

**Requests to AAPCO by the National Stakeholder Team for PSEP Funding
AAPCO Board Meeting – March 9, 2014**

The National Stakeholder Team continues to explore every opportunity to strengthen the national Pesticide Safety Education Program. We respectfully ask that AAPCO support our efforts in the following ways:

- a) Strongly encourage State Lead Agencies to provide leadership and assistance to non-robust PSEPs in pursuing a sustainable PSEP.**

*Current State: PSEP-IMI funding (up to 25K/year for 3 years) is available **now** for PSEPs to pursue this goal. The SLA must commit to serving on the advisory committee. Workplan must include establishment of a stakeholder team, development of a business plan, and assessments of a) financial condition, b) legislative and other funding opportunities, c) state laws that impact funding opportunities, and d) current/planned use of on-line and distance education. It is hoped that 24 PSEPs will pursue this goal.*

- b) Promote SLA financial and other assistance to PSEPs for their normal operations.**

Current State: The 2013 PSEP Survey indicates that 55% of SLAs provide no financial support to their PSEPs. Other SLAs provide financial support through one or more means, for example:

- *product registration and maintenance fees*
- *finances and settlement agreements*
- *certification and exam fees*
- *supplemental environmental projects (SEPs)*

- c) Include PSE content as one of the criteria when approving courses for re-certification credit.**

*Current State: CTAG has written several reports on this topic. PSEP-IMI funding (up to 10K/year) is available **now** for PSEPs to assist in a) evaluating proposed re-certification classes, b) re-certification policy evaluation/development, and/or c) re-certification regulatory evaluation/development. Three PSEPs, thus far, have committed to this goal in 2014.*

- d) Participate in a formal national dialogue on the critical need for IPM support of pesticide safety education.**

- e) Continue to co-lead the National Stakeholder Team for PSEP Funding.**