

AAPSE BOD Minutes

5/21/18

11:00am-12:10 pm
Eastern

Zoom/Teleconference

Meeting called by: Kerry Richards

Type of meeting: Board of Directors (BOD)

Recorded by: Betsy Buffington

Attendees: EC: Betsy Buffington, Kim Pope Brown, Don Renchie, Kerry Richards, Sonja Thomas
Regional Reps: Faye Golden, Pat Hastings, Tana Haugen-Brown, Frannie Miller

Minutes

Agenda item: 1. Results from Questions to Regional Representatives
Presenter: Betsy Buffington

- a. AAPSE Liaison to NPSEC – Faye Golden
- b. AAPSE BOD and Membership meeting during August San Antonio meeting

Discussion:

1a. Betsy Buffington welcomed Faye Golden as the AAPSE liaison to NPSEC.

1b. The AAPSE BOD will meet on Sunday, August 19, 2018. BOD members are welcome to call in or authorize a proxy to speak or vote on their behalf if they cannot make the meeting. An AAPSE general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday August 21, 2018 at the conclusion of the meeting.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Check Robert's Rules of Order for specific rules for proxies to follow and any form letters that are needed.	Kim Pope Brown	6/22/18

Agenda item: 2. AAPSE Treasurer's Report **Presenter:** Sonja Thomas

Discussion: Sonja Thomas stated that currently AAPSE has 237 active members.

	Current balance
Checking	\$25,329.28
Savings	\$26,677.87
Gifts	\$1,749.27
COD 22	\$3,764.84
COD 36	\$3,762.36
COD 38	\$3,620.35

Kim Pope Brown moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Don Renchie. Motion passed.

Sonja Thomas also discussed the request from some members to be able to renew their dues as part of a meeting registration fee; otherwise they have to personally pay for AAPSE membership. She suggested that in the future, AAPSE members could renew their membership by paying a registration fee to attend AAPSE meetings. Kerry Richards suggesting adding a registration fee to attend the AAPSE general membership meetings during non-AAPSE meetings (e.g., PACT) for members to renew their membership. Kerry Richards tasked the regional representatives to poll their membership to get a sense of how they feel about this issue prior to discussing it at the San Antonio meeting in August.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Ask members in your region for input on ability to renew membership by meeting registration fees.	AAPSE Regional Reps	6/25/18
✓ Send printout of treasurer's report to AAPSE BOD.	Sonja Thomas	5/31/18

Agenda item:	3. Conflict of Interest Policy Update a. Status of comments b. Next steps	Presenter: Don Renchie
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Discussion: Don Renchie stated that Betsy Buffington had forwarded him an editable version of the Conflict of Interest (COI) draft policy and Kim Pope Brown had forwarded him another draft. All comments were forwarded to the Ad-Hoc COI committee of Dean Herzfeld, Ples Spradley, and Clyde Ogg last week. Don Renchie will hold a conference call with the ad-hoc committee to address any concerns with the draft policy.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Hold conference call with Ad-Hoc COI committee to discuss draft policy.	Don Renchie	6/1/18

Agenda item:	4. Professional Development committee a. Request for financial support for future professional development opportunity	Presenter: Kerry Richards
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Discussion: Becky Maguire and Tracey Harpster reported at the April 30 EC meeting that the Professional Development committee is working on developing webinars for AAPSE members to serve their stakeholders. They requested \$400 to produce two webinars. Motion by Betsy Buffington to provide \$400 for the Professional Development committee to produce two webinars. Seconded by Tana Haugen-Brown. Motion passed.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Inform Professional Development committee is funded to produce two webinars.	Betsy Buffington	6/1/18

Agenda item:	5. Awards a. Professional Recognition Award i. President's Award and Resolutions	Presenter: Kerry Richards
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Discussion: The call for award nominations was sent out via the listserv on May 10; deadline June 22. Regional representatives are encouraged to work with their constituents to submit nomination packets. We have many deserving members.

The Awards, Fellows, and Honorary Membership committee (AFHMC) has developed a **new Professional Recognition Award**. This award was a suggestion at the last AAPSE Business meeting group discussion. Its intent is to recognize 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.

Award guidelines are posted on the AAPSE website under “Awards.”

The AFHMC committee requests response from President and EC as to who will be responsible for 1) Plaques for the Fellow and two Distinguished Achievement awards, and 2) writing up statements for those three awards for presentation at the annual business meeting. Note that the committee will write up something for the President to present the Professional Recognition Awards.

Kerry Richards discussed starting a tradition of President’s Awards. Betsy Buffington noted that AAPSE has given special recognitions in the past. The AAPSE website states under Special Recognitions, “The AAPSE President and the Board have the freedom (exclusive to the awards committee) to recognize members and others for extraordinary achievements and contributions to the organization.” Kerry Richards also discussed that other organizations such as TPSA do resolutions. Kim Pope Brown stated that the AFHMC has done resolutions in the past and that any resolutions should be submitted to the AFHMC and they will move it forward to the BOD for approval.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Determine who is responsible for plaques and writing up award statements.	AAPSE EC	6/25/18
✓ Send resolutions to the AFHMC.	Kerry Richards	6/25/18

- Agenda item:** **6.** Issues and Evaluations Committee Update **Presenter:** Kim Pope Brown
- a.** Dicamba
 - i.** Status of the survey – Communication with Tim Drake (POM)
 - b.** Science based decision making
 - i.** Federal Register Notice

Discussion:

6a. Kim Pope Brown stated that AAPSE is planning to survey the membership to gather information on what the AAPSE membership is doing as far as training and issues within each state with Dicamba. The IPM centers have conducted a similar survey, but it hasn’t captured what pesticide safety educators and state lead agencies were doing. Kim Pope Brown has been in communications with Tim Drake and other interested people on finalizing the survey.

6b. Dan Wixted and Mike Wierda are co-chairs of the Science based decision making committee. Documents, including the Federal Register notice 40 CFR part 30, Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/04/30/2018-09078/strengthening-transparency-in-regulatory-science> have been sent through the AAPSE listserv. Comments are due by May 30, 2018.

Through communication with Kerry Richards, Dan Wixted suggested that AAPSE submit a letter requesting a 60-day extension of the comment period. Kim Pope Brown stated that if the BOD is in favor of the extension, she will take it to the Science based decision making committee and then bring it back to the BOD for final approval. Don Rennie stated that there is nothing preventing each individual state coordinator from submitting a letter anyway. Don Rennie stressed that the committee look at language the EPA is trying to use to make these changes. The proposed changes are atypical from the EPA that we’ve known has ever purported to do. He also stated that someone with a toxicology background speak with the committee to ensure that if we move forward and submit formal comments they come from

someone who actually can delve into the proposal and bring some facts forward, more than “we disagree.”

Kerry Richards read a comment from the American Lung Association, “In light of the significant public health ramifications of the proposal and the challenge of the brief comment period with the proposal publication in the April 30, 2018 Federal Register, we respectfully request that the comment period be extended until July 30, 2018 to permit all stakeholders to provide comments on this proposal.” Kerry Richards stated that this paragraph is what we are asking the Issues and Evaluations committee to address. She also stated that this proposal will set back how scientific research is done.

Motion by Don Renchie that we ask the science based decision making committee to write a 60 day extension to the Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science Federal Register notice. Seconded by Betsy Buffington. Motion passed.

Note: A Federal Register Notice published on May 25, 2018 announced that the public comment period for the proposed rule published in the Federal Register on April 30, 2018 (83 FR 18768), is being extended. Written comments must be received on or before August 16, 2018. The public hearing will be held on July 17, 2018.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Send Dicamba survey to AAPSE membership.	Kim Pope Brown	6/1/18
✓ Work with Science based decision making committee on request for 60-day extension of comment period.	Kim Pope Brown	5/25/18

Agenda item: 7. Request for AAPSE to send survey on Aerial Applicators/Training Materials **Presenter:** Kerry Richards

Discussion: In an email to Kerry Richards, Linda Johns asked if AAPSE would consider sending out a survey regarding aerial application to determine what states have and is out there that can be adapted for training materials. Kerry Richards stated that there is a national manual/exam database available. Kim Pope Brown stated that it would be great to find out what people need, to see what people are using, and if they find what we have as out of date. Betsy Buffington will work with Linda Johns on this request.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Send Linda Johns’ email to Betsy Buffington	Kerry Richards	5/31/18
✓ Work with Linda Johns to send survey	Betsy Buffington	6/25/18

Agenda item: 8. Including Regional Representatives in Future Meetings **Presenter:** Kerry Richards
a. Roles of Regional Representatives

Discussion: Kerry Richards sent an attachment to the BOD about the responsibilities of AAPSE elected officers. It states:

“Represent your region on all AAPSE matters. Establish a mechanism whereby you can collect input from AAPSE members and make a good faith effort to represent their views. Not all extension and state lead agency representatives or others who manage training and certification within a USDA region are members of AAPSE. Your duty is to represent AAPSE members regardless of your own affiliation or background.

Make a good faith effort to attend all BOD meetings during your term. AAPSE holds one regularly scheduled BOD meeting per year in conjunction with the annual meeting, and may hold other meetings as deemed necessary by the President or by request of any four Directors. Avoid

scheduling meetings that will conflict with the annual meetings. If conflicts arise, consider requesting participation by speaker phone conference line.”

Kerry Richards stated that when requests for responses from Regional Reps occur, that the Regional Reps poll their regional AAPSE members to get their input, rather than only providing personal input. Betsy Buffington reminded Regional Reps that AAPSE members are listed by region and can be found on the AAPSE website under “Members.”

Kerry Richards stated the need for liaisons to other organizations. Betsy Buffington stated that the AAPSE website has out-of-date information.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Determine opportunities for liaisons with other organizations.	Kerry Richards	6/25/18
✓ Update AAPSE website with current liaisons.	Betsy Buffington	6/2/18

Motion by Kim Pope Brown to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Renchie. Motion passed.

Next BOD meeting: June 25, 2018, 11:00am EST.

Future Meeting Dates:

- June 25
- July 30
- ~~August 27~~ – Removed since AAPSE BOD will meet in San Antonio August 19.
- September 24
- October 29
- November 26
- December 17 (Due to holiday break)