

**The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA)  
Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes  
November 27, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM EST.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum of voting members was present (names underlined): Don Bradley; Dan Schweitzer; Don Mullins; Lois Levitan; Margaret Jones; Nancy Fitz; Carol Ramsay; Kathy Brooks; Joe Hoffman.

**APPROVALS**

Minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting and approved by the Board. They are available for posting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Kathy Brooks noted a current balance of approximately \$20,000 with 25-28 membership renewals processed and Sponsorships received from CARE, ACRC, and Syngenta.

**2007 TPSA CONFERENCE - RENO, NV**

Lois provided a snapshot of conference planning activity: 14-16 concurrent sessions possible, John Vijgen of [International HCH and Pesticides Association](#), a European NGO for obsolete pesticides, will be the plenary speaker and participate in one of the sessions on obsolete collections and international stewardship efforts. Kathy Brooks will coordinate airfare and travel arrangements for John Vijgen. Joe Hoffman and Nancy Fitz are working with Global Alerts (Earth 911), a for-profit company, on a session about alternative approaches to communicating with end-users about pesticide disposal/container recycling; Paul Hughes (Director of Corporate Development for Global Alerts, parent company of Earth 911) has agreed to participate in the conference regarding household containers; need to assess interactions with ACRC and Croplife. Breakfast roundtables were discussed Internationalizing TPSA (Wed 7:15-8:15a), TPSA's future (Tues 7:15-8:15a), Phase II Project (Monday 7-7:45a), Implementing Container Containment (Wed 7:15-8:15a). [These dates and times were known]

Lois Levitan will circulate a draft agenda late in the week of Nov. 27 and a PR notice for marketing. Carol will talk with the Silver Legacy about poster sessions and display boards. Carol will work with Univ. Nev. Reno and Nev. Dept. of Ag for AV and will supply two projectors herself.

## **TPSA BYLAWS AND NOMINATIONS**

Margaret Jones provided an update on finalizing the proposed bylaw amendments and will work with Kathy to have them sent to the membership no later than the first week of December.

Margaret will work with Kathy to initiate solicitation of nominations for officers and board members. Kathy will check on what positions require nominations for 2007 (Government, End user and Education for 2007).

## **GLOBAL ALERTS**

Joe Hoffman and Nancy Fitz will work up an awareness document prior to a future board meeting to bring the TPSA Board up to speed on the status of Global Alerts in taking on Earth 911 responsibilities. At this board meeting, TPSA needs to discuss the need and possibly emerging strategy for building relationships with Global Alerts.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tentatively scheduled for week of Dec. 11, 2006.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM EST.

[Draft submitted by Carol Ramsay, November 28, 2006; Revised December 21, 2006; Approved January 5, 2007]