

I would like to introduce a substantial ASPCRO influencer of 35 years plus.... Someone who has been a remarkable leader, mentor, and contributor to ASPCRO over the years — Dr. George Saxton. Affectionately known as “Pappy”. Also, known as Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Brother, Army Veteran, Police officer, Coach, Referee, Author and the list goes on.....We as a ASPCRO community would like to add one more title to that list.....Dr. George Saxton ASPCRO Hall of Fame winner.

As many of you know, George has begun to step back from some of his ASPCRO responsibilities. With retirement on the horizon and the possibility that this may be one of his last conferences. George’s first day on the Job with The Indiana State Chemist Office he was directed to attend the ASPCRO conference in Chicago. (insert Year).....

George has served ASPCRO in many capacities — including as President, Treasurer, and as a member of various boards. His leadership has not only shaped the organization but also helped it grow. Notably, he was instrumental in developing the Structural Compliance Assistant Training (SCAT) program in Indiana, which successfully educated pest control applicators and generated funds for ASPCRO. His efforts left a lasting impact on both the state and the organization.

His Staff from affectionately knows him as “Pappy” around the office. He has led his staff with a “father-like leadership style”— firm, fair, and genuinely caring. He’s one of those rare individuals who leaves things better than he found them, and he has certainly done that with ASPCRO, OISC, and with those of us lucky enough to work with him and sat at the bar over a bourbon or drink hearing his great stories

He’s not one to seek the spotlight or recognition, but I believe he is deserving of it. I would like to formally propose George Saxton for the **ASPCRO Hall of Fame Award**.

Please welcome Dr. George Saxton to the stage for the award.

At this time we would like anyone who would like to say a few words or stories about George please do so.

I also understand I represent OISC, but I hope this can be viewed as a sincere, well-deserved recommendation on behalf of someone who has given so much.

Simply put — that’s just George... and he’s one of the best.

Sarah Kristine Caffery: If you are able to read an additional statement from me, here it is 😊

It is with great pride and admiration to speak about Dr. George Saxton. His impact on pesticide related issues – both locally and nationally, specifically his outstanding contributions to structural pest control regulation and public service – could FILL A BOOK! George has served the State of Indiana with distinction. His leadership in pesticide compliance and enforcement has set a gold standard for regulatory excellence, combining scientific rigor with a deep commitment to public and environmental safety.

His investigative knowledge and dedication to justice from his time in law enforcement, seamlessly translated into his regulatory work. George has supported numerous national workgroups, has led complex investigations, advanced OISC's compliance program, and mentored professionals across many disciplines.

George's legacy is defined not only by his technical expertise and unwavering integrity, but also by his generosity in sharing knowledge, and mentorship of emerging leaders. His induction into the ASPCRO Hall of Fame is a testament to a career marked by service, leadership, and impact.

George – I am sorry that I could not attend the meeting to share in your celebration for this honor. I am so thankful for all you do, to work alongside you, and to call you a friend.
Congratulations – Sarah Caffery, OISC Pesticide Administrator