



MINUTES

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PESTICIDE SAFETY EDUCATORS

Board Meeting

10 March 98

Barry Brennan, President

Gene Burgess, Secretary

1. **Call to Order.** The fifth Annual Board meeting of the of the American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators was held on Monday, March 10, 1998, at the Embassy Suites hotel in Alexandria Virginia. President Barry Brennan (UH) called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The minutes of the meetings in Columbus, Ohio and the Certification, Training and Advisory Group, CTAG, meetings, which were previously posted, were distributed. The Board was told that corrections of the minutes could be made at the Business meeting the following day.

An agenda was distributed and reviewed. It was announced that we would recess later for committee meetings and reconvene for committee reports. The committee reports should address how the committee intends to meet its charges. For guidance, Barry Brennan handed out examples developed by the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Carol Ramsay (WA) reported that we had \$4,009 in checking and \$5,400 in savings for a total of \$9,409. A check was written to AAPCO for \$1950 which leaves a balance of \$7,659.

Paul Baker (UA) asked why we have a savings account rather than a money market certificate? The treasurer replied, because the Association had not discussed the issue and made the decision to take out a money market certificate. Paul suggested that the Association place its money in something that would earn more interest.

4. **President's Report.** Barry Brennan's report identified five goals for AAPSE:

Goal 1. Reorganize Committees. Reorganize the committees to meet the changing needs and new opportunities available to us. Each committee needs to be focused on an issue or activity. Examples of the reorganization include:

Issues and Evaluation Committee. The Chair of the committee should be the President Elect, currently Norman Nesheim (FL). Nine people have agreed to serve on this committee. The most important issue at this time is the FQPA. AAPSE needs to consider how to communicate this new law to our clientele.

Strategic Planning Committee Ed Vitzthum (NB) agreed to serve as chair. Tentatively, the committee had five full members and six associate members. The committee will be asked to form subcommittees to work on different issues. The six associate members are Jeanne Heying (EPA), Tom Delaney (PLCAA), Julie Haigler (NC-SLA), Elin Miller (Dow Agrosience), Charles Rock (Novartis), and

Steve Bennett (DOD). Mary Grodner, Bob Bellinger (SC), Natalia Clifton (MA) and Melanie Zavala (CA) are the full members.

Pesticide Education / Internet Committee -- Mike Weaver (VA) and Paul Guillebeau (GA) were asked to co-chair. Carol Ramsay and Larry Schulze (NE) was also asked to serve.

Committee on Committees -- Pat Hipkins (VA) agreed to chair this committee. The President requested that she help the other committees develop their charge or mission statement. The Chair will contact the other committee chairs and give them directions for posting their reports on the AAPSE home page.

Goal 2. Incorporate as a nonprofit organization.

A lawyer advised the Association to amend the Constitution to create an Articles of Incorporation. The By-Laws will change accordingly. A draft of the proposed Articles of Incorporation prepared by Carol Ramsay was placed in everyone's meeting folder and sent electronically to members via the AAPSE list server. Everyone is being asked to review this document before the General Business Meeting. Presently, AAPSE will only deal with items that apply to incorporation. The proposed Articles of Incorporation will be posted on the home page.

Goal 3. Establish more partnerships.

There are opportunities for our Association to form partnerships are with EFNEP, Master Gardener, Water Quality, and IPM programs and NRCS.

We need to continue to work with EPA, USDA, SLAs and other state regulatory offices. We have had good cooperation thus far. We need to continue liaison activities with AAPCO and ASPCRO.

Goal 4. Professional improvement.

AAPSE will focus on providing opportunities for professional improvement for its members. To that end, three workshops will be conducted at this meeting: (1) Utilizing the Spray Drift Task Force software module, (2) Marketing PAT, and (3) Curriculum development.

Goal 5. Outreach.

The Association has taken two steps to increase our outreach. A Pesticide Education / Internet Committee has been asked to develop a plan that will allow states to share training materials and other information related to training and education. Paul Baker has been asked to chair a committee to write short articles for Turf and Ornamental Service Technician, a trade magazine who met with us at our Board meeting in Columbus. AAPSE was asked to recognize their magazine as a "recommended source of educational materials".

5. Comments made on incorporation.

The incorporation of the Association will be nonprofit 501(b), Education and Public Service, in the state of Washington. A question was asked about liability related to incorporation, whether or not its members are liable for the actions of the cooperation. There is an indemnification statement included in the Articles of Incorporation.

6. Journal on Pesticide Safety Education.

Mike Weaver (VA) stated that four articles have been received and sent out for peer review. Following review, articles will be published electronically. Mike stated that he would take articles as they are submitted; there are no deadlines. He encouraged the use of graphics. Mike is utilizing a PDF format with Acrobat Reader. He is also using Adobe Exchange to create PDF format to facilitate revisions. A workshop on using the PDF format and Acrobat is planned for 11 March 1998.

Four types of articles will be accepted: (1) feature articles, (2) research and briefs, (3) ideas that work, (4) tools of the trade and (5) commentaries.

When asked, Mike emphasized that non-members can submit articles, but would be encouraged to join AAPSE or co-author the article with a member.

Terry Miller (OR) , asked if there had been any ground work done as to whether Extension Directors will accept these articles as bonified publications? Mike Weaver noted that they are in a cited journal and peer reviewed. Articles can be printed for your administrator.

7. National Program Leader Report

John Impson reported that the budget for last year (pass-through funds) was \$1.5 million in formula funds and \$427,000 in special projects. There are six projects currently being funded including the Spray Drift Task Force hands-on training scheduled for this week. Another was the aerial applicator manual update, which Norm Nesheim is doing. \$250,000 has gone out to coordinators on competitive grants. If anyone had a suggestion for using the funds they should contact him or Barry. The funds are to be used to develop training materials for the PAT program.

Congress deleted PAT from the FY98 budget. USDA's FY99 PAT budget request is \$1.5 million.

The USDA Civil Rights Initiative involves training workers and health care professionals. There is specific budget requirements for record keeping. This will not be out of the PAT allocation.

The GPRA PAT template will be in place in a week or so. It will address all points the group discussed, giving John more information to work with. He offered his thanks to the following people for working on the GPRA template: Norm Nesheim and Suzanne Deatherage from the southern region, Paul Baker and Pat O'Conner-Marer from the western region, Roger Flashinski, Phil Nixon, and Joanne Kick-Raack from the north central region and Natalia Clifton and George Hamilton from the north eastern region.

The new GPRA goes beyond certification and training. It includes developing training materials for homeowners who are not going to be certified. It also includes serving on various pesticide advisory committees. Hopefully, the new reporting document will help in obtaining better support of the PAT program.

For the last four or five years PAT has received \$160,000 from the Extension IPM program. We will receive it again this year. We have the option to apply it to special projects or include it in the formula funds.

There was discussion regarding USDA and EPA support for the PAT program. AAPSE members expressed their appreciation to John and his hard work and support of PAT programs.

8. Old Business

Three items were carried over from the last Board meeting in Columbus:

1. Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP): We are eligible to be a Supporter but not as a Partner. Barry Brennan will meet with EPA to explore ways of participating in the PESP.
2. Turf & Ornamental Service Technician magazine: Paul Schrimpf made a presentation at the Columbus Board meeting inviting AAPSE to formally contribute articles to their trade magazine. A Turf and Ornamentals Committee was appointed (see Goal 5 under the President's Report).
3. Voting Rights: Barry Brennan reported that information about the voting rights was sent to members via the AAPSE list server. No comments were received. Therefore, we will keep the voting procedures as they are now.

9. New Business:

PESP Request For Proposal. Barry Brennan received a request for a proposal to *administer* the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program. The Executive Committee discussed this request and recommended that the issue be brought before the AAPSE Board. The proposal is due 13 March, 1998. The President reviewed the criteria of PESP with the Board. AAPSE fills all the criteria required. Applying for the grant would offer AAPSE recognition as a group and a source of income. After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of AAPSE submitting a proposal, the Board decided by general consent, not to apply.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. Tom Delaney (Professional Lawn Care Association of America) handed out an FR notice (40CFR Parts 122 & 123) on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, NPDES, (Phase II). Tom served on a Federal Advisory Group which included several environmental groups. The section on page 2 related to public involvement was of special concern to Tom. It states that an educated and motivated public could reduce pollutant loadings by limiting the use of garden chemicals. Tom noted that the NRDC was responsible for the inclusion of this statement. It also states, that members of the public might choose to participate as actively involved partners in program planning, development, and implementation, aid in the development and distribution of educational materials, and provide public training activities to get the public involved in putting out information about garden chemicals. There was discussion related to university training as opposed to that conducted by special interest groups. Tom was concerned with special interest groups developing materials and conducting training that might lack scientific merit or provide an objective viewpoint vis-à-vis pesticides. Tom thought county agents should continue to play a major role in training and encouraged AAPSE to respond to the FR notice.

It was proposed that a site on AAPSE home page include educational materials appropriate for homeowners, consumers, nonagricultural and noncommercial agricultural uses. This issue will be referred to the Pesticide Education / Internet Committee.

Mary Grodner made a motion (seconded by Norm Nesheim) that we look at the FR Notice individually and recommended that the proposed NPDES storm water regulation (Phase II) be referred to the Issues and Evaluation Committee to frame a response for AAPSE by 9 April, 1998.

There was a lengthy discussion on the motion. Norm asked for ideas or comments that could be used to frame AAPSE's comments. The comment was made that we should not discourage the public from getting involved. It was pointed out that in the FR Notice, EPA is inviting comment regarding the appropriate role of the public. The comment was made that the general public does not have the expertise to develop educational materials or methods appropriate to pesticide and fertilizer use practices. Therefore, it is doubtful that the general public is informed enough to take a leadership role in this process. Tom stated that NRDC put this in the FR so activist groups could put out their literature and their information, which he feels is not balanced. The motion was restated by Mary Grodner, voted on and passed by the body.

Weed Database. Barry Brennan reported that Dr. Alfred Cofrancesco, Jr., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is developing a database that will be used to develop weed IPM programs. He is interested in partnering with PAT coordinators in this endeavor. Dr. Cofrancesco can be contacted at the: US Army Corps of Engineers, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180 or by calling 601-634-3182 (Fax: 601-634-2398 or e-mail: cofrana@exl.wes.army.mil).

Committees and Committee Members. Barry Brennan noted that some members have already been asked to serve on committees and encouraged others who want to serve on a particular committee to contact him. The following committee appointments have been made:

Issues and Evaluation Committee (standing committee) To be chaired by the President-Elect, Norm Nesheim. Pat O'Conner-Marer (CA) agreed to serve on the committee.

Nominations & Elections Committee (standing committee) Each region should nominate a member to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee. Formal appointment is made by the President.

Membership & Public Relations Rhonda Ferree (IL) agreed to serve as Chair. This committee combines the former Membership Committee with the Public Relations Committee. Anyone willing to serve should contact Rhonda or the President.

Committee on Committees Pat Hipkins accepted the chair. Dean Herzfeld (MN) and Wayne Buhler (NC) were asked to serve on this committee.

Strategic Planning Committee Ed Vitzthum (NE) agreed to chair. Other tentative members are:

Mary Grodner

Charles Rock (Novartis)

Tom DeLaney (Professional Lawn Care Association of America)

Sherman Takatori (ID, SLA)

Elin Miller (Dow AgroScience)

Natalia Clifton (MA)

Julie Haigier (NC, SLA)

Melanie Zavala (CA)

Bob Batteese (ME, SLA)

Steve Bennett (DOD)

Jeanne Heying (EPA)

Dave Scott and Carl Falco were asked to nominate a liaison from AAPCO and ASPRCRO, respectively.

Pesticide Education /Internet Committee Mike Weaver and Paul Guillebeau agreed to co-chair. Carol Ramsay and Larry Schulze (NE) were asked to serve on the committee.

National Certification and Training Workshop Program Committee This is not an AAPSE committee but will include an AAPSE representative. Jim Dill, representing CES and Gary Fish, representing the SLA, will co-chair the committee since the meeting is in Maine. Traditionally, the President of AAPSE represents AAPSE on the committee.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Carol Ramsay agreed to chair with Tom Dean (FL), Amy Brown (MD), Fred Whitford (IN) (not contacted), Ron Gardner (NY), and Jeff Jenkins (OR) serving as members.

Auditing Committee Paul Baker will chair. Other members are Jeff Jenkins and George Hamilton (NJ). This committee will audit the financial records.

Recognition and Resolutions Committee Candace Bartholomew (CT) has been asked to chair with Terry Miller (OR) agreeing to serve as a member.

Turf & Ornamental Committee Paul Baker accepted the chair. Amy Brown (MD), Cary Foss (WA), Joanne Kick-Raack (OH), Fred Whitford (IN), Paul Guillebeau and Mike Weaver have been asked to

serve. This committee will be writing the articles for the Turf and Ornamental Service Technician magazine (see Old Business).

The President provided Pat Hipkins with committee job descriptions borrowed from the Pacific Branch, ESA. Pat will help write the charges for each committee. In the meantime, the President asked the committees to consider their responsibilities. The committee reports should include a brief description of what the committee intends to focus on.

The Board recessed while the committees met. The Board reconvened at approximately 9:45 p.m.

The President requested committee reports.

Issues and Evaluation Committee: Norm Nesheim reported that the committee will consider issues referred by the President and the members of the Association. The issues presently being considered are the FQPA and AAPSE land grant relationships. Pat O'Conner-Marer is summarizing evaluations from the FQPA workshop, which will be useful for the committee in developing a response to EPA. The proposed NPDES storm water regulations and home pest management issues will be studied and a comment developed.

Membership and Public Relations Committee: Rhonda Ferree reported that the committee decided that the Treasurer should maintain the membership list. This will leave the committee free to do other work and promote AAPSE. The President suggested that this committee consider developing a statement describing the role and privileges of Associate members. They will also solicit members from each region. John Baniecki (WV) suggested that the committee have an AAPSE pin made. The President suggested that they consider having a certificate made for charter members or for all members. It was suggested that the committee include someone from industry.

Committees on Committees: Pat Hipkins pointed out that the committee needs to know which committees are active. Barry Brennan agreed and will meet with her. The committee will also help committees develop a mission statement, especially for those committees who have a single, short term goal. Each committee chair was asked to give Pat Hipkins a draft mission statement before they left. Pat promised that the Committee on Committees will act as a "Nag Committee" to encourage the other committees to meet and file regular reports.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mary Grodner stated that the committee will develop vision and mission statement for AAPSE as opposed to what we are doing in CTAG.

Pesticide Education /Internet Committee: Mike Weaver co-Chair, reported that the committee will lay out a matrix of what they would like to see on the home page. They discussed the following:

- o General Pesticide education programs and resources
- o Certified pesticide applicator education resources
- o What's new and what's planned
- o Training opportunities
- o Professional development opportunities

The committee will develop links with members and their sites, other home pages, sites of training opportunities and the Certification and Training Advisory Group (CTAG). It was suggested that the page should be made useful by allowing people to search for materials. Problems relating to maintenance and up-keep of the database were discussed.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee: Carol Ramsay reported that they plan on making one or two changes related to AAPSE incorporation. The changes will be posted within a week for review.

Auditing Committee: Paul Baker deferred his report until the business meeting since he hasn't seen

the financial records.

Recognition and Resolutions Committee: Terry Miller reported that the committee solicited other committees and members for resolutions and nominations for recognition. The President asked the committee to write a resolution recognizing AAPCO for participating in this meeting with AAPSE.

Turf and Ornamental Committee: Paul Baker said that a report would be given at the General Business Meeting.

10. Acknowledgments

On behalf of the Association, the President acknowledged Pat Hipkins for her outstanding work as previous Secretary. He also recognized the *ad hoc* Nominations and Election Committee members (Pat O’Conner-Marer, chair, Candace Bartholomew, Joanne Kick-Raack, and Tom Dean) for their professionalism in soliciting candidates and handling the election process related to filling the Secretary’s position.

11. Announcements

Gene Carpenter (Idaho) and Wayne Vandre (Alaska) retired last year.

Barry Brennan stated that we need names of regional representative from the southern and north central regions to post on the home page. Mary Grodner will take care of the Southern Region. It is believed that the representatives from the North Central region are Joanne Kick-Raack and Fred Whitford.

12. Adjournment

The President adjourned the Board Meeting at 10:10pm.

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE 3-10-98

Baker, Paul	U of Az, Tucson, AZ
Baniecki, John F.	W. VA. University Extension Service
Brennan, Barry	Univ. Of Hawaii
Brown, Amy	Univ. Of MD
Buhler, Wayne	N.C. State University
Burgess, Gene	Univ. Of TN/Agricultural Extension Service
Criswell, Jim T.	Okla. State University
Deatherage, Suzanne	TX Agricultural Extension Service
Delaney, Tom	PLCAA

Ferree, Rhonda	Univ. Of Illinois
Gardner, Ronald D.	Cornell University
Grodner, Mary L.	LSU Ag. Center/ Coop. Ext. Service
Heying, Jeanne	EPA
Hipkins, Pat	Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs
Impson, John	USDA
Jenkins, Jeff	Oregon State University
Miller, Terry	Oregon State University
Nesheim, Norm	Univ. Of Florida
O <input type="checkbox"/> Connor-Marer, Partick	Univ. Of California
Ramsay, Carol	Wash. St. Univ.
Schwartau, Bruce	U of MN Extension
Smith, William	Cornell University
Takatori, Sherman	Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Weaver, Mike	Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs
Wolf, Bob	U. of Illinois

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