

INTERSTATE PEST CONTROL COMPACT
 Minutes 2000 Annual Meeting
 Sunday September 23, 2000
 Columbus, Ohio

MEMBER STATES PRESENT

Arizona	Minnesota
Arkansas	New Jersey
California	North Carolina
Georgia	North Dakota
Maine	Puerto Rico
Maryland	South Carolina
Michigan	Vermont
	<i>W. Virginia</i>

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Chairman Henry Virts. Fourteen states were reported present as indicated above.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carlton Courter, Treasurer was unable to attend. Bill Metterhouse presented the report. The fund balance as of June 30, 2000 was \$1,011,138.11. The operating budget for 1999-2000 was \$16,900.00. Actual expenditures were \$10,686.03, therefore being under budget for the year. Monies are invested in a Local Government Pool by the State of Virginia. The return is 6.74% effective yield. Membership dues are still being paid by the States of Florida, Kansas, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico and Rhode Island.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (YR 2000-2001)

Chairman-Tom Masso-Minnesota
 Vice Chairman-Robert Spear-Maine

Sheldon Jones-Arizona moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Gus Douglas- West Virginia. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presently there are 32 states that are members of the Compact. Recruitment continues in an effort to enroll additional states. New York continues to submit the necessary legislation to join the Compact, however, there has been some reluctance and pressure not to join by the environmental community in the state of New York. Most non member states still support the Compact, however, the ability to get legislative approval is often difficult. Work continues to

solicit funds from Agricultural Organizations. The ability to solicit funds in the range of \$5,000 plus is most difficult.

On July 1, 2000 a \$20,000 grant was approved for the State of Oregon for the survey and control of the Small Broomrape Oribanche minor. This plant is a parasitic weed that attaches to the roots of plants. In 1999 small broomrape was discovered in a red clover seed field near Aurora (Clackamas Co.). It appears that the infestation is limited to a small area. Small broomrape is a federally listed noxious weed that is of quarantine significance to many of our trading partners.

Received a grant request of \$100,000 from the State of Pennsylvania for the eradication of Plum Pox, however, with adequate funding from USDA PPQ the request was withdrawn.

It was interesting note that over years the Compact has provided 22 grants to the states for survey, control or eradication of plant pests. Today the states are much more conscious of the Compact.

The Executive Director travels to the NASDA office spending about 15 hours a month in the administration of the Compact, not including work often done at home. In addition, the Director also travels to the USDA PPQ offices at Riverdale, Maryland to meet with various staff members.

Gus Douglas of West Virginia commented on the good job that the Director was doing.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no discussion at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Gus Douglas discussed the National Plant Boards desire to hire an Executive Director. Robert Balaam President of the Plant Board was present and was asked to comment. Bob indicated that the Board identified the need to hire a full time staff person to meet the growing needs of the NPB. To facilitate this need they are exploring ways to make this happen. They have identified possible sources of income to pay for this position. NASDA staff has proposed the option of asking the Commissioners or Directors of Agriculture to agree to an increase in dues of \$1000 per state to help pay for the NPB staff person. NASDA would agree to rent space for the Executive Director in the NASDA office. NASDA has recommended that there be two people, one from the Animal and Plant Industries be available at the NASDA office to provide technical services. It was also recommended that a secretary be hired at the NASDA office to assist in providing services to such personnel.

ADJOURN

Art Brown-New Jersey moved and Tom Masso seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.