

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

November 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

A quorum was not present. (Board Members underlined): Fred Gabriel; Rob Denny; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Bonnie McCarvel; Margaret Jones; Alan Hovis; Carol Ramsay; Roger Springman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 27, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting were not approved at this time, as there was not a quorum present. These minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

As of today, 46 members have renewed their membership. Bonnie has sent an email to the membership indicating that the online conference registration is now active and available. The website has also been updated with all of the supporting conference information. Bonnie has drafted the policies for the IRS form 990. She will submit them to the board for review.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship funds and pledges to sponsor continue to come in. Dow Agro Sciences and Bayer Crop Science have committed to a \$5000 donation. Additional pledges have come from MACA, USAg, Tessenderlo Kerley, Washington Potatoes, Veolia, Effective Environmental, Farwest, Crop Life and Interstate Ag. Contact will be made with the following to determine if they will be able to pledge to TPSA – Syngenta, TeeJet, Dupont, CARE, Container Services Network, ACRC, Micromatic USA, MXI Environmental, Synplot, Monsanto, Agrian, Agrium and Crop Life Canada.

2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- An overview agenda has been sent to the full membership listserv as well as posted on the internet. Once the session topics and speakers have been 70% finalized, a detailed agenda will be posted online.

- An email was sent to Mark Davis inviting him to be the Keynote Speaker. He is currently reviewing his schedule to see if he would be available. A letter of invitation will also go out to Greta Goldenmann from Fred and Liza. If both parties accept, we could have two Keynote Speakers.
- The session leaders should be contacting potential speakers
- Carol is working on soliciting moderators
- Liza will follow up to see if Pat Hipkins is available to post copies of presentations to the TPSA website post conference.
- Bonnie and Carol will work with Mirsky on program printing
- Carol will work with the hotel on how posters will be displayed
- Kevin Neal will assist Carol with determining meal counts. Carol will manage the sleeping room count as well as the meeting rooms
- Jack Peterson will manage the silent auction
- Roger is handling the awards. The letter is ready to go. Roger is working with Bonnie to refresh the information.
- Cary Hamilton has begun working on the off-site event. Fred will follow up with Cary to see if he is able to take this task over.

ELECTIONS/BYLAWS

There is currently a full slate of candidates. All bios need to be received by November 17th. Currently we are in receipt of only two bios. The slate is scheduled to go out to the membership on November 17th.

2010 CONFERENCE

Kevin Neal agreed to take the lead on forming this committee. A discussion will take place at the next board meeting to determine whether TPSA should pursue having a conference next year due to the current economic state and budget constraints. There is a possibility of partnering with another organizations conference. Liza will resend the list of other organizations 2010 conference locations to see if one of them would make sense for TPSA to partner with.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics Workgroup – This workgroup has been working on organizing for the conference. They are currently working on a final speaker list. They have a conference call next week and hope to have a finalized list then.

Waste Disposal Workgroup – This workgroup continues to compile the information for the waste pesticide collection database. The idea of having a poster at the conference was discussed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

An email will be sent to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are the week of December 8th and December 15th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~2:25 p.m. EST.

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