

# AAPSE General Membership Minutes

8/21/18

4:00pm-5:00 pm Central

In person/Zoom

**Meeting called by:** Kerry Richards

**Type of meeting:** General Membership

**Recorded by:** Betsy Buffington

**Attendees:** EC: Betsy Buffington, Kim Brown, Don Renchie, Kerry Richards  
Regional Reps: Candace Bartholomew (proxy), Faye Golden, Pat Hastings, Tana Haugen-Brown, Jolene Hendrix, Frannie Miller, Michael Wierda  
Members: Cheryl Alberts Irwin, Amanda Bachmann, Lisa Blecker, Stephanie Blevins, Ric Bossin, Amy Brown, Travis Cleveland, Natalia Clifton, Amy Dreves, Joshua Francis, Sharon Gripp, Mark Groth, Tracey Harpster, Robert Harrison, Michael Helms, Dean Herzfeld, Sarah Hughson, Ronda Hirnyck, Jan Hygnstrom, Sharon Jones, Chrissy Kaminski, Susan Kelner, Patsy Laird, Charles Luper, Andrew Martin, Gene Merkl, Katie Moore, Michael Murray, Glenn Nice, Clyde Ogg, Rachel Parson, Richard Pont, Sarah Racine, Micah Raub, Leo Reed, Mimi Rose, Lori Schafer, Ples Spradley, Sherm Takatori, Kimberly Tate, Milton Taylor, Cecil Tharp, Gilbert Uribe, Thia Walker, Mike Weaver, Whitney Weaver, Jennifer Weber, Shannah Whithaus, Michelle Wiesbrook, Dan Wixted

## Minutes

**Agenda item:** 1. Treasurer's Report

**Presenter:** Kerry Richards

**Discussion:** Kerry Richards reported that the current balance is \$65,310.92 across six accounts. She provided detailed reports for May 15, 2017-May 15, 2018 and May 15, 2018-August 15, 2018. Future treasurer reports will be reported from the start of the month to the end of the next month (e.g., May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019).

Membership level	Active	Renewal Due
Associate	13	8
Full (includes AAPSE fellows)	197	81
Life	13	0
Supporting	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>89</b>

Sherm Takatori moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Tracey Harpster. Motion passed.

**Agenda item:** 2. BOD Meeting Update

**Presenter:** Kerry Richards

**Discussion:** Kerry Richards reported that the AAPSE BOD has meetings on a regular basis. On Sunday, August 19, the AAPSE BOD held a BOD meeting. AAPSE will be polling the membership on AAPSE stand-alone meetings. The organization needs to look at all the pros and cons of hosting stand-alone meetings from a financial standpoint, how it may affect holding and attendance at regional meetings, and other considerations. The next PACT meeting will be held in 2020 with the Western region hosting. Another PACT meeting will be held in 2022, hosted in the North Central region.

Betsy Buffington stated that the BOD also discussed membership issues to help AAPSE grow as an organization.

Encouraging student memberships was also discussed during the BOD meeting, including incentives. Please share any comments with regional reps, executive committee, or the membership committee. Don Rennie shared his experiences with mentoring students at his institution.

Kim Brown stated that the BOD approved a conflict of interest statement and it is in place now. It is available on the AAPSE website.

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<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>3. Committee Reports</b>	<b>Presenter:</b> Kerry Richards
	<b>a. Awards, Fellows, and Honorary Membership</b>	
	<b>b. Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws</b>	
	<b>c. Auditing</b>	
	<b>d. Committee on Committees</b>	
	<b>e. Issues and Evaluations</b>	
	<b>f. Membership</b>	
	<b>g. Professional Development</b>	

**Discussion:** Committee reports were requested prior to the meeting by Betsy Buffington. A separate document will list the committee reports in their entirety. Kerry Richards mentioned that funds are available to committees to support activities by providing the BOD with funding requests.

**3a. Awards, Fellows, and Honorary Membership.** Sherm Takatori encouraged members to nominate deserving individuals for AAPSE awards. Andrew Thostenson commented that the awards committee would like to know in advance if you are planning to nominate an individual. He stated that it would be helpful in knowing what sorts of things to look for as deadlines approach.

Awards (presented during lunch, earlier 8/21):

- AAPSE Fellow – Clyde Ogg, Mike Weaver
- Distinguished Achievement in Certification – Andrew Martin
- Distinguished Achievement in Pesticide Safety Education – Kaci Buhl
- Professional Recognition Award – Jan Hygnstrom, Wayne Buhler, Tana Haugen-Brown, Lizabeth Stahl
- President’s Award for Regulatory Achievement – Kevin Keaney
- President’s Award for Pesticide Safety Education - Barry Brennan

**3b. Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.** Clyde Ogg’s report is listed in the 2018 AAPSE Committee Reports document.

**3c. Auditing.** George Hamilton’s report is listed in the 2018 AAPSE Committee Reports document.

**3d. Committee on Committees.** Betsy Buffington stated that if members want to volunteer for any committee, please email her at [bbuffing@iastate.edu](mailto:bbuffing@iastate.edu).

**3e. Issues and Evaluations.** Kim Brown stated that if you have an issue for the Executive Committee or Board of Directors to Consider, write up a letter with clear, defined points and bring the issue forward to the Issues and Evaluations committee. The steps to do this are provided on the AAPSE website. Kim Brown asked that when asked to answer surveys, to do so as it gives members a voice in the association.

The two issues brought to the Issues and Evaluations committee in the past year were Dicamba and Science Based Decision Making Committee. EPA contacted AAPSE to write a formal comment on Dicamba. The committee was made up of Andrew Thostenson, Fred Whitford, and Ples Spradley. The

comment has been submitted to EPA and is archived on the AAPSE website. The Science Based Decision Making Committee, made up of Dan Wixted, Mimi Rose, Amy Brown and Mike Wierda wrote an EPA formal comment on the transparency in science based decision making. Kim Brown praised both committees and they were given a round of applause for their hard work.

**3f. Membership.** Kaci Buhl reported that the membership committee wrote press releases and letters to last year's AAPSE award winners' employers. She stressed the role of AAPSE members as welcoming and recruiting members to join AAPSE.

**3g. Professional Development.** Becky Maguire reported that the committee had several conference calls during the past year. The goal is to have at least one webinar by the end of the year for all members. They also would like to post some recorded webinars of training information for the membership on the AAPSE website. Becky Maguire asked AAPSE members to contact the committee with any topic ideas or possible presenters.

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Motion by Candace Bartholomew to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jolene Hendrix. Motion passed.