



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 11, 2016, 1:00 pm EDST**

**Call to Order**

TPSA Board President Jeff Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:05 am CDST. President Rogers took roll call with the following Board Members present:

**Officers:** Jeff Rogers, President  
Mike Kamrath, Im. Past President

**Directors:** Maria Mirsky, At Large  
Wendy Sue Wheeler, Institution  
Steve Brunt, BASF

**Ex-Official:** Nancy Fitz, US EPA  
Bonnie McCarvel, TPSA Operations Manager

**Committee Chairs:**

Kristine Schaefer, Communications  
Bob Magee, Conference  
Ples Spradley, Stewardship/sponsorship

**Absent:** Pam Hodge, Secretary  
Scott Birchfield, Vice President  
Don Bradley, Treasurer  
Board member – Anne Macmillan – Environment/Public Health  
Board member – Jason Deveau, Government  
Board member – Sam Gibson – Container Management  
Board member – Paul Derig, End User  
Derick Bell – Membership  
Don Mullins, International Stewardship

**Guest:** Jay Mirsky, Mirsky Associates

The TPSA Board held a conference call on Thursday, August 11 at 10:00 Central – however there was *not a quorum* present for the vote – so the group discussed the budget and made recommendations on cuts to present a balance budget. Those board members on the call included: President Jeff Rogers, Maria Mirsky, Wendy Sue Wheeler, Steve Brunt, Mike Kamrath and ex officio's Nancy Fitz and Bonnie McCarvel. Committee members present were Kristine Schaefer and Ples Spradley. Guest was Jay Mirsky. Absent board members were: Paul Derig, Jason Deveau, Scott Birchfield, Sam Gibson, Pam Hodge, Annie McMillon, and Don Bradley

Thus attached is the proposed balanced budget for FY2017 – September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017 be sure and look at the fourth column – **FY2017 Budget.**

Please note the following things regarding the budget (tried to mark in **red** font in notes column):

#### **INCOME:**

- **Corporate sponsors (3600)** – increased with the plan to ask the Silver sponsors contributing \$1,000 or more to increase their amount by \$500 – there are 12 – so that is \$6,000. Ask the bronze sponsors to give \$100 more – there are 5 so that is \$500. Total increase of \$6,500. Jay Mirsky volunteered to assist McCarvel with crafting the letter to the sponsors to showcase the added value and improvements that TPSA has done when soliciting sponsorship for the coming year.

#### **EXPENSES:**

- **Conference**
  - Web updates (6001)– reduced by \$500 per Maria
  - Catering (6036) – reduced by \$3,800 – breakfasts will be coffee and bagel, and no drink tickets at the off-site event – cash bar.
  - Professional services (6060) – reduced by \$2,500 – no \$\$ for keynote speaker.
- **International Committee (7160)** - reduced by \$1, 500. Delayed the B/M Gates Foundation Grant application; and instead plan on the Int'l Federation of Ag Journalists 2018 and request a spot on their agenda. There's also time to apply for the 2017 \$2,000 travel stipend. It's a direct audience for spreading this message.
- **Communications**
  - Newsletter (7200) – Goal 2 was kept at 2, agreed that it needs to be done 2 times per year to keep people informed.
  - Goal 3 – Various ag shows – reduced by \$125.
- **Pesticide Disposal (7500)**
  - Cut miscellaneous by \$300 – Jeff Rogers thinks they can use member accounts for SurveyMonkey and other existing resources.
  - Professional services – cut by \$500 – Jay thinks it can be done if we consolidate corrections/updates to a couple times per year.

#### **SUMMARY:**

With these changes the income equals expenses. President Rogers requests your vote to approve or reject the proposed budget. To cast your vote see the info below.

**To VOTE** – since it an email vote – all board members must respond. Above the **Send** button and between **Delete** and **Reply** buttons at the top of the email – you must select Approved or Rejected. (This may vary depending on your computer system.)



**PLEASE respond by 8/19/16.**

Minutes taken by Bonnie McCarvel.

**Attachments:**

- 2016 FY Budget – approved 8/26/15