

2019 AAPSE Committee Reports

Awards, Fellows, & Honorary Membership Committee

Report by: Carol Black, Co-Chair

Members: Co-Chairs Carol Black, Sherman Takatori, **Members** Frederick M. Fishel, George Hamilton, Andrew Thostenson

Purpose: The purpose of the Awards, Fellows, and Honorary Membership Committee is to solicit nominations for AAPSE awards and sends its recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Activities:

- Reviewed award criteria for any suggested changes; no changes were made
 - **AAPSE Fellow** - the highest recognition bestowed by AAPSE. Fellows are people with superior service to AAPSE and achievement in education, certification, public service, research, personal achievement, and recognition. No more than two per year.
 - **AAPSE Distinguished Achievement in Pesticide Safety Education Award** - encourages, recognizes, and rewards outstanding contributions to **Pesticide Safety Education** for achieving public good and the professionalism of pesticide safety education. The nominee must have demonstrated excellent performance through program innovation, productivity, efficiency, impact, and delivery as well as regional and national contributions. No more than two per year.
 - **AAPSE Distinguished Achievement in the Certification Award** - encourages, recognizes, and rewards outstanding contributions to **Pesticide Applicator Certification** for achieving public good and the professionalism of pesticide safety education. The nominee must have demonstrated excellent performance through program innovation, efficiency, productivity, impact, and delivery as well as regional and national contributions. No more than two per year.
 - **Professional Recognition Award** - recognizes members who have enhanced public health and the environment through their efforts in pesticide safety education or application certification. The award serves to recognize a defined success by a professional that occurred within the past two years. Examples include, but are not limited to presentations, videos, online training, certification databases, exam development, exam administration policies, workshops, train the trainer, etc. No more than two per region (eight awards).
- Contacted the EC about awards early in 2019. Initial decision was to not pursue awards this year; however, a later decision was made to solicit for awards.
- Email solicitation was sent to the membership April 2 with a May 31 deadline. A reminder was sent May 14. The timeline was extended to June 10 with a last reminder sent May 31.
- Nominations were reviewed and sent on to the Executive Committee decision, notification of award winners and those who nominated them. The EC will purchase plaques and make a formal presentation to the award winners at the annual meeting.

Issues for Consideration:

- Is two months a sufficient time frame? The committee believes it is.
- Should/did regional representatives assist in fostering award submissions?
- Should awards be on a biannual cycle as compared to annually?
- Edit the web site award purpose – change solicits to solicit – *Completed 7/1/19*

Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws Committee Report

Report by: Clyde Ogg, chair

Members: Clyde L. Ogg, Chair; Kaci J. Agle-Buhl; Ed Crow; Roger A. Flashinski; Joshua Francis; Faye Golden; Tana Haugen-Brown; Rebecca Maguire; Philip L. Nixon; Leo Reed; Jennifer Weber; and Robert E. Wolf.

Committee Purpose: This committee reads the articles of incorporation and by-laws documents. Members become experts in what they do (and do not) state. The members take note of any item that is unclear, inconsistent or unworkable. Also, they identify areas where beneficial changes may be warranted.

Activities: The committee did not meet during 2019.

Issues for Consideration: None.

Auditing Committee

Report by: George Hamilton

Members: George Hamilton, Chair; Amanda Bachman, Andrew Thostenson

Committee Purpose: This committee audits the accounting records for the Association. Audits are conducted annually, at the national meeting.

Activities: The auditing committee met via email to review the accounts of the association. The committee found the accounts to be in good order and commend the treasurer, Sonja Thomas, for her efforts during the past year.

Issues for Consideration: None.

Committee on Committees

Report by: Betsy Buffington, Chair

Members: Josh Francis

Committee Purpose: The main role of this committee is to serve as a liaison between the president and the chairs of all AAPSE committees, both standing and ad hoc, regarding routine business. This communication may be to relay requests for (and reminders regarding) reports, with schedules and deadlines. Contact may also be needed to request other information. For example, each committee is asked to produce (and maintain) a "job description" -- a short summary describing its mission and functions. A clear description of the committee roles and responsibilities will serve to remind existing chairs and members of their duties. It will also provide guidance for future committee chairs and members. Coordination and communication should help to ensure that plans are carried out and deadlines are met.

Activities:

- Developed Guidelines for AAPSE Liaisons document
- Made several requests for AAPSE Liaisons
- Requested committee reports for 2019 AAPSE General Membership Meeting.

Issues for Consideration: None.

Issues and Evaluations

Report by: Kim Brown, Chair

Members: Dean Herzfeld, Mimi Rose, Mike Wierda

Committee Purpose: This committee is responsible for studying and developing position papers and analyses of pesticide legislative and regulatory issues and policies that affect the professional responsibilities of the Association's membership. The AAPSE President-Elect serves as Chair of the I&E Committee. Any AAPSE member may identify to the Chair of the I&E Committee an issue that the member thinks AAPSE ought to address. When doing so, the member should briefly outline pertinent concerns. When an issue is brought to the attention of the Chair, he/she will present it to the AAPSE Executive Committee for their assessment of whether AAPSE should, in fact, address the issue. Upon

receiving approval to address the issue, the Chair will summarize the issue, send it out to all membership via the AAPSE ListServ and ask for volunteers to serve on the I&E Committee for that specific issue. For some issues, regional representation, as well as participation by CES, SLA, and private organizations may be desirable. However, the key determining factor will be who is really interested in contributing. In some cases, the Chair will serve as the principal framer of the AAPSE response, but in many cases, another member will be asked to take on the principal role. When a response has been drafted by the Committee, the Chair will submit the response to the AAPSE Board of Directors for their review and approval before finalizing and sending the letter.

Activities: At this time there has been nothing brought forward to the committee to work on.

Issues for Consideration: None.

Membership/Public Relations

Report by :

Members: Kaci Buhl and Sonja Thomas, Co-chairs; Melanie Forti, Sharon Gripp, Dean Herzfeld, Jan Hygnstrom, John Johnson, Chrissy Kaminski, Jessica Lenker, Gene Merkl, Jolene Hendrix, Lyn Van Maaren, Whitney Weaver, Nancy Westcott, Bruce Williams

Committee Purpose: The purpose of the Membership & Public Relations Committee is to support and facilitate promotion of the Association and its members and ways to maintain and increase membership.

Activities:

Issues for Consideration:

Nominations & Elections Committee Report

Report by: Thia Walker

Members: Thia Walker, Kerry Richards, Amanda Bachmann, Barry Brennan, Katie Moore, Jack Peterson, Kristine Schaefer, Kimberly Tate, Fred Whitford

Purpose: This committee seeks and nominates candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. At least two candidates will be nominated for each office. No one may be nominated without their consent. A slate of candidates must be presented to the AAPSE Secretary at least 45 days prior to the election. A brief resume/candidate statement for each nominee must be sent to the Secretary at least 30 days prior to each election. The AAPSE President appoints the members of the Nominations and Elections Committee. The N&E committee will have five members: a member from each of the four AAPSE regions (NE, S, NC and W) and a Federal/Tribal representative. The immediate past president will co-chair the committee. Representation should include SLA and EPA (federal) members. Members should include a range of experience in the organization (new and long-term memberships). The N&E Committee is appointed at least six (6) months prior to elections.

Activities: Solicited members to run for President-Elect. Found two folks who submitted candidate packets: Faye Golden and Jeff Edwards

Issues for Consideration: A lot of folks suggested they would be interested in two years but not right now. And a six-year commitment (President-elect, President, Past-president) is a long commitment!

Professional Development

Report by: Becky Maguire and Tracey Harpster

Members: Travis Cleveland, Sharon Gripp, Jolene Hendrix, Andrew Martin, Cheryl Ogle, Kristine Schaefer, Ples Spadley,

Stephen Vantassel, Michelle Wiesbrook, Dan Wixted

Committee Purpose: The AAPSE Professional Development Committee is designed to provide AAPSE members with useful tools and resources to enhance their professional careers. The committee works closely with the board of directors to identify needs and focus resources to serve AAPSE members.

Activities: Presented Exam Writing Training Webinar on May 10, 2019. There were 43 attendees at the live presentation from across the United States, U.S. Territories and Canada. A recorded version is available through the link on the AAPSE website.

Webinar agenda:

- Welcome to the Workshop and Goals – Jolene Hendrix, Montana State Department of Agriculture
- Principles of Licensing Test Construction – Andrew Martin, Office of Indiana State Chemist
- Writing Learning Objectives and Item Writing – Dan Wixted, Cornell University
- Questions

Hands-on Exam Question Writing workshop July 25, 2019, Duluth, MN.

7 – 8am	<i>Breakfast (provided)</i>	
8 – 8:15	Welcome and Participant Introduction	Becky Maguire and Jolene Hendrix
8:15 – 8:20	Item writing and Learning Objective Review	Dan Wixted
8:20 – 8:35	Item formats including MC, T/F and Alternate Choice	Andrew Martin
8:35 – 9:30	Writing Questions	
9:30 – 9:45	<i>Break (snack provided)</i>	
9:45 – 10:50	Question Analysis	
10:50 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 – 11:30	Question Analysis continued and Question and Answers	Dan Wixted and Andrew Martin
11:30 – 11:45	Wrap-up	Becky Maguire
11:45 – 1pm	<i>Lunch (provided)</i>	

Evaluation of workshop will be shared at a later time. Funding the hands-on workshop was provided by AAPSE and US EPA (X8-83927401) administered by Michigan State University.

Potential Second Topic: Vertebrate Pest Educators for Educators

Webinar in late summer or early fall

Reach out to Stephen Vantassel at Montana Department of Agriculture

Directed to educators

1. What is vertebrate pest control
2. Overview of vertebrate pest control, major groups such as rodents, birds, other mammals
3. Resources for educators for presentation development
4. Resources for educators to direct applicators to

Issues for Consideration: Continuation of some type of annual training.