
    - Label Mandated Trainings for Paraquat and Dicamba.
      - Putting together a white paper that looks into whether or not these are working. Also developing a survey to send around to SLA’s asking for their input on whether or not these trainings are making a difference.
  - Topics for their “In Person” meeting this summer
    - Manual Development
    - Creating a document to help states with reciprocity

**Motion made** to adjourn the meeting – Allison Cuellar  
 Motion Seconded – Courtney Frazier  
 Motion passed unanimously

**End of Minutes**

Respectfully Submitted,



John Pitcock, ASPCRO Secretary