

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

July 28, 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; Marty Fitzpatrick; Cary Hamilton; Bonnie McCarvel; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Eric Laut; Nancy Fitz; Joe Hoffman; Lois Levitan; Don Mullins; Sam Gibson; Roger Springman; Margaret Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 23, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Nancy Fitz. Rob Denny seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Bonnie has been working on the development of the contracts for Phase 1 and 2 of the International Committee's project.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 30, 2009, the checking account balance is \$52,530.32. A category was added to the GL for Project Expenses. Updates were made to reflect actual charges of the conference calls from the Ag Plastics group.

2010 CONFERENCE

Kevin has been working with the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America, The Club at Savannah Harbor and the Georgia Department of Ag securing our tour of the Club. This group is very enthusiastic and would like for a whole session to be held at the golf course. Clint Waltz of the Georgia Department of Ag would give a presentation on the history of pesticide use on golf courses. Greg Lyman and Clark Throssell are giving a presentation at the GCSAA conference in San Diego in February, and would like to present the same information at our conference.

Additionally, Lynn Childress of The Club at Savannah would give a presentation as well as lead the tour.

There would be no bus required to get to the golf course. There is a free water taxi that goes from our hotel to the Westin. We should think about doing a targeted outreach to bring new attendees to the conference that would benefit from this session. We may want to add an entire track for IPM.

Rob has confirmed a Key Note Speaker for the conference. Terry Collins, an authority and world leader on Green Chemistry has agreed to be one of the Key Note speakers at the conference. There were discussions on having two Key Note Speakers at the conference. A second idea would be a policy maker from EPA. Nancy will research this.

Fred met with the Savannah Chamber of Commerce. They will be supplying us with information for “Things to do in Savannah” for the registration table. Additionally, the hotel has an offsite consultant that we can work with.

Fees for the conference need to be reviewed, as well as any type of discounts that we would like to offer. Lois, Kevin, Fred, Charles and Bonnie will get together to determine the group discount we will offer. Fred will take the lead on this.

It was determined that the August Board of Directors Meeting will focus solely on Conference Planning. Suggested topics to add to the track were spray drift, IPM and the disposal of mini bulk containers.

COMMITTEES

International Committee – The proposal for funding Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Triple Rinsing Standard Guidelines project has been approved. The implementation of Phase 2 will begin by doing internet based research focusing on developing countries. The first deadline for this project will be to have a draft version of the project complete by the Savannah Conference. A formal proposal including a timeline will be submitted in the near future. The preference would be for this project to be invoiced through TPSA as a reimbursement rather than funding through an institution.

Elections and Bylaws – Eric has been working with Gail Amos on the election process. This is currently on schedule. A review of the bylaws is currently underway to determine if any changes or updates need to be made.

Communications Committee – There is no update from this committee. This group will have a meeting in August.

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 – Sam Gibson has some verbal commitments from sponsors. Bonnie will be forwarding Sam a list of sponsors from previous conferences. A letter will be sent to previous sponsors to request assistance for this year. Sam will also focus on obtaining sponsors for specific activities for the conference such as off-site events.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics – This workgroup continues to have 15-30 participants on their conference calls. Over 70 people are on their mailing list. Their most recent call was a question and answer session on setting up a plastics recycling program.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lois was a speaker at the American Society for Plasticulture (ASP) meeting. Two of the ASP leaders, Mark Jordan and Keith Williamson attended the TPSA conference in Albuquerque, and were very interested in having ASP join with TPSA.

Liza continues to be the liaison between TPSA and the American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators. She will continue to report on their meetings and forward this information to Fred and Kevin.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

An email will be sent to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are during the weeks of August 17, 2009 and August 24, 2009.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 12:40 PM EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, August 27, 2009, Approved September 15, 2009]