

**The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA)
Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Don Gilbert, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at approximately 2 PM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of voting members was present (names underlined): Kathy Brooks, Don Bradley, Don Gilbert, Don Mullins, Johnny Berry, Lois Levitan, Gail Amos, Joe Hoffman, Nancy Fitz, Roger Springman, Carol Ramsay, Allan Hovis, and Liza Fleeson.

APPROVALS

The Agenda as issued and Minutes from the March 3, 2006 Board Meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kelby Neal provided the monthly financial report via email. As of the end of February, the current balance is \$34,072.39. The payments were \$1475.00 to George Brooks, \$425.30 for Kathy Brooks travel to PESP, \$2390.00 to Arrowchase, \$150.00 Cash for Conference, and \$63.49 to Don Gilbert for expenses. The deposits are too numerous to list but total \$12,425.00. The large deposits were from Bayer Crop Science for \$5000 and Syngenta for \$2000. Kathy Brooks added that additional monies are expected from sponsors, however, the bill from the hotel has not been paid to date.

ELECTION OF BOD CHAIR

After a call for open discussion and nominations, Don Bradley was unanimously selected as Chair of the Board of Directors for TPSA.

COMMITTEE SELECTIONS/TASKS

Membership

Dan Schweitzer and Don Gilbert will serve as Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee. Discussion included the need for the Membership Committee to be "very active". Dan and Don are formulating a membership strategy focusing on, but not limited to, the governmental and educational sectors. Carol Ramsay offered her support in their efforts and reiterated the need for an active recruitment plan. It was indicated that each of us is a *de facto* member of this committee and that we should take opportunities when presented to encourage membership in TPSA.

Conference/Program

Carol Ramsay will serve as Chair of the Conference/Program Committee. Assisting Carol will be the following Sub-chairs: Johnny Berry (Sponsorship); Lois Levitan (Program Agenda); and Don Bradley (Marketing). The Chair and Sub-chairs will recruit additional members as needed. In addition, Kathy Brooks and Dan Schweitzer can serve as committee historians providing past experience with planning. Discussion included the 2006 Annual Meeting in Austin TX and the feeling of being “behind the eight ball” in planning, specifically, getting the registration forms distributed. As the 2007 Annual Meeting in Reno NV is eleven months out, there is a need to focus our planning efforts. Planning goals include the Call for Papers by June 1 and distribution of Meeting Registrations by mid-November. The 2005 Annual Meeting was well attended with 100+ attendees including speakers and sponsors, however, less than 50% of the attendees were TPSA Members. Further discussion included the possibility of including TPSA Membership in the registration fees for the Annual Meeting. There was some discussion involving attendees that are already members and those individuals who do not wish to become members of TPSA but rather simply attend the meeting. It was decided this could be one additional mechanism for membership however would not be the sole mechanism. The Membership Committee will follow-up on this issue.

Elections/Bylaws.

Margaret Jones will serve as Chair of the Elections/By Laws Committee.

Communication

Pat Hipkins will serve as Chair of the Communications Committee. Discussion included the benefit of being able to maintain momentum with the development of the website. In addition, the role of the Communications Committee was clarified – the focus is on E-communications. Finally, the need for news releases and mailings and where this responsibility falls (Membership and/or Communications) was discussed. Specifically, that it is the responsibility of both in that Membership “initiates” and Communications “effects” these items. It was suggested and agreed that news releases and mailings would remain the current responsibility of the Membership Committee for 2006. Don Bradley, Carol Ramsay, Dan Schweitzer and Don Gilbert will refine the definitions and responsibility of the respective Committees and determine for coming years where this function will reside.

Stewardship Awards

Robert Denny and Janice Oldemeyer have been asked to continue to serve as Co-chairs for the Stewardship Awards Committee.

Finance Committee

Kelby Neal will serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee. Discussion included auditing of the financial records and the need to provide the Board with financial reports annually for review. A system of checks and balances is in place as TPSA does retain the services of an Accountant and

Kathy Brooks' responsibilities include bookkeeping. The Treasurer reviews the financial records twice per year as well.

Sponsorship

Allan Hovis will serve as Chair of the Sponsorship Committee. Both Carol Ramsay and Johnny Berry will assist Allan and participate in committee activities.

International Relations

Don Mullins and Jude Adreason have been asked to serve as Co-chairs of the International Relations Committee. Discussion included formally asking Rob Denny to join the Committee and represent International Relations on the Conference Committee. Cam Davreaux was also identified as a possible member of this Committee. Kathy Brooks indicated she would contact Rob Denny.

Advisory Committee

Discussion included the role of the Advisory Committee. Roger Springman provided a historical perspective of the Committee, specifically, that the Committee was/is mission oriented working on a specific issue or need for a specific time. Further discussion included the need to continue to Advisory Committee at this time. It was determined that the Committee has not been used for at least 16 months and currently there are no issues for which they are needed. A motion was made and passed that the current Advisory Committee be disbanded and can be re-formed when an issue arises for which such a group is needed and its membership determined based on the specific issue. Carol Ramsay will draft a letter thanking the current Committee Members for their service.

Other (not on Agenda)

Discussion included the need to send letters to all 2006 TPSA Conference Participants thanking them for their participation and including membership forms. Kathy Brooks indicated she would send Carol Ramsay last year's letter for revision.

Topic turned to the need to develop liaison roles within TPSA. Rob Hofstetter is no longer represented on the SFIREG WQ PD Working Committee. Judy Carlson (ND) was mentioned as a possible contact. Carol Ramsay will be attend the WQ/PD Working Committee in Seattle, WA in April and will ask if a formal liaison would be of benefit to that group. Additional discussion followed including other organizations to establish relationships, for example, NAHMMA (North America Hazardous Waste Association).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elections/Bylaws

Gail Amos reported on the bylaw amendments. The Board had previously approved opening the bylaws for revision to amend the "membership categories." To date, those revisions have not been drafted or sent out to the membership. The process for amending the bylaws was reviewed and Gail Amos indicated he would begin work on those amendments.

Communications

Don Mullins reported on behalf of Pat Hipkins. George Brooks has made the short term changes to the website and has begun to work on the long term changes including 1) membership lists and 2) bulletin boards. In addition, work continues on security for documents posted on the website.

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL PILOT PROJECT

Discussion included the status of the Final Report for the Phase One Pesticide Disposal Pilot Project. Nancy Fitz indicated that the research has been completed however the drafting of the final report has not begun. Roger Springman indicated his willingness to draft the final report. Nancy will send Roger all the files.

DEBRIEF ON TPSA AND PLCS PRESENTATIONS AT AAPCO

Lois Levitan and Roger Springman briefed the members on their recent attendance at the AAPCO Spring Meeting. Specifically, their meetings with EPA and USDA and presentation to the AAPCO Membership.

Lois summarized the meetings with Bill Diamond and staff (Nancy Fitz, Jude Adreason, and Kevin Keaney) and a separate meeting with Al Jennings, USDA. The purposes of the meetings were to float the *Pesticide Lifecycle Stewardship Initiative*. Attendees expressed interest in the initiative however both the EPA and USDA challenged TPSA to quantify the problem. Roger Springman offered that it (activities at AAPCO) brought the PCLS to a higher level of consciousness however it seems non-directed at this point. Issues related to quantification of the problem include the methodology of data collection and the validity of the data collected.

Further discussion focused on the challenges of quantification of the problem and potential data sources. Lois Levitan indicated it would possible to complete a national survey based on secondary data collected (and extrapolated) from the States. Such a survey could be completed within six months at a relatively low cost (\$10,000-\$15,000). Again the validity of the self reported data was discussed. Carol Ramsay indicated that we need to define the problem with numbers, which would provide a baseline. In addition, in order to move the issue ahead, we need to be able to sell the idea to people who don't understand the issue(s) associated with unwanted pesticides and containers. Bill McClelland questioned whether other similar programs had been justified, for example, battery recycling. Bill expressed that it would be very difficult to get meaningful numbers and suggested the possibility of using the pounds of pesticides and numbers of containers collected by states to date. Carol Ramsay stated that while States may have that type of information, TPSA does not currently have that data. Nancy Fitz offered that TPSA needs to tie the "numbers" to an environmental issue in essence answering the following question literally: "why dispose of the pesticides and containers?" There is a need for environmental impact indicators. Carol Ramsay identified a need for consensus of what the problem is from environmental groups. Joe Hoffman stated that a possible source or additional source of data or quantification would be the monies spent by the EPA spent on clean-up programs. Gail Amos added that data from monitoring of leachate from landfills may provide additional data as well. Photos and the media could also be used to

further the issue. Finally, Lois Levitan added that biosecurity issues with stored pesticides may also further the issue.

Roger Springman stated that the 2006 Annual Conference, interest in the initiative was clear and there were a number of individuals who indicated their willingness to work on this. He indicated the need to pursue that interest. Carol Ramsay added the need for a plan to move forward with this initiative and to make it part of the 2007 Annual Conference.

OTHER BUSINESS

Carol Ramsay raised the question of the draft press release. It was decided to continue with final revisions but not release until it has been confirmed that the appropriations bill referenced has been signed by the governor in WA State.

NEXT MEETING: April 17, 2006 (11 AM – 1 PM EST)

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned: 3:54 PM.

[Draft submitted by Liza Fleeson March 24, 2006. Revised March 31, 2006; Approved April 17, 2006]