

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

January 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Carol Ramsay at ~1:00 PM 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; Margaret Jones; Allan Hovis; Marty Fitzpatrick; Jack Peterson

2008 CONFERENCE - ASHEVILLE

Currently there are 27 people registered. Bonnie will be drafting a reminder email that will be sent to all affiliated distribution lists to boost registration. This email will go out as soon as possible and will include the information that the last day to book hotel rooms at the discounted conference rate is January 23rd, and the last day to get the early conference registration rate is February 5th.

Currently TPSA has obtained \$49,000 in sponsorship funds. Effective Environmental may become a conference sponsor. Derrick will contact Tim Taylor to confirm. Carol will continue working with USDA Ag Marketing to confirm sponsorship of \$3,900 for A/V Equipment.

It has been confirmed that individuals will be bringing LCD projectors and laptops for use at the conference. Don Mullins and Allan Hovis will work on bringing A/V carts and additional items such as extension cords.

TPSA has nearly met the contracted hotel room block. Once the room block is met, we will need to work with the hotel on a weekly basis to add additional rooms to this block. The allowed block of rooms at the government rate has already been met. Bonnie will contact the webmaster to remove the verbiage of the government rate on the registration form and website.

The conference agenda is nearly finalized. This will go for printing during the next two weeks. It has been confirmed that Royce Batts and his wife will be handling the on-site conference registration.

The deadline for posters has been extended from January 10th to February 5th. Bonnie will include the new date in the conference reminder info. The new date will also be updated on the website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

OPERATIONS REPORT

Bonnie continues to process conference registrations. She will be making arrangements to meet with the Auditor and get all financial statements organized. It is anticipated that a draft budget for 2008 will be done at the Members Meeting during the Asheville Conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 31st, the bank balance was \$32,833.75. Money continues to come in from registrations and corporate and conference sponsors. A payment was made to MACA for approximately \$1,000 for administrative services.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

All required notifications have been issued out on time. The ballots will go out on January 28th. The ballots will be sent directly to Margaret and will be counted at the conference.

CORPORATE PROGRAMS POLICY

A draft policy on sponsorship was distributed, differentiating between corporate sponsors and conference sponsors. A motion was passed to amend the Conference Level sponsorship policy to include a corporate membership at this level. A new draft of this policy will be reviewed at the members meeting.

SILENT AUCTION

Currently five items have been received for the silent auction. A reminder for the silent auction will be included in the conference reminder email. It was discussed that only cash or checks will be permitted for items auctioned off at \$100 or less. Credit cards will be acceptable for items sold for over \$100

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nancy will send an email to check availability for the next board meeting, scheduled for the week of February 11th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~1:50 pm EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, February 11, 2008]