

2020 AAPSE Committee Reports

Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws Committee Report

Report by: Clyde Ogg, Chair

Members: Clyde Ogg, Chair; Kaci Buhl; Ed Crow; Joshua Francis; Faye Golden; Tana Haugen-Brown; Becky Maguire; Philip Nixon; Jennifer Weber; and Robert 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 completed its work with changes to the by-laws. The by-laws language changes reflect the board's wish to change terms of office for Past-President, President-Elect, and President. Additional changes were done to make the by-laws language clearer, more consistent and concise, and gender neutral.

The proposed changes were submitted to the Board as this committee's best effort to meet the needs of the AAPSE organization.

Issues for Consideration: A membership vote on the proposed By-Laws changes is pending. This committee stands ready to finalize the By-Laws once the membership votes.

Auditing Committee Report

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: No report.

Awards, Fellows, and Honorary Membership Committee Report

Report by: Carol Black and the committee

Members: Carol Black, Co-Chair, Sherm Takatori, Co-Chair, George Hamilton, Andrew Thostenson, and Fred Whitford (replaced Fred Fishel)

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:

- February 2020 – reviewed award criteria, established the 2020 timeline for award nominations and awardee
- March 3 – Award nomination email sent to membership with a May 1 deadline; extended to June 1 due to COVID
- April 2 email – clarified that more than one person could be nominated for Professional Recognition; award criteria updated and posted to the AAPSE website
- May 6 – email reminder of awards and deadline for submission
- May 28 – email to recruit new committee member to replace retiring Fred Fishel; Fred Whitford selected
- June – committee ranked nominees and submitted rankings/strengths to AAPSE EC
- June – EC made final selections
- June – EC is making plaques for Fellows and Distinguished Achievement Awards; the committee made up certificates for Professional Recognition for the President to sign.
- July – The committee submitted draft comments for the President for the award presentations.

Issues for Consideration:

- The EC may need to recruit new committee members in late 2020 for the committee.
- The committee would like input on how to improve the award document for the Distinguished Award in Applicator Certification to encourage nomination of members deserving of recognition.
- The committee plans to slightly modify the award document for the Distinguished Award in Pesticide Safety Education to encourage nomination of non-PSEP members who deserve recognition.
- Consider rewriting the committee's purpose statement:
 - The purpose of the Awards, Fellows, and Honorary Membership Committee is to solicit nominations for AAPSE awards and recognitions, and to make selection recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Actions Needed:

- Edit the committee's purpose statement on the website. The word "sends" should be singular. However, first consider the proposed rewrite.
- Committee to amend the Professional Recognition criteria to clarify the nomination can include more than one person, but that at least one member of a team must be an AAPSE member.

Committee on Committees Report

Report by: Betsy Danielson, Chair

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: The committee did not meet.

Issues for Consideration: Betsy Danielson is stepping down as chair of this committee.

Issues and Evaluations Committee on Science Based Decision Making

Report by: Faye Golden, 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: On April 17, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) regarding [Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science](#). In April 2018, EPA issued a **Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science** proposal; the Issues & Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposal and AAPSE submitted comments on August 14, 2018.

On May 18, 2020, current and 2018 I&E Committee members (Dan Wixted and Amy Brown) submitted comments urging EPA to rescind the proposed rule in its entirety.

Issues for Consideration: None.

Membership/Public Relations Committee Report

Report by: Sonja Thomas, Chair

Members: Sonja Thomas, Co-chair, Kaci Buhl, Co-chair, 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: The Committee met March 20, 2020 and discussed the following:

New Member orientation

- The committee suggested that we move forward with the survey with the board's approval.
- Suggested that we hold the meeting in September 2020 in Atlanta for ease of travel access.
- Approved the proposal to be sent to the full board. For approval.

Discuss Boards thoughts on new logo

- Sharon Gripp agreed to ask her graphic designer to come up with some designs.

Updating listserv with only paid members

- Whitney agreed to look into alternative listservs for AAPSE so it is easier to add members.

AAPSE meeting in Denver Acronym Soup game icebreaker

- Agreed to assist with game in Denver. We discussed "Bingo" but with acronyms

Growing AAPSE membership

- Committee suggested that the regions compete for a prize for the most new memberships.
- Like the idea of increasing AAPSE membership when we get the new logo with a "hashtag" for social media
- Committee agreed that we need to find more ways to appeal to those that are not "traditional" AAPSE members
- Other suggestions were creating membership pins that are worn at meetings 1, 5, 10, 15, 20+ etc.
- Having brochures that can be passed out at nonconventional meetings to encourage new members to join.

Membership renewal process

- Whitney Weaver agreed to work with me to find a better way to assist with online payments.
- Committee stated changing the inbox name may help people recognize AAPSE

Issues for Consideration: Bring Proposal: Create an Orientation Event for Pesticide Regulators/Educators forward to AAPSE BOD

Nominations/Elections Committee Report

Members: Kerry Richards, Chair, Nancy Fitz, Faye Golden, Sharon Gripp, John Stone

Committee 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: No report.

Professional Development Committee Report

Report by: Becky Maguire, Chair

Members: Becky Maguire, Chair, Travis Cleveland, Sharon Gripp, Cheryl Ogle, Jolene Hendrix, Kristine Schaefer, Ples Spradley, Stephen Vantassel, Thia Walker, Michelle Wiesbrook

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: Committee has meet via ZOOM and email to develop the Professional Development workshop on August 4, 2020. The committee has also supported and worked with Faye Golden to develop additional webinars for AAPSE members.

Issues for Consideration: The committee is always open to hear member's ideas on topics and methods of distributing professional development.