

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

February 10, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Marty Fitzpatrick at ~11:00 AM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Marty Fitzpatrick; Rob Denny; Wayne Buehler; Derrick Bell; Bonnie McCarvel; Liza Fleeson; Kevin Neal; Jen McLaughlin; Joe Hoffman; Roger Springman;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 15, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting and the January 12, 2009 were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

As of today, 125 members have renewed their annual membership. Currently 108 individuals have registered for the 2009 Conference. 113 Government room nights and 157 regular room nights have been booked at the Hotel Albuquerque. These more than exceeds TPSA's contract for 195 room nights. . As of January 30, 2009, the checking account balance is \$76,549.94. Conference expenses are still to be determined, but tend to run approximately \$40,000.

2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- A request was made that the Tuesday morning roundtable included a full breakfast rather than a continental breakfast. This will be looked in to.
- Liza will confirm with Cary Hamilton to confirm that he has staff for onsite registration. Bonnie will be shipping all of the paperwork and badges to the hotel in advance. She will also prepare maps to the Church Street Café.
- Wayne Buehler has volunteered to bring his camera to capture conference photos.
- Carol has all of the A/V equipment set up.
- Liza will work with the New Mexico group to get easels for the posters.

- Bonnie will purchase three jump drives so that electronic copies of all of the presentations can be stored. Three individuals will be delegated at the Board Meeting to make sure all of the presentations are saved from each room/track.
- Liza will follow up with Jack Peterson on what items have been donated for the silent auction.
- Margaret Jones will host to Dr. Gero Vaagt and Rob Denny will host Greta Goldenmann at the conference.

ELECTIONS/BYLAWS

Currently 27 ballots have been received. Bonnie will send another reminder to vote to the membership. Margaret and Kevin will count the ballots on Monday afternoon and present the results to the Board. Additionally, it was discussed that the next Board Chair will be elected at the end of the Business Meeting.

2010 CONFERENCE

Liza has not had a response from Jerry Powell of The North American Plastics Recycling Conference to confirm that they would be interested in partnering with TPSA in 2010. Kevin Neal has received three proposals from different hotels in Savannah, Georgia, Portland, Oregon and Destin, Florida. All four options will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics Workgroup – This workgroup has been working on organizing for the conference. Several intended speakers for the Ag Film Product Stewardship have not committed that they will attend the conference. Some of the topics may need to be altered to reflect how to capture these groups for the next conference.

Waste Disposal Workgroup – This workgroup continues to compile the information for the waste pesticide collection database. Currently 24 states have responded to the survey that went out. Of the 24 states that have responded, 22 states plan on having pesticide collections in 2009.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES POLICY

This Policy has been updated by Nancy Fitz to include language on registration discounts for speakers and invited guests, as well as language regarding hardships in which TPSA would reduce or waive registration would be added to the policy. A motion was made and approved to accept this policy.

COMMITTEES

International Stewardship – This group sent out a white paper to develop training materials for two classes. They have the story boards ready to go and continue to make progress.

Stewardship Awards – The awards were completed in January. Mirsky is making the certificates and shipping them to Bonnie. Bonnie will then forward them to the conference.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 12:00 noon EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, March 11, 2009; Approved on March 12, 2009]