

**The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA)
Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Don Bradley, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at approximately 11 AM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of voting members was present (names underlined): Kathy Brooks, Don Bradley, Dan Schweitzer, Johnny Berry, Lois Levitan, Pat Hipkins, Nancy Fitz, Roger Springman, Carol Ramsay, Allan Hovis, and Liza Fleeson.

APPROVALS

The Agenda as issued and Minutes from the March 20, 2006 Board Meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kelby Neal provided the monthly financial report via email. The balance as of the end of March is \$36,074.28. The payments totaling \$6404.61 were \$592.59 to AT&T for January and February, \$376.00 to Janice Oldemeyer for the Stewardship Awards, \$3730.00 to Arrowchase, \$229.80 to Global Pay for the CC settlement, \$116.75 to American Express, \$44.79 to NDPS for the CC machine, and \$1314.68 to Arrowchase for conference expenses. The deposits totaling \$8900.00 and were \$225 from Turfgrass, Inc., \$6000 from ACRC, \$225 from memberships, \$200 from Univ. of NV, \$1500 from Western Ag Plastics, and \$750 from Northwest Ag Plastics. Kathy Brooks added that the final bill from the Austin Marriot has been paid (\$24,000) and that there are \$10,000 in sponsorship money still owed us.

TPSA ATTENDANCE AT SFIREG WQ&PD WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

Nancy Fitz and Carol Ramsay will be addressing the SFIREG Water Quality & Pesticide Disposal (WQ&PD) Working Committee, April 25-26, 2006, Seattle, WA. Presentation focuses on Container Recycling. Nancy will cover the discussion points previously distributed and Carol will present TPSA's view of the issue as well as what TPSA has to offer SFIREG and an invitation to become members. Slides of Carol's presentation have been sent to the Board and Officers for comment.

MAINTAINING CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Discussion included the current status of ACRC and maintaining container recycling programs in states that may lose service or have reduced coverage. Johnny Berry indicated the ACRC will be able to maintain collection programs through 2006, however, the solvency of the program in 2007 and beyond is unknown. ACRC dues are increasing as membership decreases and the issue of fairness must be addressed. Program changes could include reduced collections and/or the collection of member plastic only. Carol Ramsay identified the possibility of TPSA looking at bridging the gap between the current program and when a regulation is finalized. Nancy Fitz anticipates a proposed rule by summer 2007. Other discussion included the need to answer the questions “why recycle” and why container recycling should be mandated while other types of recycling programs, for example, batteries and fluorescent bulbs, are not. Actions for TPSA include gathering data to support the benefits of recycling; strengths of privatization; tracking containers and how container recycling is different than other types of recycling programs.

TPSA AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Discussion included the need to educate an expanded target audience regarding recycling and the benefits of participation in recycling programs (include “success stories”); and the environmental impacts of (non) participation. Carol Ramsay, Gail Amos and Roger Springman will be leading the educational effort and move forward to gather information that illustrates the problem. Carol will provide information related to the aerial applicator community and will work to identify another segment of the user community. Roger indicated he will work to identify missing segments or sectors of the user community and gather information related to those specific groups. Further discussion focused on the need to develop outreach materials that build the case for recycling pesticide containers. Lois Levitan will distribute to the call attendees a slide show presentation including talking points related to recycling. Call attendees are asked to review the presentation and return value added comments to Lois.

TPSA LONG TERM AND SHORT TERM PLANNING

Discussion included the need for long and short term planning for TPSA. Carol Ramsay identified the Pesticide Life Cycle Stewardship and Extended Product Responsibility Initiative (PLCS-EPR) as a “good” long term goal and indicated the need to identify short term goals. Short term goals could include projects or programs in any number of areas that are designed to expand membership and/or work towards a long term goal and/or broaden areas of stewardship. Areas of focus may include those previously discussed in the annual conferences, for example, IPM and container recycling, as well as mix/load operations, endangered species, and water quality. TPSA’s Awareness Campaign was identified as a short term goal, specifically, in terms of membership building, hosting successful conferences and building awareness of container stewardship issues.

COMMUNICATIONS - TPSA WEBSITE

Pat Hipkins reported that George Brooks had made minor changes to the website. George is currently working on the membership portion of the website. The Communications Committee is

seeking comments from the Board related to the website, specifically, the “Why Become A Member” and the “Archive” sections. Edits to the “Why Become A Member” have been completed. Pat will send the revised section to all members for comments and approval. Once approved, it will be posted. For the Archive” section, comments are sought including 1) what should be included; and 2) who should have access? All comments should be sent to Pat.

2007 TPSA CONFERENCE

Conference Committee members include Carol Ramsay, Lois Levitan, Johnny Berry, Kathy Brooks, Rob Denny, Pat Hipkins, Gail Amos, Sam Gibson, Dan Schweitzer, Angela O’Callaghan, and Don Bradley. Carol is currently planning a conference call for committee members. In addition, possible locations for the 2008 are being identified including Jacksonville, FL, Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC. Nancy Fitz raised the possibility and benefit of piggybacking on another meeting, for example, AAPCO. Discussion included the time commitment of participants in meetings and the ability to extend time away from the office.

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP INSTITUTE (PSI) CONFERENCE

The PSI Conference will be held June 14-15, 2006 in Chicago, IL. The opportunities for a partnership with PSI were discussed specifically in terms of disposal, however, recycling may also be of merit. TPSA representation at the PSI Conference was discussed. The need for a TPSA representative(s) that is willing to liaison long term with PSI was discussed. Lois Levitan, Margaret Jones Don Mullins and/or Don Gilbert were identified as possible attendees at the meeting. Lois suggested that potential attendees let the Board know the level of financial support they would need to attend the meeting. The Board would have to approve expenses. This could be done via email.

EPA POLLUTION PREVENTION – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Lois Levitan presented the opportunity for grant monies through the EPA for Pollution Prevention activities. Discussion included the possibility of TPSA tapping into this source for its activities. The grant monies must go through a government agency and there is a requirement for matching funds (i.e.: in-kind). The deadline for application is early May. In addition to funding TPSA activities, this grant may provide the opportunity to help further establish the credibility of TPSA. Carol Ramsay, Roger Springman and Lois Levitan will follow-up.

NEXT MEETING: TBA – Tentatively scheduled the week of May 8, 2006.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned: 12:35 PM.

[Draft submitted by Liza Fleeson April 26, 2006; Without Revision May 5, 2006; Revised and Approved May 8, 2006]]