



ASPCRO MIDYEAR MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2024
1:30 PM EST
THE WESTIN HARBORVIEW PORTLAND, ME

Board Members:

- ASPCRO President - Allison Cuellar, Texas Department of Agriculture
- ASPCRO Vice President - John Pitcock, Kentucky Department of Agriculture
- ASPCRO Secretary - Courtney Frazier, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- ASPCRO Past President - Ryan Okey, Clemson University Department of Pesticide
- ASPCRO Treasurer - Grant Bishop, West Virginia Department of Agriculture
- ASPCRO BOD Member at Large - Christine Wicks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- ASPCRO BOD Member at Large - Bill Reid, The Office of Indiana State Chemist
- ASPCRO BOD Member at Large – Matt Lopez, Colorado Department of Agriculture
- ASPCRO Executive Secretary – Mike Page

State Lead Agencies:

- Amy Brown, Florida Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Megan Patterson, Maine Dept of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Dave Huber, Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets
- Alex Peacock, Maine Dept of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Derrick Lastinger, Georgia Dept of Agriculture

Industry Representatives:

- Rick Bell, Arrow
- Staci Jo Johnston, Ecolab
- Marie Horner, Arrow
- Jim Wright, BASF
- Kelley Altland, Bell Labs
- Andrew Architect, NPMA
- Effie Toren, BASF
- Faye Golden, Cook's Pest Control
- Jim O'Neal, Rentokil Terminix
- Will Weaver, MD Weaver Corp
- Chris White, TAP Pest Control Insulation
- J.D. Darr, NPMA

President Allison Cuellar opens the meeting promptly at 1:30 pm. After Board introductions and a brief welcome, we began with the agenda items.

Treasurer's Report - Grant Bishop

- Accounts
 - Checking account: \$6,409
 - Waiting on Rollins 2023 sponsorship check which is in the mail.
- Annual meeting expenses have increased (hotel food and beverage and AV) and this necessitates increased registration fees and increased sponsorships.
 - Annual meeting registration will be going up this year. State memberships remain the same at \$150 for now.
 - The BOD created a Diamond sponsorship level which helped space out the levels and recognize individuals who should have been set apart. Sponsorships are directed at annual meeting.
- The Midyear meeting budget was a wash.
- Executive secretary payroll increased as well due to more work hours being needed.
- Grant will work with John on annual meeting budget. The food and beverage contract is in place.
- Grant suggested that we need a year-round budget for Executive secretary, board members travel and EPA trainings/workshops.
- Allison shared that the BOD is trying to get away from multiple subscriptions by converting to Google workplace.

Planning Committee Report – John Pitcock

- The Committee is meeting once a month virtually and putting together the Lexington agenda.
- Annual Meeting 2024
 - Location and Dates – Lexington, KY August 19 – 23, at the Hilton Downtown Lexington
 - Sessions will include the following topics: OPP & OECA updates, Rodenticides, Endangered Species Act, Deregulation, Bed bugs, problem with do-it-yourself pest control, C&T survey, Georgia economic study.
 - The pest tour will be at the Keeneland horse track.
 - The guest tour will include the Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm, lunch at Wallace station and a Woodford Reserve tour and tasting.
- Planning Committee will be traveling around Portland the next two days to visit locations of interest for the 2025 Annual Meeting.

2023 Annual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Courtney Frazier

- The 2023 Annual BOD Meeting Minutes have been available for review on our website for a few weeks now.
- No comments or questions were brought before the Board.
- The meeting minutes were accepted unanimously by the BOD.

Executive Secretary Report – Michael Page (ASPCRO)

- Filed the articles of incorporation for our 501.C6 in January.
- Maintained announcements, website updates and updated online sponsorship link.

- Updated and edited Executive Secretary position description.
- Sent out dues reminders in February and will send another reminder to missing states.
 - We currently have 35 states that have paid their dues.
- Researched Google workspace and briefed the BOD. The transition to this system will occur before annual meeting.
- Updated website security information.

Committee Reports

Building Code Committee – Grant Bishop

During the 2024 Mid-year meeting the committee met with two attendees participating.

- Grant drafted a letter to SLAs re: insulation claims regarding insects which will need the BOD review and sign off.
 - Highlights that these products shouldn't make these claims.

Inspector Training Committee – Dave Huber

During the 2024 Mid-year meeting the committee met with 14 in person attendees and 3 online attendees participating.

- The Committee has started meeting on the second Wednesday of every month.
- The Committee has decided to retool inspector training program.
- At the 2024 Annual meeting there will be 10 half hour presentations from Committee members that will include industry and regulatory perspective on all topics.
- The following year the program will be an 11-month webinar series consisting of monthly 1-hour presentations. The last presentation (#12) will be held at 2025 Annual meeting and will consist of a full day training. The training will cover 2-hour report writing & photography and 6-hour practical which will utilize all the skills attendees learned over the year. Graduation will be held following the practical at the Board meeting.
- The goal for the 3rd year (2026) would be to reuse some of the prior year webinars and add new speakers.

Pest Management in Schools (IPM) Committee – Allison Cuellar

The Committee met on April 16, 2024, via Teams.

Attendees: Janine Runfola (Colorado Dept of Ag), Emily Pochubay (MI Dept of Ag), Tim Stock (Oregon State University), John Pitcock (KY Dept of Ag.), Andrea Sonnen (OR Dept of Ag), Seth Dunlap (AK Dept of Ag.), Michael Kelly (TX Dept of Ag), Allison Cuellar (TX Dept of Ag), Robert Thompson (TX Dept of Ag)

Topics:

- 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 final draft of the white paper, currently titled *Pesticide Use in Schools: Information for Parents, Teachers and*

School Personnel. Committee members also reviewed a final 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. 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 collect contact information when completing the survey in the event an SLA wants to reach out to ask questions about another SLA. 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. From discussion, there is a wide array of priority of school IPM in various states with some states having dedicated staff and others needing. The committee was encouraged to contact Pesticide Safety Education Programs (PSEP) working in school IPM arena prior to sending the survey out to SLAs. Tim advised is a PSEP workgroup that has been working in the recent past on materials, but he is unsure of the status. 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. The survey can also help SLAs seeking to implement new policies and procedures related to school IPM to contact SLAs that may have insights on the process.

➤ Mission of Committee and Future Activities Discussion

- The committee discussed the ASPCRO Pest Management in Schools mission statement: The ASPCRO Pest Management in Schools Committee's mission is 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. Committee discussed the mission statement and discussion was had about possibility of extending the scope of the committee's purpose to include daycares. After discussion, it was determined the committee should focus on schools.
- During additional discussion, there was talk of contacting National Pesticide Safety Education Center (NPSEC) to see what information they may have related to supporting school IPM. NPSEC's function was discussed. NPSEC supports PSEPs and any materials they may have been made either for a particular PSEP or NPSEC is printing and distributing on behalf of the PSEP.
- During open discussion, there was discussion of common issues seen in pest management in schools and the challenges SLAs face regarding school IPM. There was no additional discussion.

Public Health Committee – Dave Harris

The Committee met virtually on April 4, 2024.

Attendees: Janet Hurley, Texas A & M, Dave Harris, Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Chair), Emily Pochubay, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, Janine Runfola, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Effie Toren, BASF, Bill Welsh, Rose Pest Solution, Christine Wicks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture (ASPCRO Board)

- Welcome
 - There was an initial informal discussion regarding bedbugs and public health, heat treatments and bedbug scent detection.
- Mosquito Mist Blower White Paper
 - The committee followed up regarding EPA's Response that current methodologies are protective to the user. Discussion took place regarding applicators not understanding the pesticide labels and application equipment. Discussion also took place regarding mosquito applicators making applications to structures (for structural pests) without the proper licensing.
- EPA Proposed rodenticide changes and public health impacts
 - The committee discussed concerns regarding rodenticide products that are still available for retail sale, along with carcass removal / retrieval requirements. Discussion also took place that there will be a rewrite of PIDs by EPA soon, along with studies are being questioned regarding only incident reporting.
 - The committee discussed that the general public may not be able to protect themselves/ afford to hire licensed applicators and that there were especially high risks in parts of the country where Hantavirus is prevalent. Concerns were additionally brought up regarding rodent control around food manufacturing facilities and farms as related to vector control.
 - The question was raised whether Health Departments and CDC are aware of the concerns and consequences regarding rodenticide rule changes and how to better bring them into the discussion. The committee discussed having more frequent meetings regarding the assemble of a plan/ playbook to help bring health departments into the rodenticide discussion. The committee will plan to meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 CDT. Emily Pochubay provided a test share doc to the group. Dave Harris will create a recurring meetin and send the calendar link to the committee. It was also discussed that Effie Toren will be attending the ASPCO Midyear meeting in person and will present the Public Health Committee Meeting minutes to the ASPCRO Board of Directors.

Rodenticide Committee – Matt Lopez

The ASPCRO Rodenticide Committee met in person at the Westin Harbor View Hotel in Portland, Maine on April 23, 2024.

There were 23 people in attendance in Maine, and another 13 attended virtually. We covered several points, agenda attached, and had terrific participation from the attendees in our rodenticide PID/BE discussion.

- Everyone had read ASPCRO's comments on the Biological Evaluation and the WY/CO EPA Tour Summary that was sent out. In discussing both, I emphasized the importance of participation in the comment process for the upcoming Revised PID, if we are allowed another opportunity to

comment, and it sounds like we will even though EPA is not required to provide another opportunity.

- JD Darr presented on the NPMA/EPA DC Tour and submitted a summary of the discussion held earlier this month.
 - There was discussion on the limitations of use with respect to the distance permitted in the PID and possibly a change in the proposed PPE requirements based on conversations during that tour.
- Additionally, more information about the PID process was provided, with likelihood that comments that were made are likely to be reflected/addressed in the upcoming revised PID, possibly in November of this year.
- RUP designation for rodenticides continues to be a concern, and it appears that EPA may want to explore ways that distribution could be changed to prevent rodenticides from being used by non-certified applicators, possibly without designating them as RUP.
- David Bryson presented his attendance at the Vertebrate Pest Conference. It appears that several US Cities may be attempting a birth control approach and a non-eradication policy where thresholds may be considered. The concern is that the structural damage to property will continue to happen in areas where the tools are limited in a way that permits the rodents to survive.
- A discussion of how to get EPA to more meetings was held, with the potential of inviting EPA to structural schools and perhaps asking EPA to send registration team members to PREP courses so that they can be better apprised of the bigger picture.
- Briefly discussed NYC Rat Czar, Kathleen Corradi. We would like to speak with her and gauge her interest and ability to present at an upcoming meeting to see how things are going, what are the biggest hurdles, successes, and to hear her thoughts on the Rodenticide PIDs.

Structural Fumigation Committee – Derrick Lastinger

During the 2024 Mid-year meeting the committee met with 22 attendees participating.

- The Committee continued to discuss the EPA early mitigation measures and received an update on actions taken by the EPA since August 2023. The EPA had issued two memos in September memo, one in October and one in November. The October 2023 memo resulted in changes to the language regarding clearance devices.
- The Committee's next steps are to request a meeting with EPA to gain clarity on the clearance device language and share concerns about enforceability.
- The Committee also discussed future training needs regarding SF changes and more specifically commodity fumigations (training for industry but regulators and inspectors can attend also).
- Reregistration is still in flux and will necessitate additional training. The Committee will work to ascertain which staff at EPA will be working on reregistration.

AAPCO Liaison Report – Megan Patterson (ME)

- Current President of AAPCO, Megan Patterson shared an update on several items AAPCO has been working on which included lots of conversations around ESA.
- She shared that the AAPCO website has presentations and committee reports and reviewed the structure of AAPCO and how to engage effectively.

- BOD consist of strictly state government officials. The associations can have work groups (ESA, worker protection standard) which membership can consist of any AAPCO member, if appropriate.
- Working committees are standing committees which liaison with EPA.
 - SFIREG Joint Working Committees (EQI, POM, ESA (new)).
 - The new ESA committee will be seeking membership soon and if interested you can nominate someone or yourself. This new committee will draw ESA work away from EQI and POM and allow them to work on other things and keep all ESA in one place.
- Fees increasing from \$125 → \$300 per state member.

New Business

- Annual Conference Update
 - The Annual conference will be held August 19 – 23 at the Lexington Hilton Downtown. The keynote speaker will be Al Green, Caverns of Concrete.
- C&T Implementation Survey
 - ASPCRO was approached about providing input on what C&T looks like across the country. Worked with industry on questions and board is working to iron out the survey.
- ASPCRO – EPA Meeting Summary
 - The Board identified a disconnect with EPA and noted that communication was lacking with ASPCRO. 6 months ago, Allison engaged OPP to host in person meeting to discuss these concerns. In January the meeting was held at EPA headquarters. Discussed concerns around the lack of relationship and how it could be beneficial for both parties to reengage. Outcome was to reset relationship. The goal is for ASPCRO to be a liaison between EPA, SLAs and Industry.
 - Additionally, the termiticide label review committee MOU is being updated.
 - Future bi-monthly meetings will be scheduled to engage registration review specialist and meet with EPA executive officers.
- ASPCRO Committee Board & Chair Vacancies
 - In mid-May nomination request for 2 At Large positions will go out. June or July call for a vote will go out. Each SLA gets 1 vote.
 - Label Language Stewardship & Structural Remediation committee both have Chair vacancies.

NPMA Update – JD Darr (NPMA)

- NPMA is focused on all thing Rodenticides and Fumigation.
- Pesticide preemption update:
 - Federal level - Chair of the Ag committee wants to move the Farm Bill. He expects the house version of the farm bill to contain preemption language. It will be harder on the Senate side.
 - State level. Current effort for preemption in Colorado.
- Beagle brigade act – not much movement.
- Structural pest control not in scope of vulnerable species pilot project.
- Staffing update – Megan Stregal Director of Legislative Affairs (JD Senior now). Hiring for manager of leg and regulatory affairs.

Open Discussion

- Derrick Lastinger brought up the topic of wild mouse vaccines. The state of Georgia was approached about allowing the vaccine to be put out by PC applicators.
 - Maine, Vermont, NY, Mass. and Connecticut have all been approached as well.
 - Vaccine has been approved by USDA.
 - It does not appear the vaccine is making any pesticidal claims.

Adjourn 3:25 pm

End of Minutes