

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

May 29, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Fred Gabriel at ~1:00 PM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Fred Gabriel; Marty Fitzpatrick; Rob Denny; Lee Brown, Jr.; Derrick Bell; Nancy Fitz; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Bonnie McCarvel; Roger Springman; Don Bradley; Don Mullins; Jack Peterson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 25, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting were approved. Approved meeting minutes will be posted on the TPSA website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

The membership remains unchanged at 146 members. All updates to member's names and addresses have been made to the TPSA database. The external hard drive has been purchased to back up all of TPSA's documents and databases.

Bonnie is beginning to research the possibility of conference attendees being able to register for the conference online. She will report back with her findings.

FILING STRUCTURE

A motion to approve Policy 4.0 Filing Protocols for Historical and Working Documents was made by Rob Denny. Lee Brown, Jr. seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

WORKGROUPS

Hazardous Waste Disposal – This workgroup continues to discuss developing a pilot program to collect and report performance data from state pesticide collections. As a pilot program, this group would begin with the United States, but it could expand to international in the future. This project fits into TPSA's PESP program. The group will work on an estimated start up costs and annual budget for this project as well as an outline of specific points for the PESP strategy before a vote is made to make this a permanent workgroup.

Ag Plastics - The next conference call for this group is scheduled for June 13th. This workgroup is working on possible conference topics. The topic of completing a survey of how many containers exist that need to be retrofitted by 2011 was mentioned. Discussion occurred on whether TPSA needs a separate workgroup on containers and container recycling apart from total plastic management. There were thoughts that a separate committee be formed to keep with the PESP strategy.

Handling Empty Containers - This group's current focus is to find websites and existing information and compile into a structure on the PES website. This project could become a subgroup of the Ag Plastics workgroup. Additional progress will be reported at the next board meeting.

It was discussed that all of the workgroups should have some type of timeline or Gantt chart to follow to track progress and actual accomplishments throughout the year. Additionally, a budget should be developed for each workgroup. Liza will email the leader of each workgroup to request this information.

SPONSORSHIP

A motion was made by Marty Fitzpatrick to approve Policy 9.0 Sponsorship. This policy document outlines to our sponsors how TPSA utilizes sponsorship funds for the conference as well as throughout the year. This motion was seconded by Rob Denny. The motion was approved.

POLICY UPDATES

It was discussed that the one current policy would be submitted to the board for review each month. Suggested updates would be circulated to the board members via email prior to each board meeting. Revised policies will be approved at the following board meeting. This would ensure that all policies get reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

Bonnie will email the board suggested updates to the Bylaws and Election Policies to review prior to the next board meeting.

USDA SURVEY

It was reported that the USDA would no longer be conducting their pesticide survey. This is the only survey that charts pesticide use. They are discontinuing this survey due to lack of funding. AAPCO has submitted a letter of concern. TPSA will review AAPCO's letter to get some background information and determine if we should submit a letter as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The auditor has reviewed TPSA's 2007 finances. Total net income is \$14,593.75. Currently there is \$46,299.48 in the checking account.

GRANT PROPOSAL PROCESS/REQUEST

TPSA has received its first proposal for a grant. We need to get a process in place for approving grants. As the budgets come in from the workgroups, we can develop a budget to determine if there is any money available to fund a grant. Bonnie will draft a response letter to the requestor that we will determine if funds are available at a later date.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nancy will send an email to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are the week of June 30th and July 7th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~2:30 pm EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, June 30, 2008, Approved August 19, 2008]