



**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 22, 2015, 8:30 am CDST
Monsanto Headquarters
St. Louis, MO**

Call to Order

TPSA Board President Mike Kamrath called the meeting to order at 8:35 am CDST at Monsanto's D Building, 800 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri. Pam Hodge took roll call with the following members present:

Board Present:

Officers:	Mike Kamrath, President	Jeff Rogers, Vice President
	Jack Peterson, Im. Past President	Pam Hodge, Secretary
Directors:	Carli Lofing, Waste Management	Scott Birchfield, Pesticide Industry
	Paul Derig, End User (by phone)	Wendy Sue Wheeler, Institution
	Jason Deveau, Government	Maria Mirsky, At Large
	Ron Perkins, Pesticide Container Management	
Ex-Official Members in attendance:	Nancy Fitz, US EPA	Bonnie McCarvel, TPSA Operations Manager

Committee Chairs:

Kristine Schaefer – Communications, Derick Bell - Membership (both via phone)

Absent: Don Bradley, Treasurer

Guests: Jay Mirsky, Mirsky Associates; Stephen Adams and Cliff Lawson, Monsanto.

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 May 14, 2015 Board of Directors meeting was presented. A motion to approve minutes was made. The motion was seconded, discussion followed, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Bonnie McCarvel reporting for Don Bradley (absent) presented the treasurer's report to the board. Motion was made to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded, discussion followed, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Annual Conference: Wendy Sue Wheeler, Jason Deveau and Nancy Fitz reviewed the tracks being developed for the 2016 Annual Conference and potential presenters. Additional tracks and subjects were discussed.

Maria Mirsky is going to set up a page that is dedicated to PPE requirements on the TPSA website that will serve as an end user reference page.

Keynote speakers were suggested and discussed.

A motion was made to allow TPSA to bring in Jon Entine as the keynote speaker for a fee of \$5,000, with the intent of offsetting some or all the expense with outside sponsorship and any balance would be covered by TPSA. Motion was seconded, discussion followed motion carried.

Sponsorship Chair: President Kamrath reported that Ples Spradley is stepping down as the chair position, but Scott Birchfield has accepted the role.

Awards: Operations Manager McCarvel reminded the board about award nominations. The board discussed awards and nominations for the 2016 meeting.

Silent Auction: Jack Peterson, past chair of the silent auction, discussed it with the board. General consensus by the board was to not do it in 2016. Door prizes as in 2015 will continue.

Membership: Derrick Bell presented the current membership status and updated membership form. There are 126 members as of July 22, 2015. Bell reviewed the goals for Membership. The annual conference fees were discussed.

A motion was made to raise non-member conference fees to \$400.00 for an individual and the member fee remain the same at 350.00. Motion was seconded, motion did not pass.

A motion was made to raise non-members conference fees to \$375.00 for full conference registration. The motion was seconded, motion carried. The one day fee remains at \$225 and reductions for speaking or posters remain the same.

Bell reported the 2016 membership form is ready to be posted on the website and hopes to offer payment via PayPal. Bell reviewed the membership goals for 2016. Discussion followed.

Communications Report: Kristine Schaefer presented the current state of the website updates and additions. Goals and budget were reviewed. A page on the website for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been established, a bee care page will be developed for the website, and the Disposal program is on track to be up and running by September.

Disposal data base. Budget item can be removed from communications to a line item under disposal web site budget item.

International Stewardship: Nancy Fitz reported that Don Mullins has retired from teaching and the Ples Spradley has agreed to serve as co-chair of the committee. Discussion followed.

Monsanto Update:

Cliff Lawson and Stephen Adams, hosts for the meeting, provided an update on Monsanto. Discussion followed.

President Kamrath thanks Steve and Cliff for hosting the meeting and then adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:50 am.

President Kamrath called the meeting back to order at 12:50 pm.

Elections and Bylaws – no report.

Pesticide Disposal Committee:

Nancy Fitz presented the status of the disposal webpage, all 50 states are currently on the website test page.

A motion was made to limit availability of pesticide disposal information on the webpage. Public access is allowed the basic info and map and members have full access to addresses and phone number contacts. The motion was seconded, discussion followed, motion carried

Budget: Bonnie McCarvel reviewed the current budget status and plans for FY 2016. Discussion followed. The board will review the budget via conference call on August 26, 2015 at noon CDST.

Policy #11 revisions: Nancy Fitz and Jack Peterson reviewed the updated policy changes with the board. These changes will be completed and presented to Bonnie McCarvel for final review. A motion was made to accept the Policy 11 revisions as presented, the motion was seconded, motion carried.

Next Meeting:

August 26, 2015 12:00 pm CST.

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm. The motion was seconded, motion carried.

Minutes taken by Secretary Pam Hodge.