

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

September 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Fred Gabriel at ~10:00 AM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Fred Gabriel; Derrick Bell; Lee Brown, Jr.; Wayne Buhler; Rob Denny; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Bonnie McCarvel; Lois Levitan; Don Bradley; Joe Hoffman; Margaret Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 19, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting were approved. These minutes will be posted on the website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Bonnie is continuing to work on getting the website updated so that conference attendees can register online.

ELECTIONS/BYLAWS

Kevin Neal has been working with Margaret Jones to take over the Elections and Bylaws. The Call for Nominations is on schedule, and may be posted early.

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

Ag Plastics Workgroup – This workgroup has a conference call scheduled for September 25th to discuss planning for the conference. They currently have a broad outline of what they are planning. This group is planning to have a half day workshop on Monday of the conference. They may require some marketing tools for the conference (posters, brochures, etc.). They will also do strategizing on pulling databases/resources to the TPSA website.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Workgroup – Currently the data for the database is still being compiled, but this group needs an individual that is familiar with Access that could set up this database. Thoughts are that we should secure estimates from individuals that we could pay to set this up, rather than relying on somebody to donate their time. This workgroup will do a complete layout of how they would like the database to look, prior to getting estimates.

The workgroups will work together to determine the format of a database, so that the databases for each workgroup can have the same uniformity.

BUSINESS

Policy 8.0 Web Services was last reviewed in November 2005. Minor updates need to be made to this Policy to include the ability to register for the conference online. A separate conference call will take place to develop the layout of the conference registration webpage to ensure this process is an easy process.

Currently TPSA does not have an active budget for the year. There are some funds available, but there is not a budget in place to know what we are able to fund. We need to be able to fund internal projects before determining if any outside projects can be funded. Bonnie will assist by putting together the 2007 figures and the 2008 expenses and projected expenses, so that analysis can be done. We also need to determine how effective we are going to be at obtaining corporate sponsors in this strained economy.

COMMITTEES

International Stewardship – This group continues to develop a white paper on triple rinsing. They are working on developing an international session for the conference. This might be a good opportunity to have Mark Davis back to discuss the new code of conduct. A formal Letter of Invitation will be sent to him.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

An email will be sent to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are the week of October 20th or October 27th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~11:00 a.m. EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, October 26, 2008; Approved October 27, 2008]