

TPSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2012

Ed Cranson called the meeting to order at 11:05 Eastern time.

1. Board and Officer Roll Call (Board member underlined):

Allan Hovis, Nancy Fitz, Rodney Neal, Sandra Keil, Ed Cranson, Cary Hamilton, Don Bradley, Cam Davreux, Rob Denny, Bonnie McCarvel, Derrick Bell, Kevin Neal, Joe Hoffman.

2. Committee Reports

a. Annual Conference Final Details

1. Program. Kevin Neal reported that the drop dead date for providing the program to Mirsky for printing is January 17. Any changes to the program (speakers, presentation titles, moderators, etc.) must be sent to Kevin Neal by COB Monday, January 9th to allow time for Bonnie McCarvel and Maria Mirsky to pull all of the information together. Kevin will handle international and disposal sessions, Bret and Gail Amos will handle drift and Nancy Fitz will finalize the agricultural plastics sessions.

Kevin Neal is considering adding a panel discussion with state reps about whether pesticide disposal is still a big draw.

2. Sponsorship. Kevin Neal asked Bonnie McCarvel to send him a list of conference sponsors. Kevin knows of Mauser, CropLand, Monosol, TankLink. Bonnie has a few others. Allan will send Bonnie the DuPont contact. Allan will follow up with BASF and Kirk at Dow AgroSciences. Cary Hamilton reported that he has other contacts at BASF & Dow who have expressed interest in sponsoring.

3. Conference details. The address to send things (displays, silent action items, etc.) to the Boise Center is: Boise Center 250 S 9th St., Boise, 83702, which is different than main address. They will accept things up to 48 hours in advance. Include who the item will be going to and their arrival date.

Off site event. Kevin Neal, Ed Cranson and Cary Hamilton are looking at several options, including the press box at the football stadium, a sports bar, and Have a Basque Restaurant. Ed will confirm by next week.

Kevin Neal and Ed Cranson will set the menus for meals and breaks. Once that has been done, Ed Cranson will be able to update conference costs for the 2012 budget.

We have had 30 people register for the conference so far, which is comparable to last year. We are close to meeting the room block commitments. So far, there are 18 bookings at the government rate and 18 at the corporate rate. The deadline for room reservations was extended to January 15.

Bonnie McCarvel will send another email to people about conference next week once everything is finalized.

4. Silent Auction. Cary Hamilton reported that the Idaho Dept of Ag will make contributions to silent auction.

5. Awards. Cary Hamilton reported that Roger Springman will be attending conference and will take over awards for another year. The awards are still open for nominations. Cary mentioned that he can get the plaques done on short notice. It was reported that Mirsky has done awards in past and have the format. After discussion, consensus was that we will have Mirsky do the awards again. They need the details/wording by January 16.

6. BOD meeting. The BOD meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, starting at 9:00 at the Simplot Building. Come up to 10th floor and follow signs for the conference room. Cam Davreux stated that it would be good to get an agenda out ahead of time. Possible topics include discussing draft TPSA policies, follow up from the July meeting (e.g., review the July meeting minutes and suggest ideas, assess what progress we've made since July, other stewardship areas that we might want to get into such as warehousing or seed treatment, and other projects), and discuss the change in the DC non-profit act.

Ed Cranson discussed the membership meeting on February 9. We need a presentation to members about the change in the DC non-profit act and why we need to revise our by-laws. We also need Sandra to make a presentation about the voting process.

b. Elections & Bylaws Committee: Sandra Keil will make a ballot box to have at the registration desk and copies of voting forms. Ed Cranson will help with the ballot box.

c. Membership Committee: About 50 members have renewed so far; another email went out last week. It was mentioned that Derrick Bell might want to remind people to renew their memberships during one of the lunches or during the plenary session on Wednesday morning.

d. Other Committees: There was no report from the Communication Committee, International Stewardship Committee or Hazardous Waste Committee.

3. Approve Minutes

Nancy Fitz moved to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2011 meeting and Cam Davreux seconded. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Nancy Fitz moved to dispense with the Treasurer's report until the February meeting and Rob Denny seconded. Motion passed.

5. New Business

a. Locations/dates for future conferences. For 2013, the locations have been narrowed to St. Louis and Mobile. Ed Cranson obtained information from some hotels in those cities. Ed Cranson also is gathering information for February 26-27, 2014 in Sacramento, San Diego, Portland and Phoenix.

b. 2012 Budget. The plan is to send the proposed 2012 budget to the BOD and have a vote by email no later than the week of January 16.

c. Change in DC Non-profit act. We have to change our bylaws as soon as possible to maintain our corporation title in DC.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, from 9:00 – 4:00 in Boise, Idaho.

7. Adjourn

Cary Hamilton moved to adjourn the meeting and Rob Denny seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm Eastern time.

Addition to the Minutes:

Chairman Ed Cranson reported at the February 7, 2012 meeting that the draft budget was emailed to all board members for their review and approval. Seven members of the board voted to approve the budget as presented. Cranson asked that this information be added to the January 6, 2012 minutes. Fitz moved to add the information to the minutes as requested. Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.