

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

June 30, 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; Allan Hovis; Rob Denny; Wayne Buhler; Cary Hamilton; Ed Cranson; Cam Davreux; Bonnie McCarvel; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Nancy Fitz; Don Bradley; Lois Levitan; Jack Peterson; Don Mullins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 26, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Wayne Buhler. Allan Hovis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 31, 2010, TPSA had a balance of \$72,194.06. All expenses remain status quo.

OPERATIONS REPORT

TPSA has a current membership total of 173. The newest TPSA member resides in Bangladesh.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

For the past several months the Board and the Election and Bylaws committee have been discussing making modifications to the TPSA Bylaws. The Election and Bylaws committee have brought their proposal to the board for review.

The suggested updates were reviewed in depth on the call. There were updates discussed and some of the wording was updated. The revised document was sent back to the Board. Cam Devreaux made a motion to submit the updates to the Bylaws as follows. Cary Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Amendment #1 – incorporation of entities which promote and support stewardship of agricultural plastics

Existing

Article II: OBJECTIVES. The objectives of TPSA are to promote and support pesticide stewardship efforts in the local, national and international arenas through communication and coordination with the public and private sectors. Stewardship efforts may cover all activities involving pesticides from the manufacturing and formulation of products, through commerce, storage and use, and ultimately the final disposition of unwanted products and emptied containers.

Amended

Article II: OBJECTIVES. The objectives of TPSA are to promote and support stewardship of pesticides and agricultural plastics in the local, national and international arenas through communication and coordination with the public and private sectors. Stewardship efforts may cover all activities from the manufacturing and formulation of products, through commerce, storage and use, and ultimately the final disposition of unwanted pesticides, emptied containers, and other agricultural plastics.

Amendment #2 – add Agricultural Plastics as a recognized membership affiliation

Section 4.04 on page 3 of the TPSA By-Laws serves to describe each area of affiliation associated with TPSA Members. Amendment #2 serves to describe the Member affiliation of Agricultural Plastics.

Amended

9. Agricultural Plastics: Entities or individuals involved in the original manufacture, sale or distribution, use, recycling, or reprocessing of plastics that are used either in any sector of agriculture (excluding primary interest in pesticide container management) or in any other arena where plastics may retain pesticide residues.

Fred Gabriel asked that Rob Denny draft a document to accompany the proposed modifications to the Bylaws when they are distributed to the membership. Fred and Cary will determine how these documents will be distributed to the membership.

INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

It was suggested in the May Board meeting that TPSA should look into investing a small portion of their account to earn some interest. Bonnie contacted Commerce Bank to investigate rates on Certificates of Deposit.

Ed thought investing was a good idea and we should come up with some guidelines to determine what percentage or dollar amount should be invested each year. Cam suggested that the amount to invest should be determined on a year to year basis, based on the projected cash flow. Lois felt that the interest earned on such a low investment may not be worth tying up these funds. Her thoughts are that this money could be used to hire a staff person. This discussion was tabled.

WORKGROUPS

Ag Plastics – Nothing new to report.

Hazardous Waste – Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEES

International – The group is in the process of finalizing the triple rinsing brochure. The final version will be submitted to the board prior to distribution.

Communications – This committee is working on updating the website. Information on the 2011 conference has been added and newsbits have been updated. This committee reviewed and provided comments to the International Committee on the FAO rinsing guidelines. The next Communications meeting will be held on July 13th to discuss more website updates and a possible newsletter.

2011 Annual Conference – Kevin indicated that we now have a lead contact person at the hotel. He has been reviewing the hotel layout to determine accommodations for the sessions, as well as proper placement of displays.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

Nancy will send out an email for availability for the weeks of August 2nd and August 9th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 12:30 PM EST.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On Thursday, July 1st a proposed third change to the Bylaws was sent to the Board via email. Nancy made a motion to have the following Amendment to the Bylaws included in the document that will be distributed to the membership. Cary seconded this motion via email. The motion was approved.

Amendment #3 - Change the "Non-Affiliated" category from #9 to #10

If Agricultural Plastics is added as the ninth affiliation group in Section 4.04, the number for the last category of "Non-affiliated" needs to be changed from 9 to 10.

Existing:

9. Non-Affiliated: individuals and organizations that do not wish to identify with an area of affiliation listed in these By-Laws.

Amended:

10. Non-Affiliated: individuals and organizations that do not wish to identify with an area of affiliation listed in these By-Laws.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, August 4, 2010; Updated August 6, 2010; Approved August 6, 2010]