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MINUTES OF THE INTERSTATE PEST CONTROL COMPACT MEETING

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Chairman William Walker, III convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. with the following in attendance:

Member States

Illinois	Larry Werries
Michigan	Paul Kindinger
Minnesota	Rollin Dennistoun
New Jersey	Arthur Brown
North Carolina	Howard Singletary
Pennsylvania	Penrose Hallowell
Tennessee	William Walker, III
Virginia	Donald H. Kludy
West Virginia	Gus R. Douglass

NASDA

J. B. Grant
Stuart Hardy

USDA Forest Service

David A. Graham

USDA - EPA

Nate Chandler

OTHER STATES

Missouri	Don Coutera
	Joe Francka

Chairman Walker began the meeting by calling on J. B. Grant for a review of the Compact. Some of the items which J.B. Grant referred to in his review were:

1. The Compact was formed in 1966, it now has 19 members, there have been no new members since 1981.
2. The purposes of the Compact which are listed in the Compact publication.
3. The Compact became directly a part of NASDA in 1974, since that time 8 states have joined.
4. It has always been difficult to obtain new members. Perhaps it is time to develop a way to either get new members to join or look at alternatives for the Compact.
5. One state recently requested information on how to withdraw from the Compact.

6. Because the Compact was formed to provide assistance to states having plant pest control problems because of lack of funds and because of the trend in financing such programs now both at the federal and state level there is more need than ever for the Compact.
7. NASDA staff as well as Compact officers have made presentations at all of the regional and national Plant Board meetings during the past several years as well as presentation at meetings of other governmental organizations to promote the Compact with only minimal results.
8. Some of the reasons given for not joining are the lack of funds at the state level, the apparent or perceived understanding of the purpose of the Compact by a few state program regulatory individuals.
9. Recently the question has been raised by some of the non-member states as to whether or not they can join the Compact through a Memorandum of Agreement. Edward Feigenbaum, representing for the Council of State Governments, says that some states may be able to join in this manner if their state laws will permit it. The Interstate Pest Control Compact has been developed differently than other Compacts. So, it is not under the federal statute which other Compacts are.

Commissioner Gus Douglass advised those present that he had contact with Commissioner Dave Boswell of Kentucky. Commissioner Douglass requested that Commissioner Boswell be contacted. (The Secretary has prepared and sent a letter to Commissioner Boswell.)

Howard Singletary, North Carolina advised that the State of Alabama had shown some interest when discussing the Compact with him and requested that both the Commissioner's Office and the Plant Industry Director of Alabama be provided with information. (The Secretary has prepared and sent a letter.)

Chairman Walker next called on Howard Singletary to present the slide/tape series and to discuss the new brochure highlighting the Compact. Howard prefaced his presentation with the following:

"At the September meeting of the Interstate Pest Control Compact held in association with the fall NASDA meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, the Compact Executive Committee authorized the expenditure of funds for a new brochure promoting the Compact and a slide/tape series which promotes membership in the Compact.

Today, here in St. Louis, we have an example of the slide/tape series and pictures of the brochure with text which will be in the brochure. There are some slight editorial changes to be made in the tape and the brochure is presently at the printers. Four slide sets and 3,000 copies of the brochure should be available for distribution and use by February 15, 1984. The brochure will also have an insert which will list the member states and an apportionment table. This insert can be used when appropriate. The 3,000 copies of the brochure will cost approximately \$392, additional copies

are available at \$68 per 1,000.

The Committee members who worked on this project which is to provide potential non-member states with information material about the Compact are as follows:

Glen Lee, USDA-APHIS
James L. Stewart - USDA-Forest Service
Jack Cooley, Mississippi Department of Agriculture
Phil Benedict - Vermont Department of Agriculture
Dr. Lyle Forer - Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Howard Singletary - North Carolina Department of Agriculture
Rollin Dennistoun, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
J. B. Grant - NASDA"

Dr. Lyle Forer has served as the Coordinator since this project was undertaken.

Howard Singletary went on to state that:

"Special Thanks are due to the USDA-APHIS Information staff with special credit due to Ms. Betsy Adams, for all of their cooperation and assistance on this project."

The slide/tape series was then presented to those present. Slides showing the mock up of the new brochure were also shown.

Those present expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to Howard for his effort in this undertaking. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to all of those listed above.

As stated, the slide/tape presentation will be completed and available for the NASDA meeting in March. J.B. Grant advised that 30 minutes has been set aside during the general meeting of NASDA to discuss the Compact. It was the consensus of all those present that the slide/tape presentation should be a part of that discussion.

During previous discussions it was determined that several state departments of agriculture have unique organizational structure which somewhat separates the Department from the plant industry regulatory area of the state. When such a situation does exist, staff have felt somewhat reluctant to contact the appropriate officials in the organization holding the plant industry responsibilities. Motion by Douglass, West Virginia that the Compact staff and officers be authorized to contact every state source whether it be Department of Agriculture, another state agency, or a Department of a State University in the promotion of the Compact in that particular state. Seconded by Brown, New Jersey and passed.

The discussion on how to market or sell the Compact next proceeded along the following lines:

1. Kindinger, Michigan suggested that some vehicle should be developed which might be used to help obtain information on where the people in the non-member states are at and reasons why they have not or are

not joining the Compact. It was suggested that a set of questions be developed and sent to each of the non-member states to obtain such information.

2. It was agreed that the member states would arrange to have the slide/tape series presented at the mid-year meetings of the regions for both the departments and the plant boards. The following assignments were made: Northeast region - Hallowell, Brown and Kludy. Southern region - Douglass and Singletary. Central region - Kindinger, Werries and Dennistoun. Western region - Chairman Walker with J.B. Grant will make appropriate contacts. (Following the meeting the Secretary was advised that the Central Plant Board will be meeting in February in Minnesota, other plant board meetings might be held rather early also therefore, it is necessary that the appropriate contacts be made as quickly as possible.)
3. The possibility of providing additional funds to NASDA to enable them to spend more time on marketing the Compact was discussed. Chairman Walker instructed the staff and Secretary to present recommendations on this subject at the next presentation of the budget for the coming year.
4. Missouri, being the only non-member state present, was asked to comment on what they saw as their needs. Their main suggestion was to emphasize and use the Compact uses or projects that the Compact has been a part of in the past as the main sales pitch. It was further suggested that the sales pitch should be as specific as possible about pests that come in to localized situations.

There being no further business, Chairman Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rollin M. Dennistoun, Ph.D.
Secretary