

**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 22, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Don Bradley at ~12:00 Noon EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Don Bradley; Wayne Buhler; Dan Schweitzer; Derrick Bell; Nancy Fitz; Carol Ramsay; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Bonnie McCarvel; Don Mullins; Jack Peterson; Marty Fitzpatrick; Kevin Neal; Tom Brennen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 20, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting were approved. Approved meeting minutes will be posted on the TPSA website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Bonnie is working on the annual conference mailing of postcards and emails. She currently has a list of 900 individuals to send postcards to. If there are individuals that you would like to get postcards, please forward their address to Bonnie.

Sponsorship letters continue to go out, as well as invoices to committed sponsors. Currently \$4,250 has been collected from sponsors. Responses are beginning to come in from the vote on Bylaws.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total balance of the account is \$15,735.10. All invoices are current. There is still one outstanding payment due from a sponsor from the last conference.

E-MAIL MARKETING

Carol Ramsay is working on compiling a list of distribution lists that TPSA should be marketing to. If you are forwarding relevant information to a listserv, copy Carol Ramsay on the email.

SFIREG WQPD WORKING COMMITTEE

SFIREG Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee meeting will be held on October 29-30 in Arlington, VA. They will be discussing two to three items regarding container recycling and disposal. TPSA would like a committed representative for these meetings held twice a year. Nancy Fitz will be attending on behalf of EPA. Nancy agreed to report back to the group with any issues that may affect TPSA.

2008 CONFERENCE - ASHEVILLE

Kevin Neal is currently working with the hotel on the food budget. Derrick Bell and Royce Batts are continuing to work on the off-site Pig Picking event. Currently TPSA will need to charge \$20 to participants to attend, but we continue to solicit sponsors to cover this cost. Marty Fitzpatrick agreed to contact Monsanto and Dow for sponsorship,

All receptions and off-site events remain on the agenda. The general agreement to eliminate snacks on breaks to cut costs remains valid.

The Bayer CEO is not available to be our plenary speaker. Marty will continue to solicit a plenary speaker.

WORKGROUP DISCUSSIONS

- Pesticide Disposal: The workgroup will have three speakers. A trainer for the DOT course has been confirmed. The group is working with the local highway patrol to confirm a speaker.
- Pesticide Drift: The session should be finalized soon.
- Container Recycling: The session should be finalized soon.
- Recycling Ag Plastics: This workgroup still has a fair amount of work ahead of them. Any additional ideas for this workgroup should be forwarded to Lois.
- International Stewardship: This workgroup has had two conference calls. They are still looking for ideas on speakers. International Projects is confirmed for one session. Rob Denny may be presenting.

BYLAWS

Minimal updates were made to the Bylaws. The verbiage pertaining to tax exemption was removed. Fifty percent of the members need to vote in order to pass these changes. Ballots are due November 2, 2007.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Bonnie is scheduled to email the Call for Nominations for open board positions and TPSA officers to entire membership on November 13th. TPSA members should look through the member list for potential candidates.

EPA CONTAINER RECYCLING RULE

The EPA official policy remains the same. They are waiting to see if the appropriations bill gets passed. TPSA needs to determine how to move forward if the recycling initiative does not happen. A discussion occurred on whether a session on this topic should be added to the conference agenda. Perhaps some of the congressional staff or Ag Congressmen could come and discuss stewardship.

EPA PESP PROGRAM

Rick, Nancy, Lois and Liza have been working on the EPA PESP Program strategy. The strategy will be completed by December.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nancy will send an email to check availability for the next board meeting. There is a possibility for the week before or week after Thanksgiving.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~1:00 pm EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, November 14, 2007, Approved December 14, 2007]