

**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 14, 2012**

The board meeting held via conference call was called to order by Chairman Ed Cranson at 11:05 a.m. Eastern Time.

**Board and Officer Roll Call** (Board member underlined)

Scott Birchfield, Secretary Brad Bittleston, Ed Cranson, Nancy Fitz, Bryan Gran, President Cary Hamilton, Vice President Sandra Keil, and Kevin Neal.

Guests present: Joe Hoffman, Bonnie McCarvel, and Roger Springman.

Cranson declared a quorum present for the meeting.

**Approve minutes**

February 7, 2012 Board Meeting minutes were presented. Gran moved to approve the minutes as amended with the underline being removed from those members who were listed but are not a board member. Fitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

February 8, 2012 Board reorganization minutes were reviewed later in the meeting.

**Treasurer's report**

Cranson provided an update as Treasurer Don Bradley was not able to be on the call. Discussion followed. Fitz moved to accept the report as submitted. Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Committee reports**

a. Election of Officers

Keil and Hamilton presented the nominating slate as follows: President – Cary Hamilton, Vice President – open, Secretary – Jeff Rogers, and Treasurer Don Bradley. Gran moved to accept the slate of nominees as presented by the committee with the Vice President position open. Birchfield second the motion. Discussion followed with the board members asked to identify and contact potential candidates to fill the Vice President position. Motion carried.

b. Annual Conference

Cranson reported on plans for 2013 and possible hotel sites, conference coordinator, session topics, etc. Nancy Fitz passed along a suggestion from Barry Friesen that the pesticide disposal, container recycling and agricultural plastics sessions be planned as a

coordinated program. Other coordinators will be determined. Cranson asked that all of the planned meeting functions for 2013 be scripted and key note speaker possibilities be forwarded to him.

c. Policies

Keil reported the policies have been drafted and revised and will be reviewed at the TPSA summer meeting in St. Louis. Cranson asked that they be sent out to the board members a month or so prior to the meeting.

Keil is willing to continue to serve as the chair of the Policies and Bylaws committee. She will also oversee the voting by the membership regarding the proposed changes to the bylaws. Discussion followed.

d. Membership

No report.

e. Communications Committee

Fitz reported on the work of the committee and that they are working on the PR campaign which was one of the proposals the board approved for funding.

Fitz also agreed to chair the communications committee for another year.

f. International Stewardship Committee

No report.

g. Stewardship Awards

Springman reported on the process done for 2012 awards. Nominations are needed and would encourage that nominations be asked for in September.

h. Pesticide Disposal

Hoffman provided a short update on the Pesticide Disposal programs.

**Old Business**

a. Summer Meeting Date

Hamilton reported that he is working with Monsanto to have a summer meeting in St. Louis. Discussion followed on dates that might work for the period of May – July.

b. 2013 Annual Conference Hotel

The location for the 2013 conference February 5, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> is Mobile, Alabama. A motion was made to accept the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel proposal as the site hotel. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

c. 2014 Annual Conference Hotel

Discussion followed on site locations and possible hotels. To be discussed further at a future meeting.

d. 2012 Meeting Dates

Cranson proposed setting up quarterly meetings for better planning purposes and use of time by the board. Fitz moved to hold quarterly meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time in February, May, August and November. Hamilton seconded the motion. Discussion followed with agreement that other meetings may be called as needed and the committees are encouraged to meet during the other months. Motion carried.

The remaining TPSA Board of Directors and Officers conference call dates for 2012 will be as follows:

- May 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern
- August 8, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern
- November 14, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern

**Unfinished Business:**

Vice President Position nominees are to be solicited by the Board of Directors and names can be submitted to Sandra Keil or Cary Hamilton with the plan to vote on a nominee at the May 9 meeting.

**Approve Minutes of February 8.**

Cranson read the draft minutes of the February 8, 2012 meeting of the re-organization of the board for their review. Fitz moved to accept the minutes as presented. Birchfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be held via conference call on May 9, 2012 between 11:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 Eastern Standard time.