



ASPCRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY August 16, 2022
1:00 PM CST
The Graduate Hotel – Minneapolis, MN

The ASPCRO Board of Director’s Meeting was held at the Graduate Hotel in Minneapolis, MN on August 16th, 2022. Those in attendance were:

Those Present:

- **Board Members:** Ryan Okey, ASPCRO President, Clemson University Department of Pesticide; Allison Cuellar, ASPCRO Vice President, Texas Department of Agriculture; Grant Bishop, ASPCRO Treasurer, West Virginia Department of Agriculture; John Pitcock, ASPCRO Secretary, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Liza Fleeson Trossbach, ASPCRO Past President, Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services; Courtney Frazier, ASPCRO At-Large Member, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Matt Lopez, ASPCRO At-Large Member; and Mike Page, ASPCRO Executive Secretary.
- **State Lead Agency’s:** Mike Kelly, Texas Department of Agriculture; Derrick Lastinger, Georgia Department of Agriculture; Amy Brown, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Roger Mackedanz, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Mike Weyman, Clemson University Department of Pesticide; Kevin Gibson, Office of Indiana State Chemist; George Saxton, Office of Indiana State Chemist; Jay Kelley, Office of Indiana State Chemist; Clint Shettle, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Ali Ikner, Georgia Department of Agriculture; Daniel Duer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; and Tim Taylor, Georgia Department of Agriculture
- **Industry Representatives:** Marie Horner, Arrow; Staci Jo Johnston, Ecolab; Angel Egan, Ecolab; Chris White, TAP PCI; Ken Everett, DPR; Bert Wagemans, Syngenta; Rick Bell, Arrow; Jan Brill, Bayer; and Julie Spagnoli, Jm Specialty Consulting.
- **Others Present:** Jim Fredericks, NPMA; Linda Johns, University of Minnesota PSEE; Molly Vagle, University of Minnesota PSEE; Alvin Harris, DCDOEE; and Jim Wright, BASF

Ryan Opens Meeting At 1:00PM

- Introductions heard from all present
- Ryan thanks Roger Mackedanz and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for their hospitality.

Treasurer's Report – Grant Bishop

- Current Balance \$71,126.30
- Total Expenditures \$37,661.60
- The Board Voted on whether or not ASPCRO should change banks from Poca Valley Bank, a small bank in the hometown of Grant Bishop, our Treasurer, to a more national bank that could be better accessed by other board members should the need arise as well as provide more online banking capabilities.
 - Voting resulted in making the change to a more nationally accessible bank
 - Grant Bishop, Allison Cuallar, and John Pitcock visited Chase Bank and completed the transfer. These three individuals now have access to the ASPCRO Bank Account with Chase Bank.
 - **Motion made** to move from our current bank to a more nationally accessible bank: Allison Cuellar
 - Motion second: Liza
 - Motion passed
- **Motion made** to Accept the Treasurer's Report: Allison Cuellar
 - Motion second: Courtney Frazier
 - Motion passed

Approval of 2022 Mid Year Meeting Minutes – Ryan Okey

- Motion made to approve the Mid Year Meeting Minutes: Courtney Frazier
 - Motion second: Grant Bishop

Executive Secretary Report – Mike Page

- There are issues when it comes to keeping SLA contact information up to date.
 - Board offers to split up the states and helping with this
 - Ryan suggests contacting each Region's SFIREG Chair because they already have a contact list for each state that is updated twice a year.
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Committee Reports

Building Code – Grant Bishop

- The Building Code Committee convened in person on August 16, 2022, prior to the Board of Directors Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. Topics of discussion included continued efforts to revise the International Code Council Energy Codes that address spray foam and building relationships with National Association of Home Builders and National Association of Realtors.

- 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 that airspace leaks be sealed with caulk and rigid foam be placed in this area.
- Via International Code Council membership, the Building Code Committee will continue efforts to revise International Energy Codes with language to allow for inspection of the foundation and framing interface (FFI) as outlined in the Spray Foam White Paper. A unified front from ASPCRO and NPMA to encourage this revision is ongoing.
- An action item was acknowledged by the group to build relationships with the National Association of Home Builders and National Association of Realtors to further the efforts of International Energy Code revisions.

Inspector Training – George Saxton

- The Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) learned that many states are dealing with “Boomers” retiring. To that end, ASPCRO sent out a survey asking states to rank topics they would like for ASPCRO to target for training. ASPCRO received a total of thirty (30) responses. If we look at responses that received a “Moderately High” to “High” rating, the survey revealed the following ranking in descending order:

Topic	Votes
Interviewing/Interrogation Techniques	26
Label Interpretation	24
Report Writing	22
Dealing With Difficult Customers/De-Escalation Techniques	21
Testifying at a Hearing	20
Pest Biology from a Regulatory Perspective	18
Interpreting Lab Results - Understanding the Terminology	18
Risk Communication	17
Administrative Law	16
Criminal vs Civil Enforcement	12
Interacting with EPA OPP/CID	10

- As a result of the survey, ASPCRO developed a one-day training session to be held at the beginning of the ASPCRO meetings to help states train new hires in investigative areas they don’t normally get in their state.

- To that end, on August 10, 2021, Special Agent Douglas Gains, Assistant District Attorney Elliott Daniels and George Saxton taught a virtual class. Due to the enormous success of the first meeting, it was determined that ASPCRO should bring in a well-vetted speaker for the next training session to be held in Minneapolis.
 - On August 16, 2022, Mike Ferjak, retired military, retired police officer and 30-year instructor for the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation was hired for this session. Approximately 22 investigators attended this meeting. The topics for instruction were:
 1. Dealing with difficult customers
 2. Written Statement Analysis; and
 3. Interviewing.
- The ITC met on August 16, 2022, to discuss future training for the 2023 meeting in Reno, NV and other future trainings.
 - ITC will be sending out an evaluation form to the 22 attendees, asking them for feedback on the instructor and training topics.

Pest Management in Schools – Allison Cuellar

- Old Business:
 - White paper on pesticides and children – A draft white paper was reviewed, and a meeting date selection will be sent via email to SLA committee members to pick a meeting date sometime prior to the midyear meeting. This meeting will be used to finalize the white paper draft to be reviewed and discussed at mid-year. This meeting will include a PSEP member or two.
 - Survey – a draft survey was reviewed and revisions to the draft were suggested by members.
 - EPA Grant for outreach – Georgia shared information on grant they received from EPA (region 4) to do outreach to schools. This grant enables GDA to teach students about IPM.
 - Informational videos links for ASPCRO website – A suggestion was made to add information video links to entities like the National Pesticide Safety Education Center (NPSEC) or National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) to information on the School IPM/Pest Management Committee ASPCRO website.
- New Business:
 - Suggestions received from committee members – to help states, tribes and territories to get funding to help with pest management in schools. Mike stated he could reach out to EPA to find out more about the process. Linda suggested fitting the funding, if sought, into EPA’s current objectives.

Termiticide Label Review Committee – Ryan Okey

- Waiting on report from Ryan

Rodenticide – Alvin Harris

- Waiting on report from Alvin

Structural Fumigation – Derrick Lastinger

- Structural Fumigation met on August 16th
 - Membership - Adam Yamamoto (HI) was added to the committee membership. Cincy Fulton (NV) retired.
 - 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).
 - The committee plans to meet again prior to the mid-year board meeting scheduled to be held in Kentucky in April 2023. The committee will also be prepared to meet when EPA publishes the Sulfuryl Fluoride Final Interim Re-entry Mitigation Measures Memorandum scheduled for 2023.

Structural Remediation – Clint Shettle

- Structural Remediation met on August 16th
 - Approximately 12 were in attendance in-person with several joining virtually through Google Meet. A brief review of the RemediaPedia concept was provided and an update on the current status was discussed.
 - Tom Smith and Mike Cameron from the National Pesticide Safety Education Center (NPSEC) introduced and demonstrated a conceptual prototype of a web-based form of RemediaPedia that could provide increased versatility and reach of RemediaPedia and potentially increase exposure of ASPCRO (and NPSEC) to a wider audience.
 - Before the above individual webpage based concept can be further developed, the core of RemediaPedia needs to be developed into a more useful form. Three stages of development are envisioned:
 - Post a list of reference citations on the ASPCRO website for review and vetting using the RemediaPedia submission form format.
 - Assemble the RemediaPedia quick reference spreadsheet;
 - Post the RemediaPedia spreadsheet for downloading from the ASPCRO webpage
 - Reliance on volunteer assistance in providing careful reviews of references or case study submissions will likely be difficult. The list will be continually

updated as reviews are received and/or new references added. 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.

- Motion made to accept Committee Reports: Liza Fleeson Trossbach
 - Motion second: Matt Lopex
 - Motion passed

New Business

- Resolutions – John Pitcock
 - I. Resolution of appreciation for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture
 - The 2022 annual meeting of the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials held in Minneapolis, MN has been an excellent meeting filled with invaluable dialogue between state agencies, industry, and other related communities. With the high-quality content and great hospitality from MDA, it is resolved that ASPCRO recognizes and sincerely appreciates Roger Mackedanz and staff of the MDA for their outstanding efforts and dedication in hosting this successful meeting and introducing the attendees to their beautiful Midwest flare. Thank you, Minnesota, for being awesome.
 - II. Resolution of appreciation for sponsors of the 2022 Annual Meeting
 - The Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials values involvement of the many manufacturers, suppliers, pest control companies, pest control associations and others in supporting ASPCRO and the annual meeting. It is resolved that ASPCRO recognizes all the businesses, companies, and organizations for their support and contributions to the 2022 annual meeting in Minneapolis, MN. We could not do what we do without you.
- Annual and Mid Year Meetings Update – Allison Cuellar
 - The 2023 Mid Year Meeting will be held in Lexington, KY April 3-7
 - The 2023 Annual Conference will be held in Reno, NV at the Whitney Peaks Hotel August 21-25
- Fumigation Workshop – Derrick Lastinger
 - ASPCRO and NPMA are hosting a 2.5-day structural fumigation workshop on September 19-22, 2022 at the University of Florida Fumigation School in Davie, Florida. 5 U.S. EPA Officials from PRD, HED and BEAD will attend.

Reports By Other Associations

- AAPCO Liaison Report – Liza Fleeson Trossbach
 - 2022 marked 75 years for AAPCO;

- As we emerge from COVID-19, we are focusing on establishing/reestablishing relationships with EPA and other interested priorities. We are currently meeting regularly with EPA Offices of Pesticide Programs and Enforcement & Compliance Assurance. Additional recurring meetings include the quarterly joining meeting with ASPCRO and TPPC/ITEP and monthly meetings with NASDA;
- Select topics of current interest to AAPCO include ☐Certification and Training Plans; ☐Chlorpyrifos; Chlorine Gas; ☐PFAS;☐Preemption;☐ESA;☐Dicamba; and Atrazine.
- Ongoing activities include the Label Improvement Project and AAPCO has begun the process of information gathering related to e-Commerce.
- Upcoming meetings include:
 - SFIREG
 - Joint Working Committees: September 19-20 (Providence RI)
 - Full SFIREG: December 5-6 (Northern Virginia - Location TBD)
 - 2023 AAPCO Annual Meeting: March 6-8 (Alexandria VA).
- CTAG – Linda Johns
 - Current Projects
 - Label Mandated Training
 - Webinar & On-Demand Online Training
 - Manual Development for States
 - Reciprocity Document
 - Additional Issues for National C&T
- NPMA – Jim Fredericks
 - Pest World 2022
 - Largest pest control tradeshow exhibition hall in the world and more than 70 educational sessions over the course of three days. As always, NPMA is happy to offer complimentary registration to any SLA staff that would like to attend.
 - Boston
 - October 12-14
 - NPMA Workforce Development Initiative
 - NPMA has launched a workforce development initiative to encourage job seekers to consider the pest control industry as a career choice. We’ve launched a technician training pilot program with Cecil College in Maryland and launched www.pestcontroljobs.com an informational site that includes an industry job board.

Motion made to adjourn by Liza Fleeson Trossbach.

Second: Courtney Frazier.

Motion was passed, the Mid Year Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm

Next Meeting is September 21st

End of Minutes