

American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE)
National Conference July 28-31, 2025
Courtyard Gulfport Beachfront - Gulfport, MS
DRAFT AGENDA

Monday July 28, 2025

Noon-3:00pm	Meeting preparation
4:00-6:00pm	Registration Table Open
6:00-7:30pm	Welcome Reception at Mississippi Aquarium (walking distance from hotel) featuring Floral Design Demonstration – Dr. Jim DelPrince
7:30-9:00pm	AAPSE Board Meeting

Tuesday July 29, 2025

7:00-8:00am	Breakfast Registration Table Open
8:00am-8:30am	Welcome to Mississippi – Dr. Angus Catchot, Director, MSU Extension Service
8:30am-9:00am	Introduction to the Mississippi Gulf Coast – Jamie Miller, President /CEO Gulf Coast Business Council
9:00am-9:45am	Keynote Address – Sam Polly, University of Missouri PSEP
9:45am-10:00am	<i>Break</i>
10:00-10:15am	Sponsor/Vendor introductions
10:15am-11:00am	<i>Meet Your New Best Friend</i> Icebreaker
11:00-11:30am	Partnership in Training and Regulation – MS PSEP and MS Bureau of Plant Industry
11:30am-1:15pm	AAPSE Awards Lunch
1:15-1:30	<i>Break</i>
1:30pm-2:30pm	EPA Updates – Ed Messina / Carolyn Schroeder, USEPA – Office of Pesticide Programs
2:30pm-3:00pm	Coastal Upland Restoration & Ecology – Dr. Jon Pitchford, MSU Coastal R&E Center
3:00pm-3:15pm	<i>Break</i>
3:15pm-3:45pm	Avian and Coastal Ecology – Dr. Dr. Mark Woodrey, MSU Coastal R&E Center
3:45pm-4:15pm	Pollinator Protection Update – Dr. Dr. Jeff Harris, MSU Extension Service
4:15pm-5:00pm	<i>Break</i>
5:00pm-6:15pm	Networking Fun Hour (optional)
6:15pm	Dinner on your own
6:30pm	Past President's Dinner (Invitation only)

Wednesday July 30, 2025 – Pest Quest

7:00am-8:00am	Grab and go breakfast –pick up box lunches and store on buses
8:00am-8:30am	Bus to Port of Gulfport
8:45am-10:45am	Tour Port of Gulfport
11:00 – 12:00pm	Lunch/Travel to Gateway America
12:00 – 1:30pm	Tour Gateway America: import/export phytosanitary treatment using food irradiation (groups of 25)
2:00pm	Back to hotel
5:00pm	Dinner on your own
7:00pm-9:00pm	Trivia Night (optional)

Thursday July 31, 2025

7:00-8:00am	Breakfast C&T Academy Reunion (in breakout room)
8:00am-9:00am	Navigating New Waters: New C&T Competencies Roundtable – TBA (Moderator) Deep Dive Delivery: Purposeful Presentation Strategies and Insights – Sam Polly, Downen Jocson Getting Into Ship Shape: Rodenticide Regulations Update – Janet Hurley, Stephen Vantassel, Wayne Buhler (Moderator)
9:00am-9:15am	<i>Break</i>
9:15am-10:15am	Navigating New Waters: The Manual Translation Process – Brett Bultemeier, Jasmin Ramirez-Strain, Shannah Whithaus (Moderator) Deep Dive Delivery: Purposeful Presentation Audience Engagement – Beth Thomas Getting Into Ship Shape: Water Quality Protection Overview – Sam Polly
10:15am-10:30am	<i>Break</i>
10:30am-11:30am	Navigating New Waters: Using A.I. to Develop Training Materials – Robert Gomm, Tim Moore, Gene Merkl (Moderator) Deep Dive Delivery: Program Evaluation Tech Tools Share-a-thon – TBA (Moderator) Getting Into Ship Shape: Drone Technology Evolution – Madison Dixon, Sam Polly (Moderator)
11:30 – 12:00pm	<i>Hidden Treasure Activity / Break to check out</i>
12:00pm-12:45pm	Lunch
1:00-2:30pm	AAPSE Membership Meeting
2:30pm	Adjourn