

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

December 14, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Carol Ramsay at ~11:00 AM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Dan Schweitzer; Don Bradley; Johnny Berry; Lois Levitan; Wayne Buhler; Derrick Bell; Nancy Fitz; Carol Ramsay; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Steve Pizzitola; Roger Springman; Bonnie McCarvel; Don Mullins; Gail Amos; Allan Hovis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 22, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting and the November 14, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting were approved. Approved meeting minutes will be posted on the TPSA website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Bonnie continues to process membership renewals. There are currently 44 individual memberships which represent 22 different entities that have renewed. She continues to work on obtaining corporate sponsors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total balance of the account is \$18,359.94. All invoices are current. It was requested that a balance sheet for 2007 be provided for review at the January Board Meeting. It was discussed that TPSA will change accountants, and find one local to St. Louis. It is anticipated that a draft budget for 2008 will be done in January.

2008 CONFERENCE - ASHEVILLE

Carol will be meeting with Kevin Neal to discuss the conference meals. Conference sponsors are still being solicited. Carol will post a copy of the updated agenda on the website next week.

Currently nine conference registrations have been received. An email will be sent the first week in January to the distribution list as a reminder to register for the conference. It was discussed that a press release regarding the conference should be sent to print in Southeast Farm Press. The cut off for early registration is February 5th. Hotel rooms must be booked by January 23rd to secure the discounted rate.

A discussion occurred on whether or not to have a live band during the off-site event. There were thoughts that a band might be too loud and distracting, and may prevent the ability to network. Others believed that it would be very pleasing to have the band as background music at a minimum. A vote was taken in favor of keeping the band. US Ag has committed to sponsor fifty percent of the off-site event. TPSA will request that they pay the caterer directly. Carol will continue working on finding a sponsor to cover the rest of the costs.

Wayne is taking the lead on setting up the Biltmore Estate tour. A contract for this is not currently available, but is forthcoming. The bus service needs to be arranged. Lunch will be served at the stable café. This will be a self directed tour, but an audio tour is available for \$10 to \$12. Wayne will send Bonnie an email with details on this tour to provide those that are inquiring.

Carol will be introducing the speakers at the conference. She will follow up with the speakers to confirm that TPSA can post their presentations on our website. Speakers will get a \$100 reduced registration fee. TPSA has waived registration fees for speakers previously on a case by case basis.

Carol will be taking the lead on room preparation at the conference. Wayne agreed to assist her with the AV set up in each room. The hotel will be providing microphones and screens. We will bring our own cables, cords and LCD projectors. Carol will create an AV list to determine our needs. On site conference registration will be handled by Royce Batt's wife and staff of John Gent with US Forest Service. Bonnie will prepare the badges ahead of time.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

The Nomination Slate for the Board of Directors was emailed to the membership on December 13, 2007. The list included two nominations for Pesticide Container Management, one for Waste Management, one for Pesticide Industry and three for Environmental Health. It was determined that Jerry Kreps was incorrectly put in the Environmental Health category and should be moved to Pesticide Industry. A revised slate will be emailed to the membership.

WEBSITE

The website needs to be updated with the most current conference information. Other issues with the website include the Mission Statement cuts off and issues with the links from the 2000 and 2001 conference. The webmaster will be advised of all of these situations to correct them.

PESP PROGRAM

Liza forwarded the draft PESP strategy on December 11th. Rick, Lois, Nancy & Liza have been working to prepare this. This group is seeking comments on the draft, specifically on the goals and measurements. Some of the goals need some verbiage added to them. Liza would like all reviews and comments sent to her by December 18th so that she can resubmit to the board for approval to make the submission to EPA by the deadline of December 31st. It was reminded that this is a living document, so it is able to be changed. Bonnie will post the final document to the website.

NAHMMA AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

It was determined that TPSA would continue to affiliate with the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association. This agreement provides TPSA and NAHMMA with one gratis registration and booth display at both entities' annual conference.

SFIREG

At the most recent SFIREG meeting, the e-labeling issue came up. Bill Jordan is pulling together an E-labeling committee. It was discussed whether TPSA should make a request to have a seat on this committee. An inquiry was made on whether TPSA had an individual that would have the availability to make this commitment. Verification needs to occur on whether most of this committee's communication would be handled via conference call and email, or in person.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nancy will send an email to check availability for the next board meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~12:25 pm EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, December 10, 2007, Approved January 14, 2008]