

# AAPSE EC Meeting Minutes

9/3/20

3:00pm-3:45pm Central

Zoom

**Meeting called by:** Kim Brown

**Type of meeting:** Executive Committee (EC)

**Recorded by:** Betsy Danielson

**EC Attendees:** Kim Brown, Betsy Danielson, Faye Golden, Kerry Richards, Sonja Thomas

## *Minutes*

**Agenda item** 1. Request for letter of support for EPA grant **Presenter:** Kerry Richards

**Discussion:** At the 8/28 AAPSE EC meeting Kerry Richards asked for a letter of support from AAPSE to support a proposal for EPA's Project to Advance the Safe Use of Pesticides grant in collaboration with NPSEC and the Migrant Clinician's Network (MCN). Michigan State is the lead and NPSEC, MCN, and eXtension are sub-recipients of the grant. NPSEC's role in the grant is to develop manuals and materials. She asked for AAPSE to commit their support to:

- Helping us make sure the need assessment we are going to conduct is developed to solicit accurate needs of your stakeholders and assisting us in making sure that the broadest stakeholder audience is reached
- Serving on the NPSEC Project Engagement Stakeholder Group that will select projects based on the need's assessment priorities
- Serve as Collaboration Teams member for chosen projects depending on member interest
- Providing resources to the multimedia library for sharing with other pesticide safety educators

Kerry stated that the letter of support would indicate that AAPSE and its members would be part of the decision-making process, help if subject matter experts are needed, and whatever else is needed to make the outputs and outcomes of the grant successful. Kerry stated that AAPSE would be listed as a stakeholder regardless if AAPSE writes a letter of support or not.

The EC decided not to write a letter of support for the following reasons:

1. AAPSE is a membership driven organization. Given the grant application deadline of 9/16/20, AAPSE doesn't have the time to adequately vet the request through the membership and get input. A decision by the EC would not be reflective of all members.
2. AAPSE supports the efforts to pursue grant opportunities to address pesticide safety education. AAPSE membership will be stakeholders and support whoever receives the grant funding, as AAPSE members are major stakeholders under this grant.
3. Other AAPSE members are applying for the same grant.
4. Based on AAPSE governance the EC does not feel that this is an appropriate action to take.
5. There is no precedent of AAPSE writing letters of support for grant applications.
6. Individual AAPSE members are welcome to write letters of support for the grant application.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
✓ Inform BOD of EC's decision not to write a letter of support.	Kim Brown	9/8/20
✓ Inform membership that individuals are welcome to write letters of support.	Kim Brown	9/8/20

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**Agenda item:** 2. Legislative proposal **Presenter:** Faye Golden

**Discussion:** Faye Golden reached out to the AAPSE past presidents for feedback on the following bill, but has not received any feedback to date. Kim Brown recommended sending the information to the membership to make them aware of it.

- U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.) and U.S. Representative Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) have introduced pesticide reform legislation to prevent the use of toxic pesticides that harm children, farmworkers and consumers in the United States, titled, “The Protect America’s Children from Toxic Pesticides Act of 2020” (see attachment).

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
✓ Inform membership of legislative bill.	Kim Brown	9/10/20

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**Agenda item:** 3. Letters to institution/workplace of award winners **Presenter:** Kim Brown

**Discussion:** Kim Brown is working on letters to the university, agency, and companies of the award winners.

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**Agenda item:** 4. Committee Updates **Presenter:** Kim Brown

**Discussion:** Patsy Laird has moved forward with the Strategic Plan Committee, of which she is the chair. The Social Media Committee is meeting for the first time on 9/4/20. Whitney Weaver is the chair.

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**Agenda item:** 5. 2021 National Meeting **Presenter:** Kim Brown

**Discussion:** Kim Brown discussed possibly moving the new member orientation to Monday afternoon prior to the start of the PACT 2021 meeting in Denver to allow for more time. Kerry Richards stated that the PACT 2021 meeting starts on a Tuesday, with possible tours on Monday. Kerry shared that the PACT planning meeting hasn’t addressed agenda items as they have been focused on webinars. Kim Brown suggested that if the orientation date is moved, AAPSE could host a past-president’s breakfast.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
✓ Ask for PACT 2021 agenda details at next week’s PACT 2021 Planning Committee meeting.	Betsy Danielson	9/10/20

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**Agenda item:** 6. Orientation Event **Presenter:** Sonja Thomas

**Discussion:** Sonja Thomas will meet with the Membership Committee to see how to properly facilitate moving the new member orientation event online. Kim Brown asked that Sonja ask the EC for any assistance.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
✓ Meet with Membership Committee to discuss orientation event for new members in October.	Sonja Thomas	10/1/20
✓ Reach out to EC for assistance to facilitate event.	Sonja Thomas	10/1/20

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**Agenda item:** 7. Membership Feedback Survey **Presenter:** Kim Brown

**Discussion:** Betsy Danielson suggested conducting a follow-up survey for the virtual AAPSE meeting in August. The EC agreed. Betsy will forward questions regarding meetings from previous surveys.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
✓ Send previous survey questions to EC.	Betsy Danielson	9/3/20