

**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

November 19, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Don Bradley at ~1:00 PM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was not present. (Board Members underlined): Don Bradley; Johnny Berry; Lois Levitan; Nancy Fitz; Carol Ramsay; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Steve Pizzitola; Joe Hoffman; Roger Springman; Bonnie McCarvel; Don Mullins; Marty Fitzpatrick; Rick Yabroff; Allan Hovis; Ed Cramson

OPERATIONS REPORT

Invoices for membership dues were mailed out on November 13, 2007. Invoices for sponsorship continue to be mailed out. Bonnie is currently working with Margaret on the Call for Nominations. Liza and Carol will write a sponsorship policy that will clarify that a corporate sponsorship will include an organizational membership. Dow is interested in becoming a corporate sponsor. Bonnie will forward them an invoice.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total balance of the account is \$19,706.89. All invoices are current. The final outstanding payment due from a sponsor from the last conference was received.

2008 CONFERENCE - ASHEVILLE

Bill Ferguson with Bayer Crop Science has agreed to be the Plenary Speaker. He will submit his bio and topic title.

Carol will submit the full agenda to the board for review. Currently there are eight submitted papers, and approximately 75% of the speakers are locked in. The agenda should be reviewed for conflicts in scheduling as well as typos. The awards will be moved to the reception and the silent auction will be moved to Tuesday's lunch.

Liza will circulate a summary of the submitted papers to the board. The board should review to determine whether the papers should be included in a current session or in a breakout session.

SPONSORSHIP

TPSA is fortunate to have some new sponsors on board and some existing sponsors have upgraded to become corporate sponsors. Carol is still working with US EPA and USDA to get funds to support portions of the conference including room rent, AV costs and printing. The Pig Picking event will be covered by sponsorship funds, so there will be no out of pocket costs to attendees.

INTERNATIONAL WORKGROUP

This group has had two conference calls. They currently have two sessions assigned at 1 ½ hours each. One of the invited presentations may fill one of these sessions. There was thought to having international speakers throughout the progress of the day, not just in the international sessions. Carol will forward Don Mullins a list of speakers.

There was discussion on having a breakout session or business meeting during the conference to begin strategic planning to add international programs to TPSA's Mission Statement. This may have to be added to the 2009 Agenda. There are thoughts to use the PESP strategic planning as a starting point

EPA CONTAINER RECYCLING RULE

The EPA official policy remains the same. They are waiting to see if the appropriations bill gets passed. ACRC is going to do some studies on the benefit of recycling plastics. They will get the study to EPA by June 2008. Great Lakes Air Deposition (GLAD) is applying for a grant to do this study. Johnny will get in touch with the principal investigators to see if they'd be willing to put together a poster for Asheville.

SFIREG WQPD WORKING COMMITTEE

Nancy attended the SFIREG Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee meeting held on October 29-30 in Arlington, VA. There was an update on the container containment and recycling. The question was brought up on whether there was anything they could do to move this along. It was agreed that pressure or direction needs to come from the higher ups.

The topic of disposal statements on pesticide labels was discussed. EPA was asked to make changes in 2004, but this has not occurred as of yet. There is a possibility that these changes might get incorporated as optional changes in the next round of updates in the label review manual.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nancy will send an email to check availability for the next board meeting. There is a possibility for the week of December 10th or December 17th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~2:10 pm EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, December 7, 2007, Approved December 14, 2007]