



**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 14, 2015**

Call to Order

TPSA Board President, Mike Kamrath called the meeting to order at 11:00 am EDST. Pam Hodge took roll call with the following members present:

Board Present: Mike Kamrath – President, Jeff Rogers – Vice President, Jack Peterson – Immediate Past President, Pam Hodge – Secretary, Directors: Scott Birchfield – Pesticide Industry, Don Bradley– Treasurer, Paul Derig - End User, Jason Deveau – Government, Maria Mirsky – At-Large, Jack Peterson – Immediate Past President.

Ex-Official Members in attendance: Nancy Fitz – US EPA, Bonnie McCarvel – TPSA Operations Manager.

Guests: Kristine Schaefer – Communications committee chair, Derick Bell – Membership committee chair, Kevin Neal – State Pesticide Data Base project chair, and Anton Arnoldy, a member of the membership committee.

Directors Absent: Carli Lofing, Ron Perkins, Mike Porreca and Wendy Sue Wheeler.

A quorum of board was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Mike Kamrath reminded the Board to abide by the Anti-Trust & Fair Trade Practice Guidelines.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 10, 2015, of outgoing board of directors was presented. A motion to approve minutes was made. The motion was seconded, motion carried.

Minutes from the February 10, 2015, of newly seated board of directors was presented. A motion to approve minutes was made. The motion was seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Don Bradley presented the current treasurers report as provided to the board. Motion was made to approve the report as presented. Motions was seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Pesticide Disposal Database: Kevin Neal presented the task group update of the Pesticide Disposal Database development. Information that has been collected thus far will be provided to Jay Mirsky. The task group will continue collecting information and estimate completion no later than September 1st, 2015.

Communications: Kristine Schaefer and Maria Mirsky presented a status update of the Mini Bulk Recycle Campaign and the Do Not Re-Use Campaign, and the Mini bulk Recycling PSA effort. Maria Mirsky reported on her meeting with Meister Media and the potential article on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Mirsky also reported on the potential issue of drift reduction and some options that TPSA might want to consider pursuing. Discussion followed.

Annual Conference: Jeff Rogers presenting for Bob Magee discussed goal for this year's conference to be developed and finalized as soon as possible to increase the advertising time to encourage more attendees. Many ideas for tracks were discussed. Jeff also discussed information gathered from the evaluation survey from the 2015 Annual Conference. Another call to discuss the 2016 conference will be held in the near future. They hope to have a draft schedule for review at the July 2015 meeting.

Election & Bylaws: No report.

International: No report.

Membership: Derrick Bell reported the current membership status as well as the draft version of the updated membership form. Discussed updating the membership application for the website and Pam Hodge volunteered to prepare the form in Adobe so it could be completed on-line.

Stewardship: No report.

OLD Business

Policies - Bonnie McCarvel discussed the proposed changes to the TPSA Policies, specifically Policy 11 Elections for the board of Directors, Jack Peterson and Nancy Fitz will continue to work on these updates and will be prepared for presentation for approval at the July Board of Directors Meeting.

New Business

July 22 Meeting - At this time the July 22nd Meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in St. Louis at the Corporation Headquartered of Monsanto. TSPA is awaiting official clearance from Monsanto. Tentative agenda items were discussed.

2016 Budget – Bradley and McCarvel reported on the tentative timeline for developing the budget for FY2016 as follows: Week of June 1st McCarvel emails committee chairs and board of the request for

goals and budget for FY 2016, July 15 – information due to Bradley and McCarvel, July 22 – board to review and discuss requests, August 26 – board to vote on budget.

Adjourn, 12:23 pm EDST

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, motion carried.

Minutes taken by Pam Hodge