

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

August 19, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Liza Fleeson at ~12:00 PM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Fred Gabriel; Marty Fitzpatrick; Derrick Bell; Lee Brown, Jr.; Wayne Buhler; Roby Denny; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Bonnie McCarvel; Roger Springman; Carol Ramsay; Joe Hoffman; Margaret Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 29, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting and the minutes of the July 2, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting were approved. These minutes will be posted on the website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

A motion was made to approve the costs of approximately \$1200 to set up registration for the conference online. The motion was approved and Bonnie will work with the webmaster to get this set up.

2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Carol Ramsay has compiled the framework for the conference agenda. There was a discussion that due to government budget restraints, the attendance of the conference may be affected. Perhaps the conference agenda should refocus the schedule from three breakout sessions to one or two major topics. The board needs to determine what topics will be covered, as a complete agenda should get posted by October 1st.

The group reviewed setting up the agenda based on tracks. Key track topics that were reviewed included Total Plastics Management, Container Containment and Waste Disposal. The EPA's Pesticide Container-Containment Rule is a topic that affects a majority of states and should draw some significant attendance if this track is developed. Liza and Marty are willing to work on the development of this. Additionally, we should focus on topics that would be appealing to the international crowd.

FUTURE CONFERENCES

TPSA needs to determine if they would like to continue holding their own annual conference or possible merge with another related group. Carol will begin soliciting proposals from other groups, as this decision should be made by November.

WORKGROUPS

All of the workgroups will need to submit specific topics and speakers to Carol to develop the schedule. Roger Springman and Lois Levitan will work on Total Plastics. Joe Hoffman and Derrick Bell will concentrate on Hazardous Waste Disposal.

COMMITTEES

Liza continues to work on getting the information from committees on their goals, budgets and timelines. She will begin to populate the Gantt chart with the information that has been submitted.

Membership - Dan Schweitzer and Don Gilbert are no longer available to chair the Membership Committee. Discussion of a replacement chair will be a top agenda item for next months call.

International Stewardship – This group is looking to develop a white paper on triple rinsing. They are trying to develop an international approach with different levels of complexity. Additionally they would like to create a strategy to get some instructional aids. This group will require some funding. They hope to use the conference to work on this.

Sponsorship – Last year DuPont was very interested in becoming a corporate sponsor. Fred will get in touch with Allan Hovis, Committee Chair, to follow up with them.

Elections and Bylaws – The election process will begin in early October. Margaret is working with Kevin Neal, the new Committee Chair. Government, Institution and End User are the Board Positions that will go out for nomination.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nancy will send an email to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are the week of September 8th or September 15th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~1:45 pm EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, September 9, 2008; Approved September 12, 2008]