

**The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA)  
Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM EST.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum of voting members was present (names underlined): Kathy Brooks; Dan Schweitzer; Don Gilbert; Don Mullins; Lois Levitan; Gail Amos; Nancy Fitz; Roger Springman; Carol Ramsay; and Liza Fleeson.

**APPROVALS**

Draft meeting minutes were distributed on August 17, 2006 and with revision on August 21, 2006. Members are asked to submit any final comments by August 24, 2006. Final draft minutes will be distributed via email for final approval and posting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Kelby Neal provided the monthly financial report via email. The balance as of the end of July is \$8,578.41. The payments totaling \$1189.79 were \$1,110.00 to Arrowchase, \$35.00 to Global Pay for the CC settlement, and \$44.79 to NDPS for the CC machine. There were no deposits in July. An additional \$5000.00 is owed by CARE Environmental Corp. Kathy Brooks indicated a reminder has been sent to CARE Environmental Corp. Dan Schweitzer indicated he would contact the corporate office regarding the sponsorship.

On a related note, a discussion regarding financial audits determined that a standard summary financial report would be provided to the membership for their information and review. Kathy Brooks will coordinate the preparation and distribution of this annual report.

**2007 TPSA CONFERENCE - RENO, NV**

The registration form for the 2007 TPSA Conference is on hold until the cost of the conference and tour information has been determined. The conference fee was discussed including the possibility of including TPSA Membership as part of the fee. Initial discussion focused on the need to increase membership and using the conference as a mechanism to increase membership. Fees were decided to be: Full Conference \$350 (includes both the Opening and Grand Receptions); and, 1 Day/ACRC \$225 (includes the reception on that day). Membership will not be included in the price of the conference. Current Members will receive a \$75 conference fee discount if they have paid their dues prior to the Conference.

Additional discussion included the conference tour and more specifically scheduling the conference tour. A tour focusing on environmental Stewardship in the Lake Tahoe region is currently being planned. It was decided that Sunday would be given primary consideration as the tour date, however, that would be largely dependent on whether or not the hotel would allow participants to arrive Saturday in lieu of requiring a Friday night stay. Carol Ramsay will contact the hotel. If that is not an option, then the tour will be scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

Also discussed was the general business meeting and more specifically when it would be held. It was decided that the general business meeting would be scheduled during the week among the plenary sessions. The ACRC Meeting will take place on Sunday as previously planned.

Finally, the possibility of a sponsored event was discussed. Currently, there is no sponsor for such an off site event. At this time, this activity shall not be included in the conference information, however, should a sponsor be drafted, it will be added.

### **TPSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

No activities to report.

### **PESTICIDE DISPOSAL PILOT PROJECT PHASE 1 REPORT**

Roger Springman indicated that significant work was complete in June including updates and a number of chapters. Nancy Fitz is currently working on Chapter 4. It is anticipated the report will be completed by October.

### **FUTURE TPSA LEGAL NEEDS**

A conference call was held with Steve Shatzow, Esquire, regarding TPSA's need to retain legal counsel. It was determined that TPSA has occasional legal needs which may include business related issues, for example, reviewing contracts, and non-profit related issues. It was determined that Kelly Newton would continue to serve as TPSA's legal counsel as needed.

Currently, an issue has arisen related to the By Laws, specifically, the indemnification clause and whether the current language is sufficient to hold an individual not liable. This issue/language will be forwarded to Ms. Newton for comment.

### **ASHEVILLE NC - TPSA CONFERENCE LOCATION FOR 2008**

A contract has been signed with the Renaissance Hotel in Asheville, NC. Included in that contract is a provision that if a catastrophic event occurs and 30% of the anticipated attendees cannot attend due to that event, the contract can be dissolved without penalty. Planning will continue for the 2008 conference.

## **CONTAINER/CONTAINMENT RULE IMPLEMENTATION**

The Container Containment Rule was published August 16, 2006. Nancy Fitz reported that the EPA is in the process of briefing interested stakeholders and indicated a large amount of work over the next five years as this rule is implemented. EPA's immediate priorities include:

1. Development of criteria for States to demonstrate adequate programs for the enforcement of the residue removal requirements;
2. Development of criteria for determining, for those States with current container and containment regulations, if the State regulations are equivalent to the Rule; and
3. Determining a system for implementing label changes.

Two sessions will be dedicated to the new Rule at the 2007 Conference: 1) overview of the Rule with a question and answer period; and 2) panel discussion. In addition, Nancy will provide a list of those States with current container containment regulations to TPSA. An invitation to attend the 2007 Conference will be extended.

Finally, a link from the TPSA Website to the full regulation as well as a summary document will be added. On a related note, information regarding the new Rule will be added as a NewsBit.

## **EPA RULEMAKING – CONTAINER RECYCLING**

Nancy Fitz indicated that EPA rulemaking is moving ahead with a target of summer 2007 for the proposed regulation and a goal of summer 2008 for the final rule. Currently, the EPA is completing the economic analysis for manufacturers. Lois Levitan, Allan Hovis and Don Bradley offered their assistance, specifically, in the development of the cost-benefit analysis and, in particular, regarding three major issues: 1) how to regulate small businesses; 2) what should the minimum recovery rate be? and 3) how do we ensure adequate geographic coverage? Johnny Berry will also participate. TPSA's participation with the economic analysis will appear as a NewsBit on the website.

The availability of the ASABE Standards for Recycling to the TPSA Membership was discussed. Nancy indicated there was a fee to obtain a copy of the standard. Nancy will research the cost and process for obtaining the standard.

In addition, Jeanne Kasai, EPA, is now the lead for container recycling. Nancy Fitz will remain the lead for container and containment.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Don Gilbert indicated that the Arizona Sonora Project has been completed. Carol Ramsay will contact Jack Peterson, Arizona, asking for a summary of the project. Nancy Fitz, Dan Schweitzer and Roger Springman will review the summary prior to distribution.
- Lois Levitan reported that no responses have been received to date to the call for the 2007 Conference Symposia. The deadline for symposia should be extended.

- Lois Levitan reported that non-pesticide agricultural plastics' recycling has made progress. Although submitted as a NewsBit, it has not appeared on the website. Carol Ramsay suggested that the information be updated and resubmitted to Pat Hipkins for posting.
- Roger Springman presented to the Board the possibility of establishing a relationship with the International Pesticides Association (IHPA), Denmark. This may be an opportunity to expand TPSA's international involvement and possibly providing a link to this organizations website from TPSA's site and in turn having a link from their website to the TPSA site. Don Mullins will look at the benefits of such a relationship and determine future action.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tentatively scheduled for. October 5 or October 6, 2006.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM EST.

[Draft submitted by Liza Fleeson August 31, 2006; Revised September 7, 2006; Approved October 6, 2006]