

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

March 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Neal at 10:05 AM CST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Cary Hamilton; Ed Cranson; Rob Denny; Cam Davreux; Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Roger Springman; Lois Levitan; Margaret Jones; Dan Schweitzer, Joe Hoffman and Bonnie McCarvel.

President Neal asked that the agenda order be adjusted by beginning with the officer election. There was no opposition.

OFFICER and BOARD ELECTIONS

Denny moved to nominate Cary Hamilton as President. Davreux seconded the motion. There being no more nominations, a motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot for Hamilton. Motion carried. After this approval Hamilton took over as the presiding officer of the meeting and Neal moved to his new position as a member of the Board of Directors.

Neal moved to nominate Fred Gabriel to serve as Board Chairman. Fitz seconded the motion. There being no more nominations, a motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot for Gabriel. Motion carried.

The Institutional position on the board of directors is vacant. Kristine Schaefer, Iowa State University; Charles Luper, Oklahoma State University, and Ples Spradley, University of Arkansas; were all suggested. President Hamilton agreed to contact the three nominees to see if they were interested and if so they would submit a bio for review by the board. Denny moved to closed the nominations and have a vote within 30 days. Neal seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Davreux moved to nominated Sandra Keil as Vice President. Fitz seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A motion was made to close nominations. Motion was seconded and carried. A motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot for Keil.

Neal moved to nominated Don Bradley as Treasurer. Davreux seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A motion was made to close nominations. Motion was seconded and carried. A motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot for Bradley.

President Hamilton reported that he has been in contact with the committee chairs and gave an update on the status of positions filled. All Chairs have agreed to return for another year, except for Stewardship Awards Committee and Sponsorship Committee.

2012 CONFERENCE

President Hamilton reported the conference chair will be Ed Cranson. Cranson reported the dates for the conference are March 6-7, 2012, in Boise, Idaho. A board meeting may be held on March 5. Cranson will be working on the hotel rooms and contract with the conference center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for the January 5, 2011, meeting at this time. McCarvel will contact McLaughlin to see if she has any, if not McCarvel will draft them and Denny, Neal and Fitz will review before the draft is given to the Board of Directors for review.

The minutes of the February 13, 2011 meeting were presented. Cranson moved to accept as written and Denny seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since Treasurer Don Bradley was not on the call, McCarvel presented the reports as of January 31, 2011. Discussion followed. Davreux will contact Bradley to discuss the need for some additional reports and will report back at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Davreux brought up the possibility of hiring someone to facilitate the planning session for the Board of Directors. Hamilton reported that he had identified Boise, St. Louis and Research Triangle Park as three possible locations to hold the in-person meeting for the board for some long-range planning. Hamilton suggested that the meeting be held in May, June or July and that the focus be on identifying the top five issues for TPSA to work on as well as funding for TPSA. Discussion followed. President Hamilton and Davreux will come back with additional information for the session at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2011 Annual Conference

Chair Neal reported the 2011 conference went well and was a success. TPSA met all the quotas for the hotel. Discussion followed.

Communication Committee

Chair Fitz reported the committee had met on February 15 to discuss the redesign of the web site. Fitz also reported that Mirsky's are in the process of posting the presentations at the conference.

International Committee

Co-Chair Jones reported The International Committee has produced a final beta version of the brochure on pesticide container management and has worked to ensure it is appropriate for the culture in Mali and Ghana. The main point of the brochure is to rinse and destroy containers. The brochure will be available in PDF format in English and French and in color and black and white. A Spanish version is being worked on.

The committee is also reviewing options to have it posted on the TPSA website. Discussion followed.

AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS WORK GROUP

Levitan provided an update of the agricultural plastics workgroup and some possible ideas the workgroup discussed at the conference. Levitan will provide a draft at our next BOD conference call on proposed language for the database. Discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cranson moved to post the TPSA Conference dates of March 6-7, 2012, Boise, Idaho, on the TPSA website. Neal seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Following the conference call and vote on the 2012 meeting dates and location, it was learned that AAPCO had already scheduled their meeting dates for March 6-7, 2012. As a result, President Hamilton directed conference chair Ed Cranson to contact the Boise Conference Centre for optional dates. The information would be distributed to the board and a board vote would be held via email.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

Fitz will send out an email for availability for the weeks of April 4 and 11th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 11:48 AM CST.

[Submitted by Bonnie McCarvel, March 11, 2011]