

INTERSTATE PEST CONTROL COMPACT  
Minutes 1999 Annual Meeting  
Sunday September 26, 1999  
Holiday Inn, St. George, Utah

MEMBERS PRESENT

Arizona–Sheldon Jones  
Arkansas–Don Alexander  
California–Williams Lyons  
Georgia–Tommy Irvin  
Maryland–Henry Virts  
Michigan–Dan Wyant  
Minnesota–Thomas Masso

New Jersey–Art Brown  
North Carolina–Jim Graham  
North Dakota–Roger Johnson  
Puerto Rico–Carlos A. Flores Ortega  
South Carolina–Neil Ogg  
Vermont–Leon Graves

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chairman, Sheldon Jones, Thirteen states were reported present as indicated above.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carlton Courter, Treasurer was unable to attend the NASDA meeting. Sheldon Jones, Chairman presented the prepared report. A fund balance as of June 30, 1999 was \$1,001,511.38. It was reported that resulting from the transfer of funds from Illinois to the new Treasurer Carlton Courter in Virginia there was a loss of 46,721.16. There was concern expressed by the membership as to how this loss occurred. The Executive Director was directed to determine the facts in this loss.

The Treasurer's report place four items for discussion by the membership as follows:

- 1- It would be beneficial to have an entity such as NASDA provide support for the Treasurer if the IPCC is avoid a loss in the value of assets, such as the loss incurred this year, when the assets are transferred between states due to a change of Treasurer.
- 2- NASDA can provide financial support to include writing checks, depositing membership dues, and preparing annual financial statements for the annual fee of \$1000. This is in addition to the \$1000 currently paid for administrative support. The Treasurer's approval of disbursements could be obtained by FAX.
- 3- NASDA can also provide investment services at a fee of \$10,000 annually. However, a bank or brokerage firm could provide this service at a much smaller fee. Investment fees and expenses were under \$2,000 last fiscal year.

- 4- The Compact should develop an investment policy defining how the Compact's assets should be invested, i.e. money markets (low risk), government bond funds (medium risk), equity funds (high risk).

After discussion the membership did not support these recommendations and suggested that the Treasurer continue financial practices as were conducted in the past. However, it was recommended that an Investment Committee be appointed to work with Carlton Courter, Treasurer. The following members were appointed: Tommy Irvin, Georgia, Art Brown, New Jersey, and Leon Graves, Vermont.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for officers. It was moved that Henry Virts of Maryland serve as Chairman, Thomas Masso, of Minnesota serve as Vice Chairman, Carlton Courter of Virginia continue to serve as Treasurer, and William Lyons serve as Secretary. The slate of officers were approved as indicated above.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presently there are 30 states that are now members of the Compact. Since the Mid-Winter meeting the State of Washington has joined the Compact. Washington elected to pay their full membership fee. Arkansas also joined selecting to pay their membership fee over a six year period. The States of Oklahoma and Rhode Island have indicated their desire to become members. Invoices have been sent to both states.

Most of the Directors efforts, on a monthly basis, is to continue contacts with all non-member states. Most state desire to become members, however, budgetary restraints hinder their becoming members. Many states continue to request, through their state budgetary process, legislation and funding in their efforts to become member.

Efforts continued to seek funding from the major agricultural organizations. Responses have been discouraging, however, fund raising efforts continue. This efforts seeks to raise large amounts of monies (\$5,000) plus funds from potential contributors.

In April 1998 the Compact approved a grant of \$12,093 to the State of Kansas for the eradication of the Grecian Foxglove, a noxious weed. This weed was found infesting 120 acres in one county. A combination of hand-pulling of blooming plants and a wider delimiting survey was convened. Three small new infestations within one-quarter mile of the main infestation have been located and marked with flags for chemical treatment. During the past winter a color educational brochure was developed. Seven hundred and fifty copies were printed and distributed to local area extension agents, USDA-NRCS, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and

county noxious weed directors.

In January 1999 the Compact received a request for financial assistance for \$100,000 from the State of Illinois for the eradication of the Asian Long-horned beetle which was discovered in three areas of Northeastern Illinois, primarily the Chicago area. This request was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee. The Compact membership further approved the dispersal of funds to the State of Illinois at the Mid-Winter Meeting on February 20, 1999.

On March 25, 1999 an application for funds was received from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$12,768. These funds were to be used to conduct a one year survey in the State of Minnesota for common barberry, the source of inoculum of the black stem wheat rust. The purpose of the survey was to examine selected sites to determine if the potential exists for barberry to re-emerge and spread to larger areas of the wheat producing states. This application was denied by the Technical Advisory Committee. It was recommended the state should attempt to seek funds from the USDA CAPS programs (Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey).

On May 26, 1999 the Florida Department of Agriculture submitted an application for financial assistance in the amount of \$75,167 for research to retard the spread of tomato yellow leaf curl virus (TYLCV) and hopefully reduce the production losses which will result if the disease becomes widely established. The four objectives of the project are:

- 1- Identify approaches which interfere with whitefly feeding behavior and reduce transmission of TYLCV.
- 2- Evaluate new approaches for reducing whitefly movement into production houses.
- 3- Evaluate plant growth promoting rhizobacteria for protection of plants from infection by TYLCV.
- 4- Identify which plants species commercially produced in Florida are susceptible to infection by TYLCV.

This application was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee and Compact Executive Committee. A check was authorized to be sent to the State of Florida.

The Executive Director indicated that there was some concern by the Advisory Committee as to whether research as being proposed by Florida met the guidelines for granting funds. After some discussion it was recommended that grant applications should be of regulatory concern, cost sharing, in addition to the criteria as stated in the Compact Constitution. It was further recommended that the Executive Director review the granting criteria for Board discussion.