

# AAPSE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

9.26.2013      3:00-4:30 p.m. ET      Teleconference

Meeting called by      Mike Weaver

Members present      Betsy Buffington, Drew Martin, Don Renchie, Andrew Thostenson

## 1. SFIREG/AAPCO

Discussion

- Fracking Safety Education Working Group – Ed Crow requested assistance. Mike Weaver spoke earlier with Don Renchie about Don being the chair of a potential AAPSE committee for SFIREG. Andrew Thostenson suggested asking the following AAPSE members: Kim Pope, Cecil Thorpe, Thia Walker, and a rep from either PA or OH.
- Spring AAPCO representation and activities – Discussed who will represent AAPSE issues on AAPCO. Don Renchie voiced concern on AAPSE’s current stance on not funding travel to meetings. EC will revisit AAPSE travel funding policy in future. Don Renchie will represent AAPSE issues on AAPCO and will let EC know if this changes.
- Interface with NPIC – Mike Weaver spoke with Emily Selia, EPA liaison with NPIC about including pesticide safety educators rather than county agents on NPIC website.

| Action Item   | Person      | Deadline |
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| Talk to Ed Crow and take Ed’s lead on how to proceed with AAPSE’s involvement on fracking issue | Don Renchie |          |

## 2. PPE WORKING GROUP

Discussion

- Carol Black requested AAPSE involvement in NIOSH PPE issue. EC discussed need for science-based rather than advocacy-based approach to PPE education.

| Action Item   | Person      | Deadline |
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| Talk to Candace Bartholomew and Pat Hastings about interest to co-chair and form committee on NIOSH PPE issue | Mike Weaver |          |

## 3. AAPSE ANNUAL MEETING

Discussion

- Mike Weaver stated that Kerry Hoffman-Richards and Sharon Gripp are working on details of annual meeting to be held in September 2014. Kerry and Mike discussed holding the meeting as follows: Mon – NE ½ day; Tues – NE full day; Wed – tour; Thurs – AAPSE full day; Fri – AAPSE ½ day. EC discussed holding AAPSE meetings late afternoon Wednesday. Thursday would be a full day for the entire AAPSE membership. Friday could be meetings no later than 10:30 a.m. Andrew Thostenson suggested an estimate of 30-40 people would attend AAPSE meeting.

| Action Item  | Person      | Deadline |
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| Get dates, location, etc. for AAPSE annual meeting from Kerry Hoffman-Richards | Mike Weaver | ASAP     |

## 4. USDA/ECOP RELATIONS

Discussion

- EC discussed need to keep working relationship with USDA. Mike Weaver suggested working with ECOP. Andrew Thostenson stated that he has been working with the ARS Office of Pest Policy on different issues. EC will revisit USDA relations at later date.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS

| Discussion  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website revisions – Mike Weaver discussed AAPSE website revisions to date. EC discussed need to keep website relevant and maintain archives.</li> <li>AAPSE blog – Mike Weaver is working on developing.</li> <li>Press releases for award winners – EC needs to send letters to award winners and contact persons in award winner’s organization including description of award and attachment of nomination packet.</li> <li>AAPSE marketing and publicity committee – Mike Weaver asked EC if committee should be formed to handle shirts, letterhead, branding, etc. EC will revisit committee development at a later date.</li> </ul> |          |  |
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| Action Item   | Person  | Deadline |  |
| Ask awardees who AAPSE should send letters to   | Andrew Thostenson   |          |  |
| Send letters to 2013 AAPSE award winners and contact person(s)                          | Mike Weaver   |          |  |
| 6. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  |   |          |  |
| Discussion  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EC discussed reconvening Committee on Committees. Previous committee duties included coordinating the collection of committee reports to provide at annual PACT meetings. EC stated that listing of current committee members was out-of-date and some committees had changed.</li> </ul>  |          |  |
| Action Item   | Person  | Deadline |  |
| Go over archived AAPSE minutes to get details on past committee developments            | Betsy Buffington  |          |  |
| Remove names of those that are no longer AAPSE members from committees on AAPSE website | Betsy Buffington  |          |  |
| 7. MEETING FREQUENCY  |   |          |  |
| Discussion  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EC decided to meet monthly</li> <li>BOD will meet quarterly</li> <li>Regions will meet twice yearly. Meetings will be managed by the BOD</li> </ul>  |          |  |

NEXT EC MEETING: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 – 3:00-5:00 p.m. ET