

# National Stakeholder Team For Pesticide Safety Education Program Funding

## Full Team Conference Call 7—June 17, 2013

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Fleeson moderated the call

- Opened with operational issues
- Mentioned that the detailed draft notes from call 6 were distributed to the team and will eventually be posted to the <http://psep.us> website
- Directed each Workgroup Leader to share a bit about what was happening with their particular group

Somody reported on the activities of the Non-Governmental (NG) Workgroup activities. Most of the conceptualization work has been completed and this can be found in the minutes of the various teleconference notes on [psep.us](http://psep.us). The advancement of these efforts to registrant management was ongoing. At the same time, the proposal for registrants to support PSEP and distribute funds via [CropLife America Foundation](#) (CLF) was under consideration by the registrants and CLF. In May, [CropLife America's](#) (CLA) Pesticide Registration Committee reviewed the NG proposal and supported it after significant discussion. The committee recommended that the proposal be presented to CLA's Strategic Oversight Council (SOC).

Somody then reported that the proposal had also been presented to the [Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment](#) (RISE) Regulatory Affairs Committee. After discussion, this committee allowed the proposal to be sent on to RISE's Strategic Oversight Council (SOC) for its consideration.

Magee commented that this effort continued to make fine progress with the proposal moving to both the CLA and RISE SOC's.

Thostenson asked for clarification on when and where things go from here. Somody indicated that the CLA SOC would be meeting in June. She indicated that RISE SOC meeting was yet to be scheduled, but this was expected in July-August.

Fleeson then asked Black to report on two outreach activities conducted earlier in June. Black presented the work of the Team to the Southern Region Pesticide Safety Education Program Coordinator's Conference on June 5 and to the Certification and Training Assessment Group (CTAG) on June 13. Both continued to express strong support for the work of the Team and significant discussion ensued, primarily around ways that state PSEPs could become more sustainable or self-sufficient as well as how states could receive funds from foundations with little or no overhead costs.

Renchie attend both meetings with Black and highlighted that no one approach to self-sufficiency was realistic and that each state would have to find different solutions because of pesticide use patterns,

demographics, geography, institutional history, and political realities. He indicated that Black's reports were well received and precipitated good conversation and ideas.

Thostenson added the State Workgroup had recently posted a paper to the web [detailing an approach states](#) might take with respect to gaining additional resources. Somody echoed that the paper outlined some success stories from states like Indiana and Illinois that support their PSEP with registration fees, enforcement fines, or memorandums of understanding between the state lead agency and the PSEP. Somody indicated that it would be important that states make progress towards self-sufficiency in order for registrants to be supportive with their resources.

Fleeson then reported that she had made Team reports to State-FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group ([SFIREG](#)) with very positive reviews. In addition to the SFIREG session, she was able to visit with EPA's Office of Pesticide Program's ([OPP](#)) management. They were very supportive of Team activities. Fleeson indicated that both of these contacts were important, especially because the Federal Workgroup would need EPA and state lead agency support for changing pesticide registration/maintenance fees and targeting federal fines to support PSEP (both very long term enterprises). Somody agreed and indicated that this was all part of an integrated strategy to evaluate every possible avenue to get funds to PSEP.

Black then spent some time talking numbers, specifically trying to tease out how many folks used PSEP to obtain their certifications. She indicated that PSEP serves more than just "restricted-use" pesticide applicators/dealers in the agricultural arena but also those who use any product in professional pesticide use areas like golf courses, structural pest control, right of way, and mosquito control. Rennie added that PSEP also trains a significant number of non-certified individuals, such as technicians in Texas. Black has looked at the most recent figures from 2012 that have been reported by state lead agencies across the country. No central reporting exists for PSEP, but Pont indicated that work was being done to create a new database. The goal was to have PSEP enter data for 2013. In the meanwhile, Black would provide a spreadsheet with best estimates and also provide a summary with pie charts based on suggestions by Magee and Somody. *(Those figures are now posted on the [psep.us](#) website as of 7/27).*

Fleeson then asked the Team to identify additional groups that we may wish to contact to help push these efforts forward. Somody, Black, Van Wychen, Hirnyck, and Clifton suggested:

- Consumer Specialty Products Association ([CSPA](#)) based on CLA/RISE input.
- National Association of Conservation Districts ([NACD](#))
- Natural Resources Conservation Service ([NRCS](#))
- State level Invasive Species Councils i.e., [Washington](#) and [Pennsylvania](#)
- Bureau of Land Management ([BLM](#))
- [Nature Conservancy](#)
- [Audubon Society](#)
- [Ducks Unlimited](#)

As the end of the call was drawing near, Fleeson explained that the Team was entering a transition time when we were moving away from brainstorming, goals, and planning to implementation. She noted that some of the Team members would be stepping back including her and that others would be stepping forward. The good news was we had made incredible progress and she was grateful to be a part of the Team.

Renchie expressed gratitude as well and asked if the work of the team would be presented at the National Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training ([PACT](#)) Workshop. Black indicated that there was a breakout session on the Team's work. Thostenson, Fleeson, and Black would be presenting.

Burnette expressed enthusiasm for the work of the Team and thanked Fleeson and the rest of the steering committee for their hard work.

Fleeson said that the next call would be in late July or August. Somody indicated that timing would be contingent on the action(s) of the registrants, CLA and RISE. Fleeson thanked everyone and the call concluded.