

THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2011

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:06 Eastern Standard Time by Chairman Ed Cranson.

Board and Officer Roll Call

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Ed Cranson, Allan Hovis, Kevin Neal, Sandra Keil, Bonnie McCarvel, Cam Davreux, Ples Spradley, Roger Springman, Nancy Fitz, and Derrick Bell.

Approve Minutes

Nancy suggested two changes to the minutes of the November 22 Board meeting minutes. In the summary of the Treasurer's report, change "except" to "accept" and change the spelling of Rob's last name to Denny, so the second sentence reads "Nancy Fitz moved to accept Don Bradley financial report and was seconded by Rob Denny."

Cam Davreux moved to accept the November 22 Board meeting minutes with these two changes and was seconded by Allan Hovis. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report. Ed Cranson said that he needs to coordinate with Don Bradley to develop a proposed budget for 2012.

Committee Reports

a. Annual Conference.

Overall: Ed Cranson will be back in office next week and available to work on this the rest of December. Ed has contacted a travel agent for information about possible locations for the 2013 conference and will present this for discussion and a decision in Boise.

Program: Kevin Neal has sent copy of the draft program to Ed, Bonnie and Cary. There are some blanks that need to be filled in, sooner rather than later. Some speakers have been identified, but there are still a lot to be confirmed. We need all of that information as soon as possible for advertising the conference. Kevin has been in contact with Lori Brown from Boise Center and has assigned rooms to each of the sessions/meals. Kevin will wait for approximate attendee numbers before setting up specific menus.

Silent auction: Ed Cranson will contact Jack Peterson about sending out a request for silent auction items.

Sponsorship: Allan Hovis has contacted DuPont, who has agreed to be a new sponsor next year. TPSA can send an invoice but DuPont can't pay until first of year. Allan or Cary will send the contact information for the DuPont person (not in stewardship group) to Bonnie. Bonnie McCarvel reported that Monsanto, Syngenta, and Bayer have pledged to continue to be corporate sponsors at the \$5,000 level and expects Dow AgroSciences as well. USAg Recycling has pledged \$1500 and Bonnie is not sure about ACRC. Allan will follow up with ACRC, CropLife America, BASF (Steve Brundt is Marty Fitzpatrick's replacement), and Dow AgroSciences. Bonnie will send last year's Dow AgroSciences contact to Allan. Clean Farms is sponsoring \$2500 + travel for 3 people. TankLink has contacted Kevin and Bonnie and has indicated they will sponsor at a TBD level. TriRinse, Jerry Krebs and Gary Glickman of Container Services Network are all going to provide some level of sponsorship.

Awards: Bonnie sent an email soliciting proposals and we have received one entry for an award. Cary has taken on responsibility for collecting the awards. If you have recommendations, get them into Cary (by December 15).

BOD meeting: The BOD meeting will be at Simplot on Tuesday February 7 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Ed Cranson will send instructions about how to get into building and use the elevators. Ed will work with Cary to set the agenda. Cam Davreux suggested continuing the discussion we started in July about where TPSA is going and how to get there. We will also discuss possible bylaw changes and pending TPSA policies.

So far, there have been a few people (but less than 20) who have registered. Bonnie and Kevin will pull together the available information and will send an email update to TPSA members as a reminder about the registration and hotel deadlines. In addition, a copy of the combination conference program will be posted on the web site soon.

Bonnie will be in part of next week. Ed asked her to call him.

In terms of registration, Ed Cranson mentioned that there are a number of Simplot people who are interested in attending and has received similar inquiries from other companies, such as Wilbur-Ellis, CPS and Helena. He has been pointing them to the web site. Full conference registration is \$350 if you register by January 17 and is \$400 after that. It is \$200 for a one-day registration. Kevin Neal pointed out that the Board of Directors Chair and the President can make decisions about waiving or changing registration fees on a case-by-case basis. Cam Davreux suggested for every 10 participants a company registers that TSPA could provide 2 complimentary registrations to provide a little leeway. If we decide to go that route, Bonnie pointed out that the company needs to send Bonnie the list of the 10 participants who are paying and who the two comps are.

b. Communication Committee: Nancy Fitz has been in communication with Maria Mirsky, who is happy with possibility of working with TPSA on a public service announcement in 2012. Bonnie McCarvel reported that Jean has talked with Jay Mirsky about Jean and Bonnie being able to upload information to TPSA's web site. We are in the start up phase for that, which will save TPSA money.

c. Election & Bylaws Committee: Sandra Keil reported that things are going well with the election and that she has already received a few votes. Sandra is trying to combine all relevant TPSA info into one document, including bylaws and policies. There are five pending policies that have been drafted but haven't been approved. Sandra wants to clean them up during her tenure as vice president. She is not sure about the history of some of them, such as Policy 1.0 proposed in 2007 which states that TPSA can never use J.G. Hammond properties again, which could prevent us from using a lot of hotels. Sandra sent the five pending policies to Bonnie, who will send them out so we can discuss them at February Board meeting. Ed Cranson suggested that we should look at all policies to confirm that they are all still valid.

Sandra will work with Don Bradley to write up proposed changes to the bylaws needed to comply with a recent District of Columbia law change regarding nonprofit organizations. We can use the conference as an opportunity to introduce the changes and to educate membership about the reason for the changes. This will start a 45 day review period before the membership can vote on the changes.

d. International Stewardship Committee: Margaret Jones has provided Kevin with the draft conference program for the International Stewardship track. The International Committee is still working to confirm two of the speakers and they have a back-up plan if the speakers will not be able to travel to Boise. They hope to have the final program by next week and will have it shortly after the New Year at the latest.

For the International Stewardship Committee, Don Mullins and Margaret Jones are preparing the text for the web page where the brochures on triple rinsing pesticide containers for the rural audience in developing countries will be posted.

e. Membership Committee: Derrick Bell has been working with Bonnie McCarvel on membership. As of December 8, 28 individuals and one company had paid for their TPSA memberships. There are a few others waiting for payment. January 31st is the deadline. A final reminder will be sent on January 3rd.

f. Hazardous Waste Committee: There was no report from this committee.

New Business

a. 2012 Budget: Ed Cranson and Don Bradley will work to fill in the draft 2012 budget and will email it out for people to review. Ed hopes that we can have it finalized in time for the January

conference call or vote on it during the January call at the latest. In addition, Ed and Cary need to get travel requests reviewed and approved.

b. DC change in “non-profit act”. Ed reported that because of a change in the DC non-profit law, we need to incorporate new language into our bylaws.

Next Meeting

Nancy Fitz will send out an email for the next meeting to be held during the first two weeks of January.

Adjourn

Kevin Neal moved to adjourn the December 14, 2011 conference call and Ples Spradley seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 PM Eastern time.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Fitz.