

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

February 9, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Wayne Buhler at ~11:00 AM EST. Wayne acted as Board Chair in Fred Gabriel's absence.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Rob Denny; JD Fish; Wayne Buhler; Cary Hamilton; Bonnie McCarvel; Jen McLaughlin; Charles Luper; Kevin Neal; Eric Laut; Nancy Fitz; Lois Levitan; Roger Springman; Liza Fleeson; Margaret Jones; Derrick Bell; Joe Hoffman; Allan Hovis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 27, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cary Hamilton. Nancy Fitz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

2010 CONFERENCE

Meeting Program – Lois has updated the Program and it is ready to be finalized. She did not receive abstracts from the Keynote Speakers for the program, so she substituted with biographies. Program will be submitted to Mirsky by week end for printing.

Conference Registration – Currently there are 143 registered attendees, including speakers from six countries and 91 different entities. Almost all registrants are paid in full. Two attendees received complimentary registrations. Bonnie will send out a list of who is manning the registration table during operating hours. Some volunteers are still needed for some of the registration shifts. Registration packets will include name tags, programs, list of attendees and a guide of Things to Do in Savannah. Moderator Packets and sign up sheets for workgroups/committees will also be at the registration table.

A/V Requirements – Kevin stated that all A/V needs (laptops, projectors, screens and microphones) have been confirmed. Kevin indicated that Carol and Marty would bring projectors. Wayne, Allan and JD are able to bring backup projectors. Kevin will designate an individual for each track to assist with getting the equipment set up and make sure all presentations are accessible. The plan is for all conference presentations to be preloaded onto folders of each laptop. This individual will also be responsible for getting equipment to the secure room at the end of each day.

Silent Auction – It was discussed that the items for the silent auction would be rotated so that they would be most visible. All items will be put into the secure room at the end of each day.

Applicator Credits – Nancy is awaiting details from Florida and South Carolina on how many credits applicators would receive by attending the TPSA annual conference. She will prepare a postcard and work with Bonnie to distribute once this information is obtained.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Bonnie has been working on the logistics of the conference. As of February 8, TPSA membership count was 162. This is an increase over 2009, which had a total membership of 145. Bonnie confirmed that the hotel block obligation for the conference was not only met, but greatly exceeded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 31, 2009, TPSA had a balance of \$67,014.00 and a net income of \$13,783.71. Charles and Fred have been working to put a budget together for 2010. This information will be presented at the conference.

OLD BUSINESS

On January 27, 2010, TPSA held a Board of Directors Meeting to review the grant proposal developed by the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) regarding the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to determine if TPSA should or should not submit a letter of support to PSI regarding the project. The board approved to do this and Nancy drafted a letter of support that does not commit TPSA to anything, but allows us to stay involved. The letter was submitted on January 28, 2010. Bonnie informed PSI that the letter was sent and they expressed gratitude for the support. PSI will inform TPSA on the results.

WORKGROUPS

There were no new updates from either workgroups.

WEBINARS

Eric Laut is still working to determine costs for hosting webinars as an alternative means for revenue to TPSA. This might allow for an opportunity to have a "Members Only" session. Eric will also continue to explore stimulus money that might be available.

COMMITTEES

International Committee – This workgroup had a conference call on January 13 with six attendees from five different countries. Phase 1 of their project is almost complete and Phase 2 is on schedule. This group is researching a problem in Africa with the management of pesticide treated bed nets. There are issues with containers of these being burned. Another issue is these nets are being used to dry fish, which would be a potential health issue. A reverse distribution plan might be another project for this committee. Allan Hovis will forward Margaret some information about the work Bayer has done with recharging the nets.

Communications Committee – A breakfast roundtable is scheduled for the conference to discuss the priorities of this committee.

Elections and Bylaws – The ballot for the 2010 Board of Directors has been distributed to the membership, and reminders of the February 15 deadline have been sent. Eric will also be bringing blank ballots to the conference so attending members may vote there.

The bylaws currently state that the Vice-President moves into the President role after a one year term. The bylaws require 45 days review by the membership and a majority vote to be amended. At this time, Eric Laut wishes to resign from his position as Vice-President. He felt it best for the organization that he does not accept the President position this year. There is nothing in the bylaws that would prevent Kevin Neal being elected for a second term.

Any changes that might be made to the bylaws should first be reviewed at the board meeting in Savannah. Once the board approves, the changes should be introduced at the membership meeting. At that point, an email should be sent to the membership. A vote can take place 45 days from then.

2011 CONFERENCE

A discussion was held regarding the 2011 conference. A location still needs to be determined. This conference will take place in the west. Possible locations would be San Antonio, Portland and Sacramento. Roger Springman agreed to do some research on these locations, and present at the meeting in Savannah.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held Sunday, February 21, 2010 in Savannah, GA at the TPSA annual conference

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 12:45 PM EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, February 21, 2010, Approved February 21, 2010]