

AAPSE BOD Meeting Minutes

12.19.2014	1:00-3:10 p.m. ET	Teleconference
Meeting called by	Mike Weaver	
Members Present	EC: Betsy Buffington, Drew Martin, Don Renchie, Andrew Thostenson BOD: Candace Bartholomew, Kaci Buhl, Pat Hipkins, Dana McGinty, Mark Shour, John Stone, Wendy Sue Wheeler	

AGENDA

1. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND BOD MEMBER REPORTS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western: Linda Johns, SLA from MT, is new junior regional rep North Central: Elections open until Jan 7, 2015 Southern: Dana McGinty, SLA from AR, is stepping down. Pat Hipkins, CES from VA, will remain regional rep for 1 additional year. Waiting for confirmation of junior rep Northeast: Rachel Maccini, CES from NH, will become junior regional rep
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2. AAPSE NATIONAL WORKSHOP

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Thostenson reported on overview of Harrisburg AAPSE meeting survey. Over 60 people participated. Good feedback. Provides baseline for planning AAPSE National meeting in 2016.
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Action Item	Person	Deadline
Add to April 9, 2015 BOD meeting agenda: start planning for 2016 AAPSE National Meeting	Mike Weaver	March 31, 2015

3. PACT 2015

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, the PACT 2015 planning committee does not have any time scheduled for an AAPSE business meeting. This was done primarily for scheduling reasons. Andrew Thostenson moved to hold the AAPSE BOD meeting on the afternoon of Sunday Aug 2, 2015, and hold an hour-long General Business Meeting at 6:00 or 6:30 pm later that evening. Seconded by Candace Bartholomew. Motion passed.
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4. BOD MEETING DATES FOR 2015

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday April 9, 2015, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Eastern time Thursday July 16, 2015, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Eastern time
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Action Item	Person	Deadline
Add these dates to calendar	BOD	

5. STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING GROUP

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda Johns and Kim Pope are co-chairs. Members include: Damisi Bailey, VA; Richard Beard, UT; Carol Black, WA; Tom Delaney, Professional Landcare Network; Frank Dowdle, FL; Gary Fish, ME; George Hamilton, NJ; Kerry Richards, PA; and Ples Spradley, AR Online working site in wiki form for members. BOD members will also be added by Mike Weaver.
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6. MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE CHANGES VIA BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clyde Ogg is chair of By-Laws committee Committee members include: Kaci Buhl, OR; Jennifer Weber, AZ; Faye Golden, Cook's Pest Control; Ed Crow, PA; Phil Nixon, IL; Tana Brown-Haugen, MN; Leo Reed, IN; Bob Wolf, Wolf Consulting; Becky Maguire, WA; and Roger Flashinski, MN. Online working site in wiki form for members. BOD members will also be added by Mike Weaver.
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7. AAPSE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candace Bartholomew discussed idea by Rachel Maccini for AAPSE to have needs assessment done by members to ask them what they want and what their needs are. Draft survey has been developed and reviewed. • Board thinks survey is good idea and requests that Strategic Plan Working Group and By-laws Committee review survey document before disseminating. 	
Action Item	Person	Deadline
Work with Strategic Plan Working Group and By-laws Committee on survey prior to survey release. Add questions about liaison travel (see #8 below)	Rachel Maccini and Candace Bartholomew	Late January, 2015
8. POTENTIAL DUES INCREASE TO SUPPORT LIAISON TRAVEL/OTHER		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Thostenson discussed problem that SLAs have to travel to various events and activities that are needful and necessary for the operation of AAPSE. Those include participating in SFIREG pesticide operations and management and SFIREG water quality. SLAs do not have flexibility in their budgets when participating in national-type board meetings. Some PSEPS cannot self-support travel, so cannot fully participate in AAPSE. Need to find mechanism to recruit good quality people with enthusiasm to serve and provide some sort of travel support for those activities. Don't want to send signal that only way you can play is to pay. Suggested dues increase. Dedicate those new resources to supporting travel activity. • Board discussed need to establish protocols. Need to be strategic in how using funds. Suggested addressing membership issue first, and then address membership dues. While working on membership issues, also work on getting information on membership dues. • Suggested stipend or honorarium to support members with travel. Possibility of earmarking money set aside from AAPSE reception toward travel. Discussed use of distance technology to participate in meetings rather than travel (e.g., meetings being held twice/year – attend one, participate remotely in other). • Kaci Buhl moved that, starting in 2015, the AAPSE BOD makes \$2400 available each year, to support 4 people at \$600 each (which represents potentially one trip across the country), and requires a report in exchange for the support. Each award needs to be approved by the board. The board would ask if alternative methods to attend each meeting exist and the necessity of attending meeting in person. Seconded by Don Renchie. Motion passed. • Discussed need to add additional questions to AAPSE needs assessment survey about travel. 	
9. 25b NEW AND OLD BUSINESS		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed working with AAPCO on 25b letter. AAPCO wants copy of letter sent to them. Unfair to AAPSE members who worked on this issue to not send letter soon. 	
Action Item	Person	Deadline
Send original letter to AAPCO telling them to either make substantive changes they would like to see for AAPSE consideration or if they don't follow through, we send the letter to EPA.	Mike Weaver	
10. INPUT TO PENDING C&T REGULATIONS		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is critical that AAPSE be actively and intentionally engaged in the commenting of new C&T regulations coming out next year. Will have long-term implications. 2 year grace period, 2 year implementation after final rule is published. • Issues and Evaluations committee needs to work on this. Discussed need to add more members to committee besides just president-elect to work on issues like this. 	
Action Item	Person	Deadline

Solicit members to Issues and Evaluations committee to work on comments to C&T	Mike Weaver	
11. NEW BUSINESS		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Development: \$2000 remains from \$2500 allotment. Money can be carried forward. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Liaison: Julia Storm has offered to be a liaison between AAPSE and the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH). She has contacted both organizations. There would be no costs now. Low risk, high benefit. 	
Action Item	Person	Deadline
Contact Professional development committee and inform them that they have \$2000.	Mike Weaver	
Contact Julia Storm to determine what ISASH says about a liaison with AAPSE.	Pat Hipkins	

NEXT MEETING: EC: TBD, BOD: April 9, 2015, 3:00-5:00 pm Eastern.