

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

July 2, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Fred Gabriel at ~11:00 AM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was not present. (Board Members underlined): Fred Gabriel; Marty Fitzpatrick; Derrick Bell; Nancy Fitz; Liza Fleeson; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Bonnie McCarvel; Roger Springman; Don Mullins; Steve Harris; Willis Goodwin; Dan Schweitzer; Joe Hoffman; Gail Amos; Michelle Schultz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 29, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting were not approved due to lack of a quorum. These minutes will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Bonnie has been working on the costs to set up registration for the conference online. The estimated costs for the setup would be approximately \$1200. Future costs should be minor once the initial setup is complete. All members on the call agreed that this would be a good investment. Fred will email all the board members for an email vote to approve moving forward with this.

BYLAWS

A discussion occurred on whether Bylaws needed to be sent out for review. The Bylaws were updated last year, and had major modifications made in 2006. The call attendees agreed that the Bylaws would not need to be reviewed this year. Fred will email all board members for an email vote to approve that the Bylaws do not need to be reviewed. Fred will verify with Margaret that she would like to be involved with the elections.

It was agreed that the President and Vice-President of TPSA need to be extremely familiar with the Bylaws. It was recommended that the current Vice-President should be made the Chairman of the Bylaws and Elections committee. This language will be added to Policy 11.0

WORKGROUPS

Hazardous Waste Disposal – This workgroup had a conference call on June 9th. The group decided it was useful to collect program information from 2007. They agreed to initially focus on basic information and will confirm contact information, the weight of pesticides collected, whether pesticides were collected at an HHW program and the number of participants served. The EPA has an intern available that will be able to do a lot of this work. In the future, more detailed information will be collected such as how the States run their programs, what changes have been made to their programs, etc.

Ag Plastics – This group had a very successful teleconference with 15 individuals attending. The new total plastics workgroup suggested that they will be primarily focused with non-pesticide plastics. There was concern that the focus of non-pesticide containers does not keep with TPSA's mission. The next call for this workgroup will take place on July 11th, and this concern will be addressed. Additionally, Nancy informed the group that a study on burning pesticide containers was going to be performed. Nancy will distribute the outline for this study to the workgroup.

COMMITTEES

Liza continues to work on getting the information from committees on their goals, budgets and timelines. She requested that the committees continue to submit their reports so they can be incorporated into the minutes.

PR FOR TPSA

The topic of whether TPSA was ready to start working with Mirsky on PR was addressed. The thoughts were that the need is not there now, but possible in August. Additionally, once more information is gathered for the Hazardous Waste Workgroup, the need may be there.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Nancy will send an email to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are the first three weeks in August.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~12:00 pm EST.