

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

June 23, 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; JD Fish; Rob Denny; Wayne Buhler; Ed Cranson; Bonnie McCarvel; Jen McLaughlin; Charles Luper; Nancy Fitz; Joe Hoffman; Lois Levitan; Jack Peterson; Don Mullins; Micah Robb; Alan Hovis; Roger Springman; Dan Schweitzer; Gail Amos

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 29, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. An update was made to the draft minutes, striking the statement that there was \$5000 in new income. The minutes were approved with the change. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

There have been no changes to the Membership count. Bonnie has been working with Fred and Charles on the budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 29, 2009, the checking account balance is \$52,829.18.

The 2009 budget was reviewed in detail. Most of TPSA's revenue is generated during the first quarter in conjunction with the conference. Most of the changes throughout the year occur on the expense side with the costs of operation management. Without funding any projects this year, the budget shows an estimated deficit of \$9,250.00.

The group reviewed the financial obligations that TPSA has committed to including the fees for Mirsky and MACA as well as the \$10,276 that we are in contract with the hotel in Savannah. It was determined that the budget could accommodate the funding of some projects without putting TPSA in any kind of financial jeopardy.

COMMITTEES

International Committee – This committee has submitted proposals to TPSA to Triple Rinsing Standard Guidelines. They have divided this project into two phases.

Phase 1 – This project is a Visual Training Storyboard to aid with the communication of the FAO Pesticide Container Guidelines. Phase 1 would assist agricultural sectors that have access to water. A budget of \$2,500 would finish this project, with a current deadline of October 1, 2009. The finished product will be posted on TPSA's website. TPSA would contract with Arrowchase on this project. A motion was made by Wayne Buhler for TPSA to fund Phase 1 of this project. This was seconded by Ed Cranson. This motion was approved.

Phase 2 – This phase of the project will benefit more deprived sectors with substandard containers, no running water and no access to a recycling program. Additional research needs to be completed to properly illustrate the pictorials for the illiterate/poorly educated growers to identify with the containers they are actually using now (i.e. soda bottles). This phase will need to be more culture specific. The estimated budget for this phase is \$3,500 to \$3,700. Margaret will submit details of this budget. Phase 2 needs a timeline in place. The contractor for this phase still needs to be determined. Rob Denny made a motion to approve the funding of Phase 2, contingent on final review by the Chairman of the Board and the President once the timeline is completed and the contractor is confirmed. Wayne Buhler seconded this motion. This motion was approved.

Communications Committee – This committee has been working on ways to improve the TPSA website. This committee proposed to add the workgroups to the website. This would include a short description of the workgroup, and sections for projects and potential projects. Displaying these would allow organizations/members to see what these groups are working on and what needs they may have for assistance and funding. This could potentially bring in sponsorship.

Discussion took place on adding a rotating banner to the website. Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs developed a national pesticide media database (pesticidepics.org). We can add links to this gallery as well as others.

Elections and Bylaws – Gail offered to assist this committee. Board members should review the bylaws (posted on the website) to determine if updates need to be made prior to any deadlines. Eric Laut needs to be involved with this.

Sponsorships – Fred will be contacting Sam for a status on this committee.

2010 Conference Planning – The hotel is confirmed. Kevin is working to line up an offsite tour. The golf club is still an option. Fred will begin working on offsite entertainment. Technical Session development needs to take place in the next month or two. Rob has an idea for a Keynote Speaker. We may want a plenary session with Keynote Speakers on both days. Sandra Keil from Earth 911 has expressed an interest in making a presentation. This may fit into the Pesticide Disposal Track.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics – This workgroup has had very successful conference calls. Over 70 people want to be added to their mailing list. Their next call will focus on the basics of running a plastics recycling program. This group has been tasked with encouraging their participants to attend our conference and to become members of TPSA.

Handling Empty Containers – This workgroup will be working this year on assistance and fact sheets for the EPA 2011 container handling requirements. This group will be working with manufactures and end users to obtain resources such as suppliers and supply lists. JD, Ed, Nancy, Allan, Marty and Margaret will work on getting something going. There is a possibility that Dealer Handling needs to become its own workgroup.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

An email will be sent to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are during the weeks of July 20th and July 27th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 12:4) PM EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, July 26, 2009, Approved July 28, 2009}]