

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

October 27, 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; Derrick Bell; Marty Fitzpatrick; Wayne Buhler; Rob Denny; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Bonnie McCarvel; Lois Levitan; Don Bradley; Don Mullins; Margaret Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting were approved. These minutes will be posted on the website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Bonnie has sent out the membership invoices, and has been receiving some payments. She has also submitted the sponsorship letters and has received some response to these. Bonnie confirmed that the online registration form is ready to go. This will go live as soon as a draft conference agenda is posted to the website.

TREASURER REPORT

The current balance of the checking account is \$39,800.91 as of September 30th. The only outstanding invoice at this time is \$1200 for the website update to allow for online conference registration.

2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Conference Agenda – Extensive discussions took place on the current conference schedule. Topics were suggested for sessions that are open on the agenda. It was decided to move the Disposal session from a roundtable to a work session. It still needs to be determined whether there will be a Non-English Speaking session. Nancy will confirm the availability of Ron Perkins and George Farnsworth to give presentations. Liza will work with Carol to get all of the revisions made and the session titles current. A draft agenda will be posted to the website no later than November 5th.

Keynote Speaker – Discussions took place on who should be extended invitations to be the Keynote Speaker at the conference. A motion was made and approved to extend the invitation to both Mark Davis, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as well as Greta Goldenman of Milieu Ltd. Once availability of these speakers is determined, the board will review the maximum travel reimbursement that TPSA can afford to accommodate them.

Silent Auction – It needs to be determined on whether a silent auction should be held. This has always been a good fundraiser in the past. Jack Peterson will be contacted to determine if he is interested in running this again as has in the past.

SPONSORSHIP

BASF has submitted their check for \$5000 to become a corporate sponsor. Bonnie has received pledges from other companies that they will be sending their sponsorship. Additionally there are some former sponsors that will not be donating this year.

ELECTIONS/BYLAWS

The nominations for the three open board positions were scheduled to be closed by today. Currently only two names have been submitted, both for the End User position. Another reminder email will be sent out, and the date for nominations will be extended until November 10, 2008. It was noted that the bylaws were modified in the past so that members can qualify for more than one category.

2010 CONFERENCE

Carol has confirmed that she does not have the availability to be the conference chair for 2010. TPSA needs to confirm a new chair and develop a conference planning committee. The locations for this conference were narrowed down, but a location has not been determined at this time. Kevin Neal agreed to take the lead on forming this committee.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics Workgroup – This workgroup has been working on organizing for the conference. It has been approximately one month since the last large group meeting. These meetings will reconvene once the conference planning has been finalized.

International Programs Workgroup – This workgroup has been working on a white paper on triple rinsing. This workgroup is interested in working with FAO and CropLife to develop stewardship materials and guidelines for implementation of programs in developing countries. They will work on getting a proposal together for the funds they might need.

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. There needs to be some clarification on how items get posted to the website. Pat Hipkins led the Communications Committee. Don will discuss with Pat whether she is willing to continue this role. The Policy will be reviewed again once this committee is re-established.

IRS Form 990 for Non-Profit Organizations has some significant changes for 2008 and will require some additional paperwork. Bonnie will work to put together a Conflict of Interest Statement, Retention and Destruction Policy, as well as a Whistle Blower Policy so they can be reviewed at the next board meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

An email will be sent to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are the week of November 10th or November 17th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~2:50 p.m. EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, November 12, 2008, updated November 14, 2008, approved December 15, 2008]