

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

December 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Fred Gabriel at ~11:00 AM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Fred Gabriel; Rob Denny; Marty Fitzpatrick; Wayne Buhler; Ed Cranson; Cary Hamilton; J.D. Fish; Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Don Mullins; Allan Hovis; Charles Luper; Tammy for Sam Gibson; Derrick Bell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 15, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Fred Gabriel. Nancy Fits seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website. Cary Hamilton took minutes for Jennifer McLaughlin.

OPERATIONS REPORT

No report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Charles Luper went over the budget sheet.

POLICIES

All updated and draft policies have been posted to the website under the Members Only section. The policies in draft form need to be reviewed and updated. The review of these policies will take place during future Board of Directors calls.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics – This workgroup has been very busy working on conference planning. They have plans to develop a sub group of the workgroup in the future. The topic of a new plastic disposable bladder in plastic containers was discussed. This idea will be tested in Europe in 2010 and could be a potential topic at the 2011 TPSA Conference.

WEBINARS

The topic of TPSA holding webinars was further discussed. Ed went into further detail assisted by Marty on the performance of webinars. Ed will also work with his IT department to determine costs, as they perform webinars frequently.

COMMITTEES

International Committee – This workgroup has been working on developing a training program for their projects. They have retained an individual to perform web research. Rob has been working on updating the artwork and should be completed with Phase I by the end of December. The projects are one week behind but should be back on schedule to meet their deadlines.

Communications Committee – Nancy has been working on getting all of the conference information updated on the website. Kevin and Nancy will be meeting again to address issues on the Registration Form.

Elections and Bylaws – It was suggested that more information is needed on specifics for nominations. Candidates that have been nominated should be emailed out. The bylaws need to be reviewed and updated and it was suggested this been done in Savannah. All board members present were in favor of this idea. There are four positions open that need to be filled under each category.

2010 CONFERENCE

Tammy who was present for Sam Gibson stated she had some information in regards to sponsorship money (about \$1,800.00) and would get the information to Fred. Fred also noted that there is about \$18,000.00 in pledged sponsorship. In the past it has been close to \$36,000.00.

Fred continues to work on the offsite activity for Tuesday evening. He also provided information on GDR and GDA to present on NPDES permits.

Kevin stated that we may have additional attendees from the Superintendents Golf Course Association. There is no estimate on numbers at this time.

It was also discussed at length to provide CEU's for attendance for the Superintendents Golf Course Association.

PESP/NAHMMA CONFERENCE

Nancy attended the PESP conference in November 17 and 18. She stated that the information was very valuable. Some key topics were container storage, pesticide, fertilizer usage and energy usage.

Fred gave a brief update on his attendance at the NAHMMA conference.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

An email will be sent to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are during the first two weeks of January 2010.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 1:00 PM EST.

[Submitted by Cary C.S. Hamilton, December 2, 2009]