

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

November 2, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Fitz at ~11:00 AM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Allan Hovis; Wayne Buhler; Cary Hamilton; Ed Cranson; Rob Denny; Cam Davreux, Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Don Bradley; Jack Peterson; Roger Springman, Margaret Jones, Joe Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 29, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were not distributed before the meeting, so the minutes were not reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS: BYLAW AMENDMENTS – Cary Hamilton gave out results on voting for the new By-Law amendments. The By-Law amendments did not pass. Only 87 out of 172 voting members voted. 74 yes, 14 no. Additional discussion from Roger, Rob, Don, Cam, Kevin and Jack on how to proceed on two issues: (1) whether to resubmit the by-law changes to the membership at the 2011 conference and (2) how to fix the problem of having a lot of “inactive” members when the by-laws require that a majority of members must approve by-law changes. In terms of the first issue, there was general consensus that we resubmit the by-law changes for voting at the 2011 conference. We need to be careful about the 45-day notification time. In addition, Roger said that ag plastics may not be a huge track at the 2011 conference because of current economic difficulties in the industry now, and pointed out that discussing this at the conference may increase attendance and interest. For the second issue, the suggestions included changing the policy that all conference attendees become members and asking the attorney for advice on revising the majority vote requirement in the by-laws (contingent upon TPSA entering into a contract with an attorney; see “Other Business”).

OTHER BUSINESS: LEGAL COUNSEL

The group discussed whether or not it was necessary for TPSA to retain legal representation, and in what situations having legal representation might be relevant. Don Bradley suggested putting all of the topics where we may need legal help during a meeting at the beginning, so the attorney does not need to participate in the entire meeting. Cam made a motion that TPSA enter into a contract with

Mary Jane Stankiewicz as soon as possible according to the conditions in the July 29, 2010 letter from the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association. The motion was seconded by Rob and the Board approved it unanimously.

Cary made a motion that Fred, Roger and Margret speak to the lawyer on two issues regarding by-law changes: (1) majority vote to approve by-law changes; and (2) ag plastics board member. The motion was seconded and the Board approved it unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics – No additional information; was addressed during the discussion about the by-law amendments under Old Business.

Hazardous Waste – Joe Hoffman said that he will update the list of state Clean Sweep program contacts in December. If anyone is interested in helping to collect and compile data on the amount of pesticides collected per state per year, please contact Joe. Margaret offered to help with the Region 5 states.

COMMITTEES

International – The group is in the process of finalizing the triple rinsing brochure. The final version will be submitted to the board prior to distribution. Edits still are still being made. Margret Jones stated she will add recommendations in regards to Ghana.

Communications – N/A

Election & Bylaws – Cary reported that the call for nominations for the Board spots whose terms are ending will be sent the week of November 2. The ballot needs to be sent to members in mid-December. The spots that will be voted on this year are for the education, end user, and government sectors.

2011 Annual Conference – Kevin Neal described the progress on the agenda, including tracks on pesticide disposal; ag plastics/mosquito nets; and pesticide containers. Jack Peterson reported that the first request for silent auction items will be sent soon. Kevin is working with the hotel on meeting rooms. Leonard Gianessi of the CropLife America Foundation will be one of the key note speakers. Invitations are out to several potential speakers for the other key note slot. The group discussed changing the schedule for Board meeting at the conference and agreed that we need more time. The Board meeting will be on Sunday from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

Nancy will send out an email for availability for the weeks of November 29 and December 6.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 12:25 PM EST.

[Submitted by Cary Hamilton, November 16, 2010 and updated by Nancy Fitz,
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