Association of American Plant Food Control Officials  
Winter Annual 2019  
Best Management Practices (BMP) Committee  
Tuesday February 12, 2019 Albuquerque, NM

Members Present: Chair - Lance Kunneman, Vice-Chair - Brian Bowers, Steve McMurry, Falina Hutchinson, Buzz Vance, Matt Pearson, Robert Tolton, Sarah Wilbanks, and Joe Slater

Industry Liaisons Present: Ed Thomas, Robert LaGasse, and Maria Abildgaard.

Members Removed: Control Officials – Neal Vaughn - IA  
Industry Liaisons – Deb Allen – Potash Corp

Guests Attending: 38 guests.

Committee Objectives: To promote and make available to the manufacturers of commercial fertilizer, with emphasis directed to blenders, information and technology related to best manufacturing practices, to ensure consumers receive quality products meeting agronomic needs and values.

Called to Order: 9:49 am by Chair Lance Kunneman.

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve agenda. Tolton/Slater-Motion carries

Meeting Minutes Approval: Motion to approve minutes from 2018 Summer Annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale. Tolton/Slater-Motion carries

Committee Actions:

- Bulk Blend Workshops - Thomas  
  o TFI’s Bulk Blend Guidance Manual is out for review and update by industry members & they would like AAPFCO’s input.  
    ▪ Slater asked that it be sent to the committee.  
    ▪ TFI has not received requests for workshops in several years.

- Fertilizer Security Outreach Material - Thomas  
  o OSHA  
    ▪ TFI has “re-uped” their Strategic Alliance with OSHA.  
    ▪ Focusing efforts on having OSHA and others to recognize the ResponsibleAg program, [https://www.responsibleag.org/](https://www.responsibleag.org/)
  o Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS), [https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/chemical-facility-anti-terrorism-standards](https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/chemical-facility-anti-terrorism-standards). TFI wanted CFATS to incorporate ResponsibleAg into their plans but they only extended the program for 15 months.

- TFI’s Priority Issues for 2019: - Thomas  
  o Get AOAC & ISO methods approved & “over the finish line”.  
  o Biostimulants  
    ▪ Farm Bill directs USDA to report to congress  
    ▪ TFI’s plan involves:  
      ▪ Definition  
      ▪ Non-regulatory self-certification program  
      ▪ Regulatory framework  
      ▪ Legislation  
      ▪ National label as a basis for all states.

Maria asks Thomas who is representing AAPFCO on the Biostimulant task force.  
Eddie Simons & Matt Haynes + the board.  
TFI is focusing on efficacy process and framework for biostimulants  
TFI would like to see a minimum standard for all states to promote uniformity with additional state specific requirements if needed.
Regulatory reform items include EPA’s clean water act and the Army Corps of Engineers for dredging and mining.

Pleased that Slow and Controlled Release & Enhanced Efficiency progress
  - Much of the work has been done by chemists so far.
  - Now TFI wants to use more agronomists to get additional input and for implementation.

- ResponsibleAg Update: - Thomas
  - Estimated 6,000 – 6,500 ag retail facilities in the US
    - 2,537 have registered with ResponsibleAg
    - 1,139 have been certified

Gary Vogen from Yara provided additional information about ResponsibleAg. Hopes that many federal agencies will soon recognize ResponsibleAg.

- The Micronutrient Manufacturers Association (MMA), http://www.micronutrientfertilizer.com/, is being merged into TFI. They are developing a strategic plan for that merger. - Thomas

- The International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI), http://www.ipni.net/, is dissolving but not necessarily going away. - Thomas
  - 1/3 of the resources are being absorbed by TFI
  - 1/3 by the Fertilizer Canada, https://fertilizercanada.ca
  - 1/3 by the International Fertilizer Association, https://www.fertilizer.org/

Please see the TFI slide set on the AAPFCO website for additional details.

Lance asked Thomas about graze on next for urea and pesticide issues?

Pearson asked about long ago mentioned lab training videos that TFI was involved in.
  - Thomas said that they were finalizing the script.
  - Patty Lucas confirmed that was true and added that they will be filmed in the Florida labs and will cover sample preparation techniques and ICP Analysis.

Requested Action of the Association and/or Board: None.

Next Steps: Summer Annual Meeting August 2019
  - Report on any Bulk Blend Workshops.
  - Fertilizer Security Update.
  - Responsible Ag progress report.

Adjournment: With nothing further to discuss motion to adjourn. Slater/Hutchinson-Motion carries

Adjourned: 10:26 am.
Steve McMurry ............................................................ Lexington, KY
Buzz Vance ............................................................... Lincoln, NE
Matt Pearson ............................................................ W. Lafayette, IN
Robert Tolton Jr ...................................................... Phoenix, AZ
Sarah Wilbanks ......................................................... Pendleton, SC
Falina Hutchinson ...................................................... Helena, MT

Industry Liaison

Scott Rosenquist ..................................................... Lathrop, CA
Jim Jenkins ............................................................. Calgary, Alberta, CN
Andy O’Hare .......................................................... Washington, DC
Robert LaGasse ....................................................... Shallowater, TX
Rich Adderley .......................................................... Saskatoon, Sask., CN
Bill Easterwood ......................................................... Tampa, FL
Maria Abildgaard ...................................................... Davis, CA