

NPSA Regular Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes December 21, 2004

Present:

Gail Amos, Don Bradley, Nancy Fitz, Don Gilbert, Mary Grodner, Pat Hipkins, Alan Hovis, Greg Jackson, Janice Oldemeyer, and Dan Schweitzer

Quorum Status:

In Quorum (Six voting BOD members present; names underlined above.)

Meeting called to order by 2004 BOD Chair Mary Grodner at 10:05 a.m. EST.
The main purpose of this meeting was to elect a new BOD chair.

Minutes:

The minutes of the second October meeting (10/27/04) were not discussed at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Not given.

New Business:

Election of a chair for the 2005 Board of Directors:

Mary Grodner called for nominations. Don Bradley nominated Don Gilbert. Don Gilbert nominated Don Bradley. Don Bradley declined the nomination, saying he feels NPSA would be better served to have a state vs. industry person as BOD chair. One of Don Bradley's reasons is that he feels having a state person in a leadership position may encourage more state waste management people to join NPSA. Don Bradley asked Don Gilbert to withdraw this nomination, which he did. Don Gilbert was elected by acclamation. Mary Grodner then left the conference call, after being thanked by all for her service in 2004.

Election of Officers for 2005:

Gail Amos reviewed what offices need to be filled: Vice President (who will become President in 2006), Secretary, and Treasurer. Don Gilbert will lead the new BOD in seeking candidates for office. Gail Amos noted that Dan Schweitzer's new employer, CARE Environmental, OK-ed him becoming NPSA's President. Gail checked with some other contractors (MSE, Onyx) and found that they have no objection to having employees serve as NPSA BOD members or officers. Gail will ask Clean Harbors about this, too. Candidates discussed for office and NPSA BOD members who agreed to contact them included:

- Mark Wilson, KY Dept of Ag (Don Gilbert)
- Kelby Neal, MSE (Don Gilbert)
- Brenda Leonardo, Clean Harbors (Janice Oldemeyer)
- Jim Waldron, Tri-Rinse (Don Bradley)
- Rob Hofstetter, MD Dept of Ag (Dan Schweitzer)
- Pat Hipkins, VT (will serve as Secretary in 2005 IF no one else will)

Don Gilbert asked each BOD volunteer to contact people after Christmas to ask them if they are interested in serving and, if so, what office they would accept. He also asked the BOC members to communicate via e-mail so he and the other contact people would have progress reports.

Dan Schweitzer was elected Vice President in 2003, before the by-laws were amended to provide for succession of officers (from VP to P). So, Nancy Fitz moved that Dan Schweitzer be nominated for President; Greg Jackson seconded her motion, and the motion was unanimously accepted. Thus, Dan Schweitzer will be NPSA President in 2005.

Other/Old Business:

2004 Conference "Wrap-Up":

Gail Amos reported that Ginny Prest has converted all of the PowerPoints to pdf format; all presenters will be asked to review the pdf file for their presentation prior to posting on the NPSA website.

He has not sent "Thank You" notes to sponsors yet. He is waiting to do so until he can include details about the next/2006 conference.

2006 Conference Plans:

Don Bradley will work with Kathy Brooks and Sam Gibson (US Ag Recycling working out of an office in TX) to look at a wide range of options (cities, sites). Don plans to present three solid recommendations to the BOD in January.

Pat Hipkins offered to send Don information about two meeting sites in San Antonio where the pesticide safety / certification and training organizations held meetings in the recent past.

Janice Oldemeyer will send information about the meeting planner NAHMMA used and were very happy with.

Gail reported that, in his exit interview, the Orlando Marriott people are willing to offer a good deal to organizations holding meetings there. Tourism is "off" in FL, and hotels, etc. are trying to recover from 9/11 and the 2004 hurricane season.

Membership:

Greg Jackson and Allan Hovis are working on updating the membership / meeting announcement flyer. Allan will print this when final. An updated version, with recent NPSA accomplishments and current projects featured, will be reviewed by the BOD and officers prior to circulation. Nancy Fitz reported that the current version of the membership form is on the internet. Nancy will send a note to all explaining how to

access it. BOD members and officers were asked to review the current version ASAP, and send comments to Allan by January 7

Tucson Marriott:

Gail Amos gave the group a quick overview for the benefit of new members, and updated all on the status of his attempt to reach a settlement with the help of Kellie Newton, NPSA's legal counsel.

Communications:

Nancy Fitz will update the BOD and Officer contact information, and send it to all. In addition, she will handle having the website updated (sponsor information, new BOD members and officers, etc.)

Committee Reports:

Committee reports were not called for or given, because committee chairs need to be found or reappointed. However, many committee topics (communications, membership, conference) were discussed.

Standing Committees are:

- Communications
- Conference
- Elections/By-Laws
- Finance
- International Relations
- Membership
- Sponsorship
- Stewardship Awards

Special Project Reports/Updates:

None given.

Next Meeting:

The group tentatively selected January 18 or 19 at 10:00 a.m. EST for the next meeting. Nancy Fitz will check on conference line availability and the schedules of BOD members and officers not participating in this meeting, and let all know when the January 2005 meeting will be held. In addition to those topics noted previously (officers for 2005, 2006 conference site selection), committee assignments will be discussed at the January meeting.

The December 21 meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. EST.

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