

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

December 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Fred Gabriel; Cary Hamilton; Allan Hovis; Cam Davreaux; Bonnie McCarvel; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Margaret Jones; Roger Springman; Lois Levitan; Don Bradley; Joe Hoffman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 29, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Nancy Fitz. Cary Hamilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The PNL statement, budget and balance sheet were distributed. The balance as of October 29, 2010 was \$67,513.37.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Per request, Fred has drafted the contract to obtain Mary Jane Stankiewicz to provide legal counsel to TPSA and submitted to Tom Tunnell, President of Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association. The contract has been submitted, but there is not a status on the execution of the contract. Fred will update the Board when he receives an update.

2011 CONFERENCE UPDATE

Kevin informed the group that the offsite event fore the conference has been secured. A room has been reserved at La Margarita which is located in the Market Area of San Antonio. The restaurant is within walking distance and also serviced by trolley. Conference attendees will enjoy dinner, beverages and a mariachi band.

The Key Speakers have been confirmed for both Sunday and Monday. Fred and Kevin will review the contract for the hotel to make sure all of our obligations are met.

Online registration is now open and operational. An email will go out tomorrow to notify that online registrations are now being accepted.

POLICY 1.1 REDUCED FEES FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Policy 1.1 allows for the President and Chairman of the Board to modify the reduced fees for conference registration. Fred submitted a revision of this policy to the Board. The proposed change made is the \$75 membership fee is no longer incorporated into the conference registration fee. Any conference registrant or individual wishing to be a member of TPSA must pay the membership fee. Kevin made a motion that Policy 1.1 be accepted as modified. Cam Deveraux seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

COMMITTEES

Communications – Some website updates have been made. The Conference information has been updated and some newsbits have been added, with more ready to post this week. The review of the two proposals for web hosting and updating is complete. Mirsky, the current provider, is \$420/year for hosting and approximately \$9,000 for updates and management of the website. This includes the design of a new website that will be more current and easier to navigate. The new site will also allow 1-3 members to do some of our own updates, which will save money. The second proposal from the Center for IPM was over \$5,000/year to host the website. This does not include new web design. Nancy made a motion to go into contract with Mirsky to continue to host and redesign the TPSA website with a cap of \$10,000. Cam seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The list of questions that Mirsky needs addressed to begin the design will be reviewed by the Communications Committee. It was agreed that the new website will not go live until after the conference is complete.

Elections/Bylaws – Candidates have been received for the Education position. Candidates have not been received for the Government or End User positions at this time. The deadline to determine a slate is December 15th. The ballot needs to go out between December 16th and December 22nd. Bios will need to be obtained for all nominees.

Any proposed changes will need to go out to the membership the week of December 20th in order to meet the 45 day deadline and be voted on at the conference. It was determined that the same document detailing the proposed Bylaw amendments that was sent to the membership earlier this year be resubmitted, with the addition of making the change in the number of voting members from 8 to 9. In addition, the Q&A document that was drafted by the Ag Plastics minigroup should accompany this.

It was agreed that the current Bylaws grants the Board the ability to fill vacant board seats. By approving the addition of Ag Plastics as a membership affiliation, a vacant Board seat will be created. The Board will then appoint someone to fill this position, which will be a two-year term. Roger and Lois will present bios of candidates that could represent this position in the event that the amendment is approved

International – A proposal was submitted last week for board approval for Development of a Training Program for Triple Rinse and Disposal of Pesticide Containers in Developing Countries. The draft of the brochure has been sent to the Board for review and approval. \$778 has been spent thus far, so funds should be available for translation. It was suggested that an arrow with a slash through it might be added so it is not misinterpreted to bury before destroying. The suggestion was also made that language might be added to include alternatives to burying if options are available.

Awards – There have been no recommendations for awards submitted. Nominations should be sent to Roger. Bonnie will include this information in the email being sent tomorrow.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics – This group has been meeting regularly. They have submitted suggestions to be added to emails/postcards that are due to be sent out.

Hazardous Waste – Joe began the process after the last meeting to obtain disposal information from the current Ag Pesticide programs. The goal is to have the updated contact list of state coordinators prior to the conference.

MACA AGREEMENT

The latest contract has been submitted to retain Bonnie's services to TPSA. The current contract expires on December 31, 2010. Cam suggested that the term for termination be revised from 30 days to 90 days notice. Allan made the motion to approve the contract with the modification of the unilateral termination clause from 30 to 90 days. Don seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATIONS PROJECT

Bonnie was contacted by a lawyer in California, Jill Yung that is representing an unnamed client. It is a retail outlet that improperly managed pesticide containers and a fine was issued. Now the California DPR is looking for an organization to develop a brochure to be posted at all retailers. TPSA and Earth 911 have been contacted. TPSA is qualified and would have the upper hand on this project. This would be a fully funded project in the amount of \$30,000 - \$35,000. This would take the work of Board members to bring for the deliverables. Perhaps Roger or Carol would have the time to man this project. Mirsky may be able to assist in the development and printing of the brochure.

A motion for TPSA to move forward to discuss with the California Department of Pesticide Regulations our interest in participating in their project. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

Nancy will send out an email for availability for the weeks of January 3rd and January 10th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 12:30 PM EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, January 4, 2011; Approved January 5, 2011]