

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

August 6, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Don Bradley at ~12:00 Noon EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Don Bradley; Lois Levitan; Derrick Bell; Wayne Buhler; Dan Schweitzer; Nancy Fitz; Roger Springman; Carol Ramsay; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Margaret Jones; Bonnie McCarvel; Jack Peterson; Rick Yabroff; Marty Fitzpatrick; Dave Scott

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checks have been written to the webmaster for website redesign and the AAPCO Tradeshow. Total balance of the account is \$12995.62. Webmaster invoice was \$4,600.00 which included the web design as well as the redesigning of the logo.

OPERATIONS REPORT

A motion was made for TPSA to get a credit card. Bonnie is currently in the process of getting this credit card for TPSA through Commerce Bank. Bonnie McCarvel and Steve Pizzitola will be the cardholders.

There are currently requests coming in from the website. Bonnie is forwarding these requests to the appropriate individuals. Bonnie has worked to update the database and keep it current. She is now able to sent emails out to the entire membership.

It was noted that the monthly administrative charges for TPSA was \$462.00, which is the lowest it has ever been.

TPSA MEMBERSHIP

TPSA membership follows the calendar year. It was determined that if a membership is paid during October, November, or December of the current year, the membership will be valid for the following year. Reminders and invoices for 2008 membership will be mailed out in November.

Bonnie will inform the board when a new individual/corporation applies for membership. The board will then approve new members.

EPA CONTAINER RECYCLING RULE

To date EPA has received 21 letters addressed to Steve Johnson indicating their concerns from the following:

States

- AAPCO - Association of American Pesticide Control Officials
- Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- Maine Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
- Washington Department of Ecology
- California Department of Pesticide Regulation
- California Integrated Waste Management Board
- Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Pesticide Industry

- CropLife America
- CropLife Canada
- MACA - Mid America CropLife Association
- SCPA - Southern Crop Protection Association
- Gowan
- FWAA - Far West Agribusiness Association
- WPHA - Western Plant Health Association
- Michigan Agri-Business Association
- Agribusiness Association of Iowa

Pesticide Container Recycling Organizations

- ACRC
- Interstate Ag Plastics

Other

- TPSA
- American Farm Bureau
- National Agricultural Aviation Association
- California Agricultural Aircraft Association

EPA is in the process of sending responses to these letters. There is going to be something in the Appropriation Bill on the senate and house side. It is looking more promising for the first time in several months.

Roger mentioned his concern that we are missing the opportunity to get NASDA on board. Carol will work with Ann with AAPCO to approach Valoria Loveland, the President of NASDA

ASPCRO

Liza informally met with Steve Dinell, President of ASPCRO (Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials). She discussed the possibility of a representative of TPSA making a twenty minute presentation at their next board meeting. There are potential members in this group. They may have product stewardship issues that TPSA can help support them with. Carol suggested that Liza serve as the speaker. Volunteers will work with Liza to put together the presentation for the meeting on August 25th in Charleston, SC. Liza will send an email to Maria Mirsky to get brochures. ASPCRO may want to fill a session at our conference. Dave Scott thought they may stewardship committee.

2008 CONFERENCE - ASHEVILLE

Carol has put the call in to increase rooms and to confirm the training rooms for Wednesday. Kathy will not be available to assist with the registration process. Bonnie will currently take the lead on this. John Ghent with US Forest Service has offered two individuals to assist. Derrick thought he may have one individual to help as well.

The Local Events Committee will pull together a conference call to see what everyone is working on. Allan, Liza, Derrick, Wayne and John Ghent are part of this group. Marty Fitzpatrick was also added to this group.

WORKGROUP DISCUSSIONS

- Pesticide Disposal: The workgroup has come up with a tract plan for DOT training to be held on Wednesday. There will be three topical sessions devoted to disposal, one on Monday and two on Tuesday. This group is working to get speakers confirmed.
- Pesticide Drift: Carol has been holding discussions with Andrew Hewitt and Jerry Krubb. Jerry had suggested that the Drift segment should not focus just on spray drift, but be broad to include volatile organic compound emissions. It was discussed that including VOCs would complicate the sessions. As it stands, there is 1 ½ days focused on drift. The topics have always intentionally been separated to avoid complication. Jack thought it may be worthwhile to include VOCs, as it impacts the grower community. His thought is that we should get the topic out there to start thinking about it.

- Container Recycling: A conference call for this workgroup is being held on August 7th. Scott McKinney has been added to the committee. They will be determining how many sessions should be included on the agenda.
- Recycling Ag Plastics: This group is expecting at least two sessions for the agenda.
- International Stewardship: The group has speakers in mind. The immediate goal is to define the draft mission statement. Carol is anticipating two to four International speakers at the conference coming in for the Drift topic. Margaret will be getting in touch with John Vejon, Victoria, Rob Denny and Cam Davreux. Margaret will put together notes from the discussions and distribute to the Board. The group will be focusing on getting a program together for Code of Conduct.

E-LABELING

Roger addressed a concern on how to communicate with the new e-labeling world. TPSA should get excited on how stewardship can get integrated with e-labeling. Jim Gray has a good vision on how that may occur. TPSA should get involved with this at ground zero. E-labeling is referring to the concept that applicators will have access to a product label from a database, and not just the product that they purchase. This may be the time for TPSA to create the momentum for standards of communication on stewardship. This might be a great topic for Asheville; providing standards and performance measures for e-labeling.

BYLAWS

Margaret has received comments from individuals and will update the bylaws with the requested changes. The due date for comments is August 13th. A vote to approve the updated bylaws needs to happen by September 10th. It was determined that this will be approved through e-mails.

EPA PESP PROGRAM

Rick, Nancy, Lois and Carol on this workgroup. No action taken as of yet. The strategic plan needs to be updated by December 31, 2007. A five year plan needs to be determined. Liza will set up a conference call and begin discussions.

AAPCO

TPSA is fortunate to have the relationship that they currently have with AAPCO, but would be interested in having more of a partnership with them. AAPCO has four possible liaison positions. TPSA currently has members that attend all of the AAPCO meetings, which is important. TPSA would like to be a recognized identity. It is believed that a formal relationship with an appointment of a liaison will make a difference.

FUTURE MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

TPSA would like to have a representative at the following meetings/conferences

AAPSE (American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators)

- Board of Directors - Aug. 19, 2007. Portland ME

ASPCRO (Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials)

- August 27-29, 2007 Charleston SC
- August 25-27, 2008 Albuquerque NM

National Container Recycling Conference

- September 16-19, 2007 Colorado

SFIREG (State FIFRA Issues, Research & Evaluation Group)

- Pesticide Operations & Management Working Committee (POM WC)
 - * October 1 - 2, 2007 Arlington VA
 - * April 7 - 8, 2008 Arlington VA
- Water Quality & Pesticide Disposal Working Committee (WQPD WC)
 - * October 29 - 30, 2007 Arlington VA
 - * May 12 - 13, 2008 Arlington VA
- Full SFIREG
 - * December 3- 4, 2007 Arlington VA
 - * June 23-24, 2008 Arlington VA

NAHMMA (North American Hazardous Materials Management Association)

- October 8-12 San Diego CA

AAPCO (Association of American Pesticide Control Officials)

- March 3-6, 2008 Arlington VA

NEXT BOARD MEETING

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~1:20 pm EST.