



ASPCRO ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 20, 2024
1:00 PM EST
HILTON LEXINGTON DOWNTOWN
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

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 – Linda Johns

State Lead Agencies:

- Amy Brown, Florida Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Dave Huber, Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets
- Derrick Lastinger, Georgia Dept of Agriculture
- Mike Weyman, Clemson University Department of Pesticide
- Tim Drake, University Department of Pesticide
- George Saxton, The Office of Indiana State Chemist
- John Scott, Colorado Department of Agriculture
- Dave Harris, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Brian Verhougstraete, Michigan Department of Agriculture
- Roger Bryan, North Carolina Department of Agriculture
- Seth Dunlap, Arkansas Department of Agriculture
- Kevin Gibson, The Office of Indiana State Chemist
- Janine Runfola, Colorado Department of Agriculture

EPA Representatives:

- Royan Teter, Environmental Protection Agency

Industry Representatives:

- Marie Horner, Arrow
- Jim Wright, BASF
- Effie Toren, BASF
- Faye Golden, Cook's Pest Control
- Chris White, TAP Pest Control Insulation
- Dillon Gabbert, RISE
- Jerry Seabolt, Lookout Pest Control
- Katie Swift, Rodenticide Task Force

Others Present:

- J.D. Darr, NPMA
- Megan Striegel, NPMA
- Janet Hurley, Texas A&M University

President Allison Cuellar opens the meeting at 1:05 pm. After Board introductions and a brief welcome, we began with the agenda items.

Treasurer's Report - Grant Bishop

- Accounts
 - Checking account: \$55,462.74
 - Down to one account with Chase Bank – Board members on the bank account Grant, Allison, John.
 - No investments currently.
- Annual Meeting
 - Meeting registration numbers will go up because several people failed to pay prior to meeting.
 - Audio visual cost around \$19,000. Food and beverage will be high as well.
 - Another tight budget but with pledges should be in good shape by end of the year. Total pledges approximately \$63,500; \$41,677.21 of pledges collected.
 - Sometime in September we will get the final bills and will have an idea of where we are for the year.

Planning Committee Report – John Pitcock

- 2026 Midyear location undetermined. The Board is considering a few locations.
- 2025 annual meeting is set for August 24 through August 29 in Portland, Maine at the Holiday Day Inn by the Bay.

2024 Midyear Board of Directors Meeting Mins. - 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.

Motion made to accept Midyear meeting minutes: Allison Cuellar

- Motion Second: John Pitcock
- Motion passed.

Executive Secretary Report – Linda Johns

- On May 30, 2024, Linda signed the contract to become the new Executive Secretary and started working on June 3rd. She is spending time training with Mike Page currently.
- She has reviewed all SOPs and plans to work on developing more.
- She is learning RSVP book and working on gaining access to the Go Daddy website.
- She is now taking over the lead of switching to Google workspace which will allow the Board to transition away from Zoom.

Committee Reports

Communications Committee - Christine Wicks

During the 2024 Annual meeting the committee met with 15 attendees participating.

- Christine Wicks took over as Chair for the Committee.
- The Committee is working on giving the ASCPRO website a facelift. The goal is to create a simple clean and easy website. They are also looking to update the photos.

Inspector Training Committee - David Huber

- 2024 ITC One day training, 10 presentations/panel discussions.
 - Largest attendance yet with 17 inspectors and 9 speakers.
- 2025 ITC plan – 10-month webinar series with presentations from attorneys, regulators, and industry members. The ITC is seeking nominations for attendees which should be submitted to Linda by Sept 13, 2024, and chosen participants will be announced by Sept. 27, 2024. The presentations will be recorded and maintained in a library of webinars. The training will culminate with a practical training at the 2025 Annual meeting in Maine.
- 2026 ITC plan – Restart the webinar series utilizing some of the 2025 recordings and adding 5 or 6 new topics/speakers.
- 2027 ITC plan – Invite all former speakers to give updates.

Pest Management in Schools (IPM) Committee - Allison Cuellar

The Committee met on August 12, 2024, via Teams.

Attendees: Brad Smith (KY Dept of Ag), John Pitcock (KY Dept of Ag.), Seth Dunlap (AK Dept of Ag.), Allison Cuellar (TX Dept of Ag), Michael Kelly (TX Dept of Ag), Robert Thompson (TX Dept of Ag), Janet Hurley (TX A&M AgriLife Extension), Tim Stock (Oregon State University School IPM Program), Emily Pochubay (MI Dept of Ag.), Megan Striegel (NPMA)

Topics:

- NPMA Survey
 - Megan introduced the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) and what NPMA does. Megan also introduced the project NPMA is undertaking to get a broader understanding of what exists state by state in law and rules related to pest management in schools. NPMA hopes to share this information with ASCPRO if it is helpful. The survey

is intended to help members as a quick guide to understanding the varying requirements by state. The survey topics were reviewed with attendees.

- 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 completed work on the paper, titled *Pesticide Use in Schools: Information for Parents, Teachers and School Personnel*. The Board reviewed and approved the paper in June 2024. The final document was shared with committee attendees to be utilized by the state. The final document included a document modified with Texas' IPM in school requirements as an example of how the document can be utilized. The final document will be available on the ASPCRO website as a committee document for use by SLAs, tribes, or territories.
- ASPCRO IPM in Schools Survey
 - The draft survey had been revised (added questions related to inspections completed and enforcement actions) after feedback from Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) members. The survey additions were reviewed and modifications to response options were updated and a few corrections were made. The intent is to distribute the survey 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.
- Open Discussion
 - The committee discussed departments of education and what funding they provide to schools for IPM and to maintaining school buildings for the purposes of pest exclusion. Tim provided background information related to Oregon's funding for school buildings. When they funded programs to test for levels of lead, asbestos and similar environmental health issues at schools, they included school IPM. This elevated school IPM in Oregon; however, funding and levels of activity for school IPM in Oregon related to the department of education is limited. Other states were not aware of level of activity of various education departments in their state. ASPCRO will look into discussing school IPM and the school envelope at the national level with Department of Education as much as feasible.

Public Health Committee, David Harris

During the 2024 Annual meeting the committee met.

- The Committee is looking at ways to bring in other agencies/department into the Rodenticide conversation.
- Survey data regarding Rodenticide use from pest control companies is being gathered and analyzed.
- The Committee plans to continue meeting the third Thursday of every month.

Rodenticide Committee; Matt Lopez

During the 2024 Annual meeting the committee met.

- The Committee reviewed their events since the last Annual meeting.
 - 3 EPA tours one in WY, one in CO and one in DC.
- The Committee also reviewed the upcoming actions by EPA.
 - Final BE expected in November
 - Revised PID Spring 2025
- Discussion was held about speaking with NYC Rat Czar and whether ASPCRO should attend the NY Rodent Meeting.
- Discussed survey that was sent out and results.

Structural Fumigation Committee; Derrick Lastinger

During the 2024 Annual meeting the committee met.

- Courtney Frazier is co-chairing Committee.
- An update from EPA was shared.
- Discussion was held around EPA's request for training on commodity and mill fumigations.
- Douglas and Ensystem provided updates on how they plan to roll out new labels and how each will deal with clearance device changes.
- The committee discussed the need for regulator training and will ask the board to support future PIRT and PREP training opportunities. Region 4 is planning a commodity training.

Motion made to accept Committee Reports: John Pitcock

- Motion second: Courtney Frazier
- Motion passed.

New Business

- ASPCRO/PIRT Partnership – Allison Cuellar
 - Allison will represent ASPCRO.
- Public Health Survey – Allison Cuellar
 - Allison shared an update on where the Committee was with the survey.
- Gulf South V.E.C.T.O.R Core Survey – Allison Cuellar
 - The plan is to distribute the survey to the ASPCRO list serve (membership and industry).
 - There is no deadline for return.
 - The goal of the survey is to identify gaps in information exchange, resources, infrastructure, evaluation methods, and training standards regarding the prevention and management of Vector-Borne diseases.

Old Business

- ASPCRO C&T Survey – Allison Cuellar
 - Allison plans to distribute C&T survey to members. The results were discussed at the last meeting.

AAPCO Liaison Report – Brian Verhougstraete

- List of activities
 - 2024 SFIREG JWC Sept 16-17 – Philadelphia

- ESA Compliance Workshop 9/18-9/19 hosted by PIRT
- 2025 ESA Annual Meeting March 2-5 Hilton Old Town Alexandria, VA
- Brian shared that AAPCO doesn't have funding for SFIREG grant at this time. First time hasn't happened. This effect's the ability for SFIREG to pay for travel to meetings. States who attend SFIREG and ESA meeting will have to be paid for by state budgets. Approval should come through at any moment though.
- New SFIREG Committee - Endangered Species Strategy Implementation Working Committee, Chair Kevin Kern. The Committee will focus more on details regarding implementation and how the strategy will work in the real world.
 - The AAPCO Endangered Species committee is focusing on overarching ESA decisions.
- AAPCO is looking for new Industry Relations workgroup chair.
- Endangered Species workgroup was set up with Harrison Walters and Kathryn Rifenburg as co-chairs.

NPMA – JD Darr

- Megan Striegel was introduced as the Director of Legislative & Regulatory Affairs
- NPMA is keeping track of the following topics:
 - SF early mitigation and reg review and is getting to know the reg review team.
 - They have reviewed the Malathion PID and are happy with it.
 - The Insecticide strategy is limited to agriculture establishments.
 - Rodenticide registration review.
 - Submitted comments on Acephate PID.
- State level preemption push continuing.
 - House Committee process passed NPMA language.
 - It doesn't look like 2024 Farm Bill will happen.
 - NPMA hosted a Farm Bill update and encouraged SLAs to push for Farm Bill preemption.
- NPMA is following PFAS and believes it will be a concern for structural pest control industry.

RISE/CropLife America – Dillon Gabert, Director

- Focused on ESA and working with partners to have conversations with EPA. Plan to develop and understanding that use patterns are not there for structural pest control.
- Discussed that bilingual labeling requirements will have to be translated by 2025 and that it is not the full label. EPA will not review these changes.
- A new position was created for State regulatory affairs in an effort to engage SLAs and be a resource to states.

Motion to Adjourn – John Pitcock

- Motion Second: Grant Bishop
- Motion passed.

Adjourn 3:25 pm

Next Meeting will be on September 18, 2024.

End of Minutes