

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

September 29, 2010

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; Allan Hovis; Rob Denny; Wayne Buhler; Ed Cranson; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Margaret Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 6, 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.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The voting for the Bylaw amendments concluded on September 16th. In order for Bylaws to be changed, we need to have the majority vote of the membership, not the majority of the votes that are cast. Currently 79 votes have been cast. A total of 87 yes votes are needed to make the change. Current votes tallied 67 yes and 12 no.

Kevin will secure a list of the members that have not voted. Bonnie will split up the list and distribute to the board members, so that individual phone calls may be made. Nancy suggested that some conference attendees may not realize that they are members.

If a majority vote is not cast, this will need to be tabled until the next conference.

LEGAL COUNSEL

The group revisited previous discussion on whether or not it was necessary for TPSA to retain legal representation, and in what situations having legal representation might be relevant. It was agreed that TPSA should have legal counsel for review of contract legalese and some anti-trust issues. TPSA does not currently have access to a pro bono lawyer. A motion was made by Ed Cranson for

TPSA to retain legal counsel on an as needed hourly basis for needed services approved by the board. Wayne Buhler seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

Fred and Kevin will sign the contract with Mary Jane Stankiewicz to provide legal counsel to TPSA. It was determined that the term should be on a calendar year basis.

WEBSITE

The Communications Committee has been looking into upgrading TPSA's website. Nancy has received two proposals. Nancy, Fred and Margaret will review and compare these proposals. It would be ideal if the updates to the website are made prior to the conference.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics – Nothing new to report

Hazardous Waste – Nothing new to report

COMMITTEES

2011 Annual Conference – The conference committee met and assignments were distributed. Potential Key Note Speakers have been identified. Leaders for each track have been established. The track leaders have been tasked with lining up speakers. Sam will be handling sponsorship. Kevin and Sam are working to find an offsite event location. The first "Save the Date" notice will go out this week.

International – The triple rinsing brochure has been test driven twice in Mali. The committee is making their final comments and then it will be distributed to the board for final review. The final version will be posted on the TPSA website. The plan is to eventually have the brochure translated in Spanish, French and Arabic.

Communications – Rob is putting the final touches on the Visual Training for triple rinsing. Additionally, Nancy has some news bits that she will get posted to the website.

Elections/Bylaws – Fred will work with Cary to seek nominations for the Board positions that are vacating.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

Nancy will send out an email for availability for the weeks of October 18th, 25th and November 1st.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 11:50 AM EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, November 2, 2010; Approved December 8, 2010]