

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

**September 20, 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; Wayne Buhler; Johnny Berry; Nancy Fitz; Carol Ramsay; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Steve Pizzitola; Bonnie McCarvel; Gail Amos; Jack Peterson; Rick Yabroff; Marty Fitzpatrick; Lee Brown

**OPERATIONS REPORT**

A complete binder of minutes was compiled dating back to 2004. It was requested that if anyone had access to minutes prior to 2004, they forward them to Bonnie. TPSA has received the credit card that was applied for. There is a \$1500 limit on this credit card. It was noted that TPSA membership applications can be found on the website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Total balance of the account is \$12,800. All invoices are current. Bonnie will begin to send out invoices for sponsorship funds.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 6, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting were approved. Approved meeting minutes will be posted on the TPSA website.

**ASPCRO**

Liza attended the annual ASPCRO meeting in Charleston, SC where she gave a brief presentation on TPSA. ASPCRO voted to become members of TPSA. Liza will serve as the liaison. Liza also spoke with Norm Goldenberg of Terminix. Terminix has similar stewardship issues as TPSA, and are interested in becoming members.

## **TPSA WEBSITE**

It appears that presentations prior to 2003 are not posted on the website. Gail Amos will look to see if he is able to find them on the website, or determine if he has any copies to reload on the website.

## **2008 CONFERENCE - ASHEVILLE**

The conference website has been set up. It was requested that everyone review the website for any updates or changes. Any changes should be forwarded to Bonnie. A link to submit papers and posters has been established. Liza will be the contact to receive papers and Carol will receive posters. Carol has created a theme for the conference, though it can be altered. New sponsors will be added to the website. A tentative agenda has also been posted. Speakers will be added once they are confirmed. Carol will solicit existing and new sponsorship, with hopes to expand sponsorship funds. The conference should be covered by registration fees, excluding the offsite event.

Don did some updating to the registration form. Kevin Neal with the Office of Indiana State Chemist is working on a budget for food and AV fees. Registration fees need to be determined. Last year's registration fees were \$350 prior to deadline and \$400 after deadline. Tours and workshops will be approximately \$50. It was determined that no additional fees will be charged for attending the receptions. Carol has approached Jay Ellenberger with EPA to cover the cost of room rental and AV equipment. The room rental is \$2870; AV equipment will bring this total to approximately \$4000.

The local committee is working on lining up the plenary speaker. There was thought to get someone from the chemical world to talk about stewardship. Any ideas for a plenary speaker can be forwarded to Liza. The speaker should be confirmed by the first of November.

Postcards will be updated, using last year's final postcard as a template. A pdf of the postcard (or a link to the pdf) will be emailed to the membership distribution list. An expanded list was put together last year including all attendees of previous conferences. This list needs to be located. The Call for Papers announcement will also be sent via email. Lois will work with Carol to get this done.

Jack Peterson has volunteered to manage the silent auction. The next membership email will include Jack's request for this. It was discussed that silent auction items should be more accessible during the conference.

## **ELECTIONS**

The call for vote goes out in November. We are currently 5-10 days ahead of schedule for the Bylaws. There are several open board slots. A new board chair will also be elected.

## **EPA PESP PROGRAM**

Rick, Nancy, Lois and Liza had a conference call on September 11, 2007. They will update the strategy developed in 2005 to fulfill the 2008-2012 five year plan. They will bring this plan to the board for review. Another call will be scheduled for October for everyone to make revisions. The strategy will be completed by December. A block of time may be scheduled during the conference for a board retreat. The agenda will be reviewed to see when this might be scheduled.

## **EPA CONTAINER RECYCLING RULE**

The EPA official policy remains the same. Senior management is still considering the options. A decision will be made in the next couple of months. Unless someone adds it, this topic will not be on the PDC meeting agenda. The appropriation report expects EPA to get a final rule on recycling 180 days from when the bill is passed, but this depends on Congress passing this bill. This usually happens in the December/January frame. Currently 37 letters have been submitted to EPA on this topic.

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Nancy will send an email to check availability for the next board meeting. There is a possibility for the week of October 15, 2007 or October 22, 2007

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at ~1:00 pm EST.

## **ADDITION TO MINUTES**

### ***Revised Schedule\* for voting on TPSA By Laws and election of new board members***

October 19: Ballots to TPSA membership; vote on changes to By Laws

October 26, 31: Reminders that votes are due (**Bonnie or Joan?**)

November 2: Votes are due (we need a majority of the membership so more time may be necessary)

November 9: Call for nominations for open board positions: (Environmental/Public Health, Pesticide Container Management, Pesticide Industry, Waste Management Industry)

November 26: Nominations are due

November 26-December 7: Acceptance by candidates and gathering bios

December 10: Slate of candidates to TPSA membership for 45 days

January 25: Ballots to TPSA membership; vote for candidates

February 8: Ballots are due (to Joan?)

February 24-26: Announce and welcome new board members in Asheville

\* Schedule provides two extra weeks in case more time is needed to ensure a majority has voted on By Laws or to gather nominee acceptance and bios

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, October 18, 2007; Approved October 22, 2007]