

**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE (TPSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING MINUTES
Mar 3, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

Don Gilbert, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at about 2:15p.m. Eastern Time

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Lois Levitan called roll. A quorum of voting members was present (names underlined): Jude Andreasen, Johnny Berry, Don Bradley, Chuck Cabbage, Liza Fleeson, Don Gilbert, Joe Hoffman, Lois Levitan, Carol Ramsay, Dan Schweitzer, Roger Springman.

APPROVALS: (i) The Agenda and (ii) Minutes from the Feb 12 2006 Board meeting were approved.

OFFICERS:

The Board voted by electronic ballot during the week of Feb 20, and unanimously elected the following officers: Carol Ramsay, President; Allan Hovis, V-President; Kelby Neal, Treasurer; and Liza Fleeson, Secretary. Officers were welcomed to their positions.

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The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the presentation of the Pesticide Life Cycle Initiative at the AAPCO meetings in Washington DC March 8, and to related matters regarding AAPCO and PLCS.

Dan Schweitzer will be addressing the **AAPCO Board** on Sunday, by invitation to TPSA from AAPCO president Jack Petersen. He has prepared a short powerpoint presentation about the organization and is planning to use this forum to talk about the TPSA mission and stump for membership. Carol suggested that he make particular effort to speak with members of the Water Quality Committee. Also that Dan be prepared to respond to questions re: PLCS and the status of the container rule.

It was noted that few members of this Committee are on the Board, but that the next Committee meeting will be in Seattle. Carol agreed to ask to speak to this group, if their meeting is simpatico with her schedule.

Lois and Roger asked for final input into the **Handout** they prepared for AAPCO. Because we would like to include this Handout into registration packets (or, in lieu of packets, have them available for pick-up on registration), it was arranged that Lois would email the final pdf version to Joe Hoffman, who will print out 200 copies and send them to AAPCO with Ann Wicks, his supervisor, who is a member of the AAPCO Board. Ann will be asked to deliver the Handouts to the registration table. [Postscript: Lois sent to Joe, with cc to Nancy, who will be at the meetings on Monday, with request that Nancy be backstop in case the cross-continental plan has any hitches.]

Web: Lois will send the final version to Pat Hipkins, Chair of the Communication Committee, and to George Brooks, webmaster, asking them to post this new Handout to the web in lieu of the Dec 2005 versions of the LCS Prospectus and Executive Summary [Postscript: Lois made slight changes to the AAPCO handout to make it more generally suitable *i.e.*, by removing the name of AAPCO) and sent it to George and Pat via email shortly after the close of the Board meeting. She requested confirmation of posting/removal of files. She also printed copies of this version for distribution to

others we meet with while in Washington.]

Schedule in Washington DC: Nancy was able to arrange a meeting with Bill Diamond, Director of the Field and External Affairs Division of EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs for 3:30-4p Tuesday, Mar 7. Nancy, Jude and Kevin Kearney are also expected to be present. Lois distributed via email a proposed agenda for that meeting and requested feedback from the Board re: prioritization of issues.

Mike O'Donnell, the NAHMMA liaison on PLCS, had emailed Roger suggesting that we attend the Wednesday afternoon meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee. The Board agreed that this would be a worthwhile and high priority.

We are developing a list of others to contact about the PLCS initiative and decided to introduce the concept to them by means of a note and the handout, rather than scheduling additional meetings while in Washington.

Outreach Materials: Roger and Lois described their concept for re-working the longer PLCS prospectus into something in the format of a brochure, with photos and white space, rather than in its current dry text format. Carol suggested that we keep good notes re: questions and issues to address, based on those brought up at the meetings at EPA, AAPCO, etc. The group discussed organizing the brochure along the format of this Q&A and other issues of concern to stakeholders. There was also discussion re: preparing a short Press Release immediately following these meetings/presentations and of preparing short articles for the trade press.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 20, 2006, 2-4p Eastern Time.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Shortly after 3pm, March 3, 2006.

Draft submitted by Lois Levitan Mar 3, 2006.