

Organizational Meeting
National Association of Pesticide Educators
April 17, 1991
Arlington, VA

Barry Brennen (Hawaii) called the meeting to order and asked Norm Nesheim (Florida) to serve as chair. Norm started the meeting at 7:10 pm. Norm asked Barry to give a history of the organizational efforts to date.

Barry said that two years ago he and Mack Horton (South Carolina) were discussing the increasing number of pesticide issues that were being delegated to extension, such as endangered species, worker protection standards and Water Quality. We are asked to keep doing more work, but we have no input. Nor are we given more money. Barry discussed this with Bonnie Poli (USDA-ES) and expressed the need for an organization of extension professionals in pesticide programs. Wendy Wintersteen (Iowa), program chair for this biennial meeting gave time during the program for this discussion of an organization. A letter from Barry concerning formation of an organization was mailed to everyone before the meeting.

Barry then asked Vivan Jennings (USDA-ES) to give an overview of the history of USDA-ES and the CES pesticide educators. Vivan discussed the now-defunct Pesticide Education Taskforce of ECOP (Extension Committee on Programming). In addition there also was a NAPIAP Taskforce and an IPM Taskforce. In the mid 80's USDA-ES and ECOP started to question the function of these three taskforces. The Pesticide Education Taskforce had input from AAPCO (American Association of Pesticide Control Officials) and US-FPA as well as USDA-ES. They addressed current issues of the day. They wrote "decision memos" to USDA-ES. Due to the subcommittee structure and meeting schedules, some of these "decision memos" reached USDA-ES a year after they had been written. In the mid 80's, due to the similarity of programs, the A & R subcommittee pulled these 3 taskforces into the PME (Pest Management) taskforce. Then there was a change in the state structure of the extension system and the PME taskforce was disbanded. Now ECOP has under it a strategic planning council, a legislative council, budget and personnel committees. USDA-ES may name committees for 3-D funded programs and has been formed since Oct. 90. There is a National Extension Agricultural committee with the Chair and chair elect of ?? They address 3D items in the budget.

Paul Baker (Arizona) expressed concern that we, the pesticide educators, have lost some identity that we want back.

Vivan stated that some components of the new system are working well, however USDA-ES does not feel uncomfortable when they have to make unilateral decisions.

Barry returned the discussion back to formation of a national organization of pesticide educators. He explained that he had discussed this issue with Win Hock (Pennsylvania) and Susan Whitney (Delaware) who encouraged him to prepare the letter that Wendy mailed to all before the meeting. Barry stated that we can make several decisions later-- the name of the organization and dues structure. Barry emphasized that what he wanted to know from the audience now was if they also felt the need for such an organization.

An individual from Washington state asked if the scope of participants would be only extension or would private consultants also be allowed to join.

Barry said that we had best limit membership to extension or our needs will be diluted and not met. We might be in a minority if we open membership to many others.

Mary Grodner (Louisiana) stated that she was in favor of such an organization. We need to speak with one voice to EPA and USDA-ES. This would limit the number of inputs to Bonnie. Any meeting that we have could include EPA and State Lead Agencies, industry and consultants. We can have open meetings, but membership should be extension only. Mary emphasized that we are educators, not trainers. We educate applicators and the general public.

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Mike ?? (??) asked how EPA and USDA would respond to us.

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Vivon stated that it depends on the functions and programs that we undertake. Legislation and budgets are another thing to consider. If we are under the umbrella of USDA-ES, we cannot lobby, but we can impact programs. Vivon asked what are intent was and pointed out that the County agents association collects dues. They are able to do some things, but are limited in other things.

Mike responded that if we can have positive support up front, right away, then we'll get off the ground. But, if we can't get reimbursed for travel to meetings, it won't work.

Vivon said that USDA-ES is supportive. Bonnie said that she needs a sounding group to represent the states as a whole. She often must make decisions in 24 hours. She currently calls a few states for input. She does not want to dictate policy.

Von McCaskill (South Carolina) outlined the structure of AAPCO. It is an independent organization of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (usually commissioners of ag). He stated that they are effective without lobbying. They are 50 states joined together with exclusive membership, funded by dues (\$100/state) and the sale of publications. The annual meetings also raise funds. They have a Board of directors and committees. NASDA was perhaps concerned at first, but now they are supportive of AAPCO. Von ended with an encouragement to organize.

Jim Dill (Maine) asked about the role of SFIREG with AAPCO.

Von stated that it is a Work committee of AAPCO that was formed at the request of EPA to advise EPA. It is funded by EPA through contract. SFIREG has working committees. SFIREG has given USDA some recommendations. Once a recommendation comes from SFIREG, EPA must respond - they have that in their contract. SFIREG usually has an ECOP representative. Jim has served as a representative to SFIREG.

Von also said that travel to meetings is paid either on EPA grants or by the state lead agencies.

Wanda Michalowicz (Ontario, Canada) said that we could put in our budget 2 AAPCO meetings each year.

Bert Bohmont (Colorado) spoke in favor of formation of the group. He said that he had had some frustrating times. For the past 2 years we have not had any say in how our programs are run.

Don Cress (Kansas) said that he agreed with Bert. The old system didn't work well. There was no mechanism for representing other pesticide coordinators on national task forces. The members were appointed by ECOP.

T.W. (Fla.) said that a formal structure enables legitimacy. He said that he supported forming an association.

Barry asked for a motion to have an organization of extension pesticide educators. The motion was made by ?? and seconded by several people in the audience.

Win said that Canadians would be invited to join our group even though Canada does not have an extension system parallel to our own.

Amy Brown (Maryland) asked that we set membership requirements later when we write a charter.

Pat Thomason (Washington) called for the question. Norm called for a voice vote on the motion to form an organization of extension pesticide educators. The motion passed unanimously.]

Norm called for the formation of a charter committee.]

Barry said that he would be willing to ask people to serve on the committee. Barry said that he would take volunteers and comments.

Mike moved that Barry form such a committee considering the size of the different states. The motion was moved and seconded.

The comment was made that we should include Bonnie and a linkage to USDA-ES and NASULGC. The motion passed unanimously to let Barry form a charter committee.

Jim Dill commented that he is still on SFIREG. He asked that issues and question be directed to him.

Wendy asked when would we get further information from the charter committee. Barry said there may be a draft in the next month or so.

Norm said that we will communicate with all those involved.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 8:07 p.m.

Attendees, April 17, 1991 Organizational
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Name	Organization
Susan P. Whitney	Univ. of Delaware
Natalia P. Afton	Univ. of Massachusetts
Patricia Vittum	Univ. of Massachusetts
Don Cress	Kansas State Univ.
Harold Stockdale	Iowa State University
Carol Ramsay	Washington State Univ.
Gary Inomasson	Washington State Univ.
Hugh Homan	Univ. of Idaho
Gene Burgess	Univ. of Tennessee
Talmadge Batch	Auburn University
Burton R. Evans	Univ. of Georgia
Bonnie Poli	USDA/ES
Wendy Wintersteen	Iowa State Univ.
Ed Vitzthum	Univ. of Nebraska
Von McCaskill	Clemson Univ.
Sharon Gabel	Gabel Environmental Educator, GA
Bobby Simoncan	LA Dept. of Ag and Forestry
Robert L. Crom	FCOP/NASUI GC
Fuifui Taotua	ASCC Land Grant Programs
Donnie Dippel	Texas Dept. of Ag
Nell Iyg	Clemson Univ.
Marlene Renwick	Fl. Dept. of Ag
Robert G. Bellinger	Clemson Univ.
Roger Flashinski	Univ. of Wisconsin
Clyde E. Sorenson	Univ. of Nevada
Bert L. Bohmont	Colorado State Univ.
Thomas W. Dean	Univ. of Florida
Mike English	New Mexico State Univ.
Terry Miller	Oregon State Univ.
Greg Johnson	Montana State Univ.
Amy Brown	Univ. of Maryland
Mary L. Grodner	Louisiana State Univ. CES
Larry D. Schulze	Univ. of Nebraska
Wanda Michalowicz	Ontario Environment - Canada
Winand K. Hock	Penn State University
Norm Nesheim	Univ. of Florida
Don Rutz	Cornell Univ.
Candace Bartholomew	Univ. of Connecticut
Scott Harrison	Penn State Univ.
Ronald D. Gardner	Cornell University
Jim T. Criswell	Oklahoma State Univ.
Paul B. Baker	University of Arizona
John F. Baniacki	West Virginia Univ.
Madeline Waring	Health & Welfare Canada
Kerry M. Hoffman	Penn State Univ.
Patrick J. Marer	Univ. of California
Philip L. Nixon	Univ. of Illinois
Charles Y. Nagamine	Univ. of Hawaii

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Larry Tidemann	South Dakota State Univ.
Jim Wilson	South Dakota State Univ.
Hipolito O'Farritt Nieves	U.P.R. Agric. Ext. Service
Acie C. Waldron	Ohio State Univ.
Dean Herzfeld	Minnesota Extension Service
George Hamilton	Rutgers CE
Jim Dill	Univ. of Maine CE
Ed Kunickij	NCDA
Joanne Kick-Raack	Ohio State Univ.
Patricia A. Hipkins	Virginia Tech
Peggy K. Powell	West Virginia Univ.
Howard Deer	Utah State University
Mike Weaver	Virginia Tech

Charter Committee Minutes
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Larry Schulze
Howard Deer
Mary Grodner
Norm Nesheim
Barry Brennen
Don Cress
Larry Towle
Susan Whitney

Larry Schulze requested that a letter from Barry Brennen be sent to our directors saying we are on this charter committee. Barry said that he will ask Bob Crom for such a letter to be sent to our directors announcing our appointments to this charter committee.

Barry will come up with a draft document and circulate it to the charter committee:

Win Hock
Jim Dill
Susan Whitney
Norm Nesheim
Mary Grodner
Mack Horton
Howard Deer
Mike Stimmann
Jim Criswell
Larry Schulze
Don Cress

Discussion was held on membership in the organization. It was commented that AAPCO allows only one member per state. The pros and cons of three choices were discussed: (1) allow only one member per state (2) allow all extension professionals that are involved in pesticide education in that state to be members (3) allow only one voting delegate per state. It was decided that only one voting delegate per state would be allowed, but that any number of pesticide educators from one state would be allowed membership.

The purpose of the organization was discussed. It was pointed out that we want to unite, we want to promote high standards of Education, we want to provide a vehicle for communication with USDA-ES and State/Federal and private organizations and industry. We want to communicate with ESCOP, AAPCO, ECOP, EPA and USDA. We want to guide and make recommendations regarding pesticide education. Barry will prepare a draft of the purpose and send to us.

Don asked for a definition of regions. Norm said that there are 4 USDA regions. Howard asked that we list states in the membership definitions to avoid confusion later.

Discussion was held on what the frequency of meetings should be and who should attend. It was commented that each region meets annually for PAT. In addition groups can ask Bonnie or the program Chair for time for group interests at the biennial national meeting.

Attendance at meetings was discussed. Professionals from state extension systems and 1890 schools would attend. The military and Indian reservations may have association. It was proposed that members may attend open meetings, but not necessarily vote. The AAPCO provision (Sec 5 pg 127) for mail ballots was discussed and approved by the committee. Proxies were also discussed.

It was pointed out that the secretary and treasurer should be long term officers, if possible. The National Program leader should be an ex-officio member of the board. A suggestion was made that we have regional representatives with staggered terms and at least 1 or 2 board members from each region.

The following officers were discussed:

Past President

President

President elect

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer elect

4 regional representatives

1 ex-officio staff member from USDA-ES, such as the Program leader

This would make 9 members, 8 of whom would be voting members.

Barry discussed program representation. We have 3 programs: IPM, NAPIAP and PAT. Each program could have a 4 member committee. One person from each committee could be a representative to the board.

Norm said that IR-4 is CSRS. We should not include them at this time. We should not have IPM or other subgroups with representation at this time.

The possibility of 2 cycles was discussed: the Secretary/Treasurer-elect would rotate up to Secretary/Treasurer. The President-elect would move up to President (to Past President).

Don commented that we should call "dues" a meeting registration fee.

We need dues to conduct mailings. Ten dollars is not unreasonable for dues. Barry recommended no more than \$25. It was decided that we do need minimal dues for postage and operating expenses, but the bulk of the dues will be called registration fees.

Norm asked that we look into a tax exempt status. Norm said that he will ask Mike Olexa about our legal issues.

Barry said that he will send the by-laws to us to check.