

AAPSE BOD Meeting Minutes

9.19.2014

9:30-11:45 a.m. ET

Harrisburg, PA

Meeting called by

Mike Weaver

Members Present

EC: Betsy Buffington, Drew Martin, Don Renchie, Andrew Thostenson
 BOD: Candace Bartholomew, Kaci Buhl, Pat Hipkins, Rachel Maccini, Dana McGinty, Mark Shour, John Stone, Wendy Sue Wheeler
 General: 45 members including those attending in person and via teleconference.

AGENDA

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion

- Drew Martin reported \$77,636.45 in accounts with WSECU across 3 CDs, 2 savings accounts, and 8 checking accounts.
- Membership: 177 members (107 Extension, 35 SLAs, 22 Industry, 8 other, and 5 EPA).
- Audit: May 15, 2013-May 15, 2014 – total revenue during that time \$9,600. Expenses were almost \$6,000.

2. MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Discussion

- Membership Referendum: Results of ElectionBuddy.com poll asking general AAPSE membership, "Are you in favor of opening up the opportunity for full membership in AAPSE to a broader range of people who provide PSE?" 85% voted (123/144 full members). 95 voted yes (77%), 28 voted no (23%). Some yes voters placed restrictions on how much.
- Pros to opening up full membership: Grow membership, allow members who change jobs to remain active and vote at all levels
- Cons to opening up full membership: Reduced experience of PSEP/SLA issues, ability to serve on EC, associates can already do many things, except vote, conflict of interest if including industry at full membership
- Discussed need for AAPSE to welcome ALL members and keep members from leaving
- Discussed redefining full member – A person who coordinates, conducts, or facilitates a government sanctioned pesticide applicator education and training or certification activity. Would require a by-law change if adopted.
- Discussed changing retired member's right to vote. Difficult to maintain current on issues.
- Discussed possibility of organizational associate membership category. Ease of payment for members. TPSA has organizational membership.
- Don Renchie adopted motion by Fred Whitford that anybody that joins AAPSE is a full member paying the same fees and having the same opportunities as a full member. Seconded by Andrew Thostenson.
- Many questions remain. Need to include retired status, redefining full member definition, and accountability of public entity vs. private sector.
- Based on the discussion, Don Renchie withdrew motion on floor.
- Drew Martin moved that the Board vote on the referendum to move this organizational structural change forward or to investigate moving the structural change forward. Seconded by John Stone. Motion passes.
- John Stone moved that the Board approve the EC to appoint a group of voting members to open up our by-laws and review the status and requirements for membership. Seconded by Don Renchie. Motion passed.

Action Item

Person

Deadline

Inform By-laws committee to convene and bring recommendations on membership to the AAPSE board in a timely fashion.

Mike Weaver

3. FUTURE MEETING PLANS

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board will discuss future AAPSE meeting locations, dates, etc. Discussed participation in upcoming PACT meeting in Philadelphia in August 2015. The AAPSE reception at previous PACT meetings has cost AAPSE \$5,000 bi-annually. AAPSE's annual income is around \$9,000/year. Discussed low return on investment – see very few new memberships as result of reception. Suggested putting reception money towards new employee breakfast, lunch, etc. at PACT meeting instead. Discussed wanting to do things for the cause of the AAPSE organization Andrew Thostenson moved to discontinue support of the AAPSE reception at PACT 2015. Seconded by Drew Martin. Motion passed. Discussed need for additional time on PACT agenda. Need at least 2 hours for the business meeting. Discussed holding AAPSE business meeting during time when reception has been held in past and serving refreshments only for AAPSE meeting attendees. Discussed breaking away from having AAPSE business meeting during PACT meeting. Travel costs for SLA's and others is an issue to attend separate AAPSE business meeting. 		
Action Item	Person	Deadline	
Request at least 2 hours of meeting time during normal meeting hours of PACT meeting for AAPSE business meeting.	AAPSE members who serve on PACT planning committee		
4. AAPCO LIAISON			
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed crow, former AAPCO liaison, has retired. Critical liaison position to fill. Need AAPCO liaison to AAPSE and AAPSE liaison to AAPCO. Also need liaisons for ASPCRO, POM committee, Water quality, etc. Suggested Linda Johns for ASPCRO, Rose Kachadoorian for POM, Jack Peterson, Leo Reed for AAPCO. Jack Peterson declined. 		
Action Item	Person	Deadline	
Approach Leo Reed to move his name forward amongst other people to serve as AAPCO liaison	Fred Whitford		
Ask general membership for interest in serving as liaisons	Mike Weaver		
5. STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION AD HOC COMMITTEE/TIMELINE			
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Weaver asked for volunteers to serve on Strategic plan revision committee. Kim Pope agreed to serve. Discussed need to survey the membership to get priorities for strategic planning. Discussed need to revise strategic plan in timely manner, but ask committee members for their timelines as well. Would like update from committee at PACT 2015. 		
Action Item	Person	Deadline	
Ask general membership for interest in serving on Strategic plan revision ad hoc committee	Mike Weaver		
6. HONORARIUM REQUEST			
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request for a \$750 honorarium was requested by a speaker at this conference. Andrew Thostenson moved to support the \$750 honorarium. Seconded by Mike Weaver. Motion passed. 		
7. JPSE UPDATE			
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barry Brennan is stepping down from editing JPSE. Fred Whitford is taking over Barry's position. 		

NEXT MEETING: Late October.