

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

July 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Don Bradley at ~11:00 AM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Don Bradley; Lois Levitan; Johnny Berry; Derrick Bell; Wayne Buhler; Nancy Fitz; Roger Springman; Carol Ramsay; Jen McLaughlin; Margaret Jones; Gail Amos; Joe Hoffman; Don Mullins; Bonnie McCarvel; Jack Peterson; Rick Yabroff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 11, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting were approved. Approved meeting minutes will be posted on the TPSA website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Currently emails from the website are being sent to Bonnie McCarvel. Bonnie will forward emails to appropriate individuals to respond. Bonnie is currently in the process of getting a credit card for TPSA through Commerce Bank. This card will primarily be used for the annual meetings. This will allow for easier documentation, and prevent individuals have to expense items on personal credit cards. Currently there is one outstanding payment due to TPSA from CARE Environmental for \$2,700. Bonnie will follow up to confirm when check will be received. All aspects of the TPSA office are currently up and running.

EPA CONTAINER RECYCLING RULE

Since the last TPSA Board Meeting, EPA has received 8 letters addressed to Steve Johnson indicating their concerns. EPA is hoping to have clear direction on how to respond to these letters by the end of July. EPA is considering their options in addition to AMPRM. They anticipate a response by the end of July or early August.

Johnny Berry joined an ACRC conference call w/Crop Life America. They were able to get a list of 8 concerns that the EPA had listed for this course of action. Each concern was addressed. The results of the meeting are being released. ACRC contacted all of their contractors and they are contacting their processors. Additional letters will be sent.

TPSA will move forward by contacting applicators, then commodity groups. Carol will coordinate with NAAA, Jonny with the Cotton Council and Corn Growers, Roger will handle the Rice Federation and Don Bradley will get with ARA. An update will be sent back to the board in the next week or two.

EPA does not know how long of a delay this will be. This may be derailed until the next administration.

2008 CONFERENCE - ASHEVILLE

Carol has put together a timeline and a To Do list for the conference. She will finalize these and send out to the Board for review. She has sent the webmaster an email to develop the conference portion of the website. We would like to have the conference information posted on the website by the first of August.

An outline of the content of the DOT Training has been established. It was determined that we will move the DOT training back to Wednesday, rather than Sunday as previously discussed, with the intention that this may attract some HHW individuals. There is a possibility that a session of interest to the HHW crowd will be added to Tuesday. A discounted rate to attend both the session and training may be offered.

An email will be sent to ACRC to verify if they can continue to hold their meeting on Sunday as originally scheduled. Tentatively, container recycling topics will be scheduled for Monday and hazardous waste disposal issues will be scheduled for Tuesday. Carol will work this into the timeline.

A discussion occurred on scheduling a Biltmore Estate Tour on Sunday afternoon. A tour could be done in approximately two hours time, and the winery on the grounds can be toured in 1 to 1 ½ hours time. There are restaurants on the grounds that may be an option for lunch. Options for tickets, lunch, bus services, etc. will be looked into.

Royce Batts has agreed to take the lead in arranging a Tuesday night offsite event. Royce will be cooking. He and Derrick are looking into a location that will accommodate. A shuttle bus may need to be rented.

Discussions of lining up welcome speakers for the conference took place. The North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture will be contacted. Additionally Wayne Buhler offered to welcome with a PowerPoint presentation on the background of North Carolina. Derrick Bell is working on confirming a speaker for one of the sessions.

2009 CONFERENCE

Carol will be making minor changes to the contract with Hotel Albuquerque. She will sign and return it the beginning of next week.

TPSA WEBSITE

The new website is up and running. The links have not been posted yet. It was requested that everyone look at the website and offer suggestions for improvement or indicate any changes that need to be made. Carol will contact Pat Hipkins to confirm that she is still able to be the contact for the updates. Carol volunteered to accept the information until Pat is confirmed.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Current Committee Chairs are as follows:

- a. Membership – Don Gilbert and Dan Schweitzer
- b. Conference – Carol Ramsay
- c. Communications – Pat Hipkins
- d. Finance – Steve Pizzitola
- e. International Stewardship – Don Mullins and Margaret Jones
- f. Stewardship Awards – Roger Springman
- g. Elections & Bylaws – Margaret Jones
- h. Sponsorship – Allan Hovis, *Carol will also solicit individuals for this committee*

PESTICIDE.NET

The group was informed that pesticide.net has terminated due to lack of funds. They currently have more information on their website.

EPA PESP PROGRAM

TPSA is a member of the EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program. As members we were required to develop strategies on an annual basis. This requirement has been revised to develop five year strategies. TPSA's five year strategy needs to be in place by December 31, 2007. A group of individuals will be formed to work on this strategy including Lois, Liza, Nancy and Rick Yabroff. Conference calls will be set up and organizational goals will be established.

BYLAWS

The call for changes to bylaws will go out next week on schedule.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nancy will send an email to check availability for the next board meeting, which will occur during the week of August 6-10.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~12:15 pm EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, July 30, 2007; Updated August 3, 2007;
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