



ASPCRO Pest Management in Schools Committee Meeting Report

Date: August 22, 2023

Location: Via Teams OR in-person Whitney Peaks 3 @ Whitney Peaks Hotel Reno, NV

Attendees: Michael Kelly (TX Dept of Ag) Janine Runfola (Colorado Dept of Ag), Brad Smith (KY Dept of Ag), John Pitcock (KY Dept of Ag.), Seth Dunlap (AK Dept of Ag.), Allison Cuellar (TX Dept of Ag)

Topics:

1. White paper on pesticide applications at schools
2. Survey
3. Informational videos links for ASPCRO website
4. New Business/Activities Discussion - What is needed?
5. Open Discussion

White Paper on Pesticides & Children

The white paper is a high-level informational document on how pesticides are evaluated and use patterns are determined. The committee reviewed the current draft of the white paper, currently titled *Pesticide Use in Schools: Information for Parents, Teachers and School Personnel*. Committee members also reviewed a modified draft with Texas-specific information to demonstrate on the document could be used by SLAs. Committee members provided input on revisions to the current draft and discussed the potential inclusion of information like teachers not applying pesticides to control pest infestations. A final draft will be reviewed and shared with ASPCRO board members. When reviewed by the Board and approved, the document will be available on the ASPCRO website as a committee document.

Survey

The draft survey was reviewed by the committee. Feedback was provided to make grammatical clarifications and improve the format/flow of the survey. The intent is to send the survey out to ASPCRO members and compare responses with the last survey completed by ASPCRO more than a decade ago. The committee will use this survey to determine how the committee can continue the committee's mission: to assist member states with the improvement and implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles and concepts in schools in the interest of promoting and protecting Children's Environmental Safety.

Information Links for ASPCRO Website

The committee discussed links that could be posted to the committee's page as a resource. Allison shared a meeting with IPM Institute and the resources they have available.

There was no additional discussion for new business or open discussion.