

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

May 26, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Fred Gabriel at ~11:05 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; Jack Peterson; Margaret Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 21, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ed Cranson. Nancy Fitz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

The minutes of the April 19, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cam Davreux. Wayne Buhler seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 30, 2010, TPSA had a balance of \$76,655.29. Fred explained retained earnings as revenue carried over from previous year. The net income from 2010 is \$13,240.04 (revenue from conference less expenses). A few years ago TPSA did not have retained earnings.

BUDGET

Fred sent out an interim budget for 2010. He utilized historical values to populate this budget. A budget needs to be put in place in order for TPSA to determine how much money is available to sponsor projects. Cam made a motion to approve this interim budget. Ed Cranson seconded this motion. The motion was approved for this budget to be incorporated into the financial documents.

Bonnie will also get information on how TPSA might earn more interest on our bank account.

OPERATIONS REPORT

No changes to report.

BYLAWS

The Election and Bylaws committee met to review the request to modify section 4.04 of the bylaws by adding a board seat for the Ag Plastics Industry. This committee identified four areas of concern.

- 1. Why are we seeking another seat when there is an available board position identified as non-affiliate?*

Kevin clarified that the membership affiliation identified as “Non-Affiliated” is specific to those individuals or organizations that do not wish to identify with the other listed affiliations. It does not qualify as an open board position. A new board position would need to be added to accommodate the Ag Plastics Industry.

- 2. TPSA already covers Ag Plastics in our mission statement*

Rob commented that there are problems with the mission statement language. The drift and fertilizers categories fall under the generic TPSA concept umbrella. This was always intended to be the ACRC type plastics, not the Ag Plastics as a whole. It was the intention of the founders of this organization that other programs would be included in TPSA beyond obsolete pesticides, and it was never meant to be exclusive.

Lois commented that the conference is currently attracting two to three dozen people that attend from the Ag Plastics sector, but TPSA currently does not offer any outreach materials to these participants. There is nothing that the organization is doing now to embrace the Ag Plastics group, and none of the membership areas specifically concern Ag Plastics.

- 3. Who are we asking to represent this position?*

No specific individuals have been approached to run for this board position should it be approved.

- 4. Exactly how much revenue could be added to TPSA and for how long if this position were established?*

Lois has four potential sponsors that attended the Savannah conference if TPSA moved forward with recognizing Ag Plastics. It is Roger’s thoughts that conference participation could grow by 40-50 individuals. Fred believes that we would see \$5,000 - \$10,000 in sponsorship plus annual conference fees.

Lois addressed the question – “Does TPSA want to be the organization for Ag Plastics Stewardship? This group needs an organizational home”. Cam offered his support of this. Allan and Rob both do not see any negative points in adding this board position.

Rob commented that there is only one other organization in the world that deals with pesticide stewardship. That organization focuses solely on obsolete pesticides and that group is not growing. TPSA was able to grow in a recession because of the diversity of this organization.

The board is in support of adding the Ag Plastics Industry board position. However, the board does not have the authority to make the decision to change the bylaws and add this position. The bylaws committee would need to draft a recommendation and deliver it to the board. The board then needs to approve suggested changes. These proposed changes are then submitted to the membership by the elections committee. The membership is given 45 days to vote.

A second suggested bylaws change was discussed would be to change the term of the officers from one year to two. Fred will forward information on this to the bylaws committee.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics – Nothing new to report.

Hazardous Waste – Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEES

International – The group has developed a brochure emphasizing triple rinsing, incapacitating and disposal of empty pesticide containers. It is intended for use in developing countries where the message for proper disposal of emptied containers is not conveyed to the users. In fact, in many cases they are considered to be a resource where individuals may reuse them for a variety of activities. The message is depicted primarily through the use of images with minimal text. The group had the prototype on display at the TPSA meeting in Savannah where they received comments that were incorporated into the prototype.

This committee is now in the process of scheduling a International Committee meeting to review changes that been incorporated into the final design. After the meeting they should be in a position to share this draft with the Board. If the final design is approved, the group will produce copies in English, French and Spanish offer them in printable PDF file form and place them on the TPSA web site.

Communications – This committee is working on updating the website with the 2011 conference information. They would also like to get information from workgroups and committees posted on the website. The group discussed other website updates including the state pesticide disposal information and adding the pesticide rinsing training aids. The implementation of a policy for the

management of NewsBits was discussed. They also reviewed different formats that training documents should be posted in.

This committee is really concentrating on making the TPSA website more efficient. The group will be proactive to prepare for the changes that will be made to the website if the Ag Plastics Board position is approved.

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

Awards – No update

2011 CONFERENCE

Kevin confirmed that the contract with the hotel has been signed and returned. He asked if there was anyone available to assist with the curriculum coordination. Rob volunteered to assist with the alternative technologies tract. Kevin requested that if there is anyone with the expertise and willingness to help, to please volunteer.

Kevin will check with Sam and Fred will check with the local Clean Harbors office to see if they have suggestions for tour venues or offsite entertainment locations.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

Nancy will send out an email for availability for the weeks of June 21st and June 28th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 12:30 PM EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, June 29, 2010, Approved June 30, 2010]