

## **NPSA Regular Meeting Minutes June 18, 2004**

*Present:* Gail Amos, Don Bradley, Nancy Fitz, Mary Grodner, Joe Hoffman, ,  
Allan Hovis, Janice Oldemeyer, Dan Schweitzer

*Quorum Status:* In Quorum

Meeting called to order by Board Chair Mary Grodner at 2:05 p.m. EST.

*Minutes:*

Previous meeting's minutes were not available for approval.

*Treasurer's Report:*

Mary reported total expenses of \$5,154.34. The checking balance is \$20,736.02. The report was accepted as reported.

*Old Business:*

2003 Conference in Tucson - Amos

Mary talked to her son who is an attorney, who indicated there are 4 directions we can go, but none of them are good –He knows in-house attorney for Marriot association, he is willing to speak to her if we like.

Gail – Don and Gail working with Kelly Newton got an ultimatum letter from Tucson Marriot. They were supposed to give us options, but did not. They offered that we pay \$5,000, and go back to Tucson for a conference. The deadline to pay was one week ago. Gail received the letter right at the deadline, but informed them we would not be able to take action on it by the deadline. If we don't pay they will turn it back to their attorneys for full \$20,000+. We said we couldn't take action until at least the 18<sup>th</sup>. Kelly was going to contact their attorney yesterday and ask for a full accounting ledger. After she reviews this we may think \$5,000 looks good, we will know then.

Gail spoke to Kelly about the poor reception we had received from Peter Winters. If anyone else had negative experiences, let Gail know, this can help our case.

2004 Conference in Orlando- Fitz

Nancy – Sent out a list of the compiled suggested topics for 2004 conference. The goal was to have a conference planning committee meeting this week, but

that did not happen. She did receive good responses from Board members. She is going to send a note to Board and committee to have people look the suggested topics and give 5 topics they feel are most important. If there is a session people are willing to organize, please volunteer. This should help our focus and we will be able to move ahead if people volunteer to organize sessions.

International Topics, Jude reported. Don and Jude talked about a few ideas and divided up a list of people to contact as potential speakers if they can get funding. Don will focus on VA tech folks involved in international activities. Jude has contacted 7 International organizations that potentially could provide good speakers if they can find funding. Don's funding is tight, last year they brought a student, but this year probably can't do this. Don will have to come on his own personal expense. Margaret is willing to speak on pesticides management in Ukraine. Gail has a potential contact in Germany.

Pesticide Disposal topics – NPSA pilot disposal program. Don asked if this can involve cooperative effort to start the program? Nancy indicated that it would and there would be one session of presentations to bring people up to speed as well as one or two work sessions.

Alan asked what event sponsorships generally run? Program/Corporate sponsorship is around \$5,000. Breaks about \$500. Alan is budgeting for next year, but since we won't have a conference wanted to know if we could bill him, so they can sponsor in 2005. We certainly can.

We will develop our own sessions, rather than put out a call for papers. Draft agenda goal is mid-July.

The tour is an option at Walt Disney World. There are issues with funding, but we haven't resolved them. Once we have the draft agenda, we will begin working on these details.

#### Pilot Project Update – Fitz

The bad news we are still in limbo for someone to do task 1 and 4 – basic data collection from VA tech. Still waiting to hear from a third potential person after the first two did not pan out. Roger and Nancy decided we might come up with a plan B, where we split the responsibility between different people (Roger, Nancy, Pat). Pat and Nancy will touch base in early July, they would like to send out an introductory letter to all States about the program, introducing person who will contact them.

Good progress with analysis Bill is getting ready to do. Roger and Nancy with some input from Pat, Dan and Bill have picked 14 States for the in-depth data collection and analysis. They are looking at what has gone well and what hasn't.

This weekend Nancy will send an e-mail to these States, introducing they have been picked for further study and introduce Bill so he can get to work.

Need to finalize contract arrangement between Bill and NPSA. Everyone's happy with it, what do we need to do to ensure everyone is happy with it and get it in place. Gail and Mary will be given a draft of the contract to review and sign.

#### Advisory Committee:

Last board meeting, Dan made contact with AC, supplied them with issue paper from SFIREG and the draft letter developed. One member of AC supported sending a letter of support from NPSA to EPA and had a few comments. Last question was whether we should include additional issues with this letter. The answer was no, but maybe we should bring additional issues at a later date. A revised draft letter was provided to Board members earlier this week.

#### Earth 911 Update - Hoffman

Conference call for Earth 911 was supposed to be Monday, but has been cancelled and will be rescheduled in July (the 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>). However, things are going on behind the scenes. All States got information submitted and they are looking at what's available on other sites, and material that is already out there.

Joe will be ready to do a hands-on demonstration at the conference. We need to ensure we have fast Internet access.

Earth 911 is currently functional for options for homeowners.

#### SFIREG Label Review Manual Subcommittee Update – Schweitzer

The draft letter looks great. We would like to get it to Kathy to put on letterhead and send it out.

Janice Oldemeyer made a motion to submit a letter of support to Bill Diamond

Don Bradley seconded the motion

No Objections - Motion passed

We will send the letter to Kathy to put on letterhead and sign.

The letter should be sent after the SFIREG meeting, because of how it was written. Will be dated July 1, 2004. Mary will contact Kathy after the SFIREG meeting to confirm that SFIREG is going forward with this.

Clark Brown is going to try to get support of the contractors on this also. He is going to send it out to the contractors after the 28<sup>th</sup> to try to get support. The more letters of support the better, if anyone else can help generate some.

### Committee Reports

- a. Finance – Prest  
No update
  
- b. Communications – Fitz, Bradley  
As soon as conference agenda gets narrowed down to pick out a couple of key topics, we will put out a news release in late July/early August.  
  
Roger was going to contact Croplife about PR. No one knows the status of this.
  
- c. Stewardship/Awards – Amos  
Janice offered to take the lead and contact Rob to start working on awards
  
- d. Membership – Hovis  
No activity  
Mary solicited membership at two Pesticide Safety Educator meetings. However, the funding is poor and up in the air. Mary would like suggestions for funding of these programs if anyone has them.
  
- e. International Relations – Andreasen, Mullins  
Reported in Conference planning report

### *New Business*

Elections and Bylaws – Dan reported that he is going to begin canvassing membership for nominations for the upcoming board elections. The open slots are:

Government  
Institution  
End User  
Environmental Public Health

Dan will put out an e-mail to qualified members asking their interest.

Gail Amos reported that he has not been able to receive e-mails and will not be able to in the near future. If you need to communicate with him, please call his cell phone at (509) 949-9371

### *Next Meeting*

Thursday July 15, 2:00 – 4:00pm EST

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. EST

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