

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

**April 19, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Fred Gabriel at ~12:35 PM EST.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Fred Gabriel; Allan Hovis; Rob Denny; Wayne Buhler; Cary Hamilton; Ed Cranson; Cam Davreux; Bonnie McCarvel; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Don Bradley; Roger Springman; Lois Levitan; Joe Hoffman; Margaret Jones

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 21, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. It was noted that additional information regarding the discussion of the bylaws needed to be added. These minutes will be reviewed again at the next Board Meeting.

The minutes of the March 17, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Wayne Buhler. Nancy Fitz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of March 31, 2010, TPSA had a balance of \$80,064.63 and a net income of \$16,649.38.

**OPERATIONS REPORT**

Currently there are 173 members. The membership consists of 116 individual members and 57 organizations.

**BYLAWS**

Policy states that any suggested changes to the bylaws should first go to the Elections and Bylaws committee. This committee then presents the suggested changes to the Board. If the Board is in favor of these changes, the suggested changes are then brought to the membership to vote on. The membership needs to have 45 days notice before a vote can take place.

Discussions took place on establishing a board position specific to the Ag Plastics Industry. If this position were developed, TPSA's mission statement may need to be updated. Many agree that this is an emerging area that TPSA should be involved in. The idea of TPSA expanding could add additional sponsors that could be beneficial to the organization. However, there is some sensitivity in creating a new sector of TPSA. The membership may not want to go as broad as to include plastics beyond pesticide containers.

To add this position, the board will need to present this to the membership for voting. It was indicated that the current language that has been developed by Lois and Roger needs some clarification. All updates and comments to this will be funneled via Fred. Once revised, this will be submitted to Cary to present again to the board. If the board is in favor, then this will be sent to the membership for review.

## 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.

**Hazardous Waste** – Nothing new to report.

## COMMITTEES

**International** – Nothing new to report.

**Communications** – This group had a breakfast roundtable meeting at the conference. A call will be scheduled prior to the next Board Meeting. The website needs to be updated. The 2011 conference website is in test mode and is almost ready to go live. Once it is ready a news release will be sent.

**Conference Summary** – The final invoice for the hotel has been paid. The only issue that needed to be addressed was the problem with the speakers. We were credited for the speakers, as we ended up utilizing the house system. It was noted that the breaks needed to be in the same room as the vendor displays. The presentations from the conference will soon be posted on the website. Overall it was a great conference.

**Elections/Bylaws** – Cary will make contact with the individuals that signed up to be on this committee.

**Awards** – The addition of the Powerpoint presentation for the awards ceremony allowed this to be more formal and organized. Kevin will get the list to Roger to those that signed up to be on this committee.

## **2011 CONFERENCE**

The date and location have been confirmed for this conference. The Board has approved that the 2011 conference will be held at the Westin in San Antonio the week of February 13, 2011.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

It was discussed whether membership dues and corporate sponsorship requirements be slightly raised. It was agreed that we need to have budget line items that show TPSA has justifications for needing additional funding. This would need to go towards a specific program or project.

There may be opportunities in the future for TPSA to provide funding to projects. TPSA needs a policy or process in place to review these requests as they come in.

## **NEXT CONFERENCE CALL**

Nancy will send out an email for availability for the weeks of May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at ~ 1:40 PM EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, May 25, 2010, Approved May 26, 2010]