



**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO
February 9, 2016**

Attendee List:

Officers:	Mike Kamrath, President Jack Peterson, Im. Past President	Jeff Rogers, Vice President Pam Hodge, Secretary
Directors:	Scott Birchfield, Pesticide Industry Wendy Sue Wheeler, Institution Carli Lofing, Waste Management Ind. Mike Porreca, Env/Public Health	Paul Derig, End User Ron Perkins, Pesticide Container Mgmt. Maria Mirsky, At Large
Ex-Official:	Nancy Fitz, US EPA	Bonnie McCarvel, TPSA Operations Manager
Committee Chairs:	Kristine Schaefer, Communications Derrick Bell – Membership	Bob Magee, Conference
Absent:	Don Bradley, Treasurer & Finance Jason Deveau, Government Ples Spradley, Sponsorship, Stewardship	Don Mullins, International Stewardship
Guests:	David Thompson, Enviro-Pro Atlantic Sam Gibson, USAg Recycling Kevin Neal, Indiana State Chemists	Richard Marburger, USAg Recycling, Inc. Joe Hoffman, WA State Dept. Of Ag Ed Cranson, J.R. Simplot Company

Call to Order

President Mike Kamrath called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Mike Kamrath directed attendees to the Anti-Tust and Fair Trade Practice Guidelines as provided and reminded everyone present to abide by the Guidelines.

Mike Kamrath said a special thank you to J.R. Simplot for providing the BOD lunch buffet.

Secretaries Report:

Pam Hodge presented meeting minutes from the November 12th, 2015 Board of Directors meeting and asked for any comments or changes, none were made. A motion to approve minutes for November 12th, 2015 was made, seconded and approved.

Financial Report:

Bonnie McCarvel presented the financial reports, as provided to board via Don Bradley (absent). No changes or issues were discussed. Motion to approve budget report as presented was made, the motion was seconded, motion passed.

Committee reports

Conference Committee Chair, Bob Magee and Wendy Sue Wheeler reported current status of TPSA Annual Conference to begin the following day. New sponsors were identified and provided financial supported the February 2016 TPSA conference.

Jeff Rogers presented the new 2016 conference post survey questions for discussion and review. The plan is to release the new survey in a timely manner to all who attended, members and non-members, to get fresh perspectives of the conference. Last year two separate surveys were used to gather info, it was agreed to combine all questions into a single form for 2016 as well as making questions non-mandatory if a participant wishes to skip any questions. A motion to accept the Annual Conference report as presented was made, seconded, motion passed.

Elections and By-Laws: Jeff Rogers presented the report for the election of new Board members for the 2016-2017 year had been conducted and there was 42% participation from members in the voting. A motion to except the report as presented was made, seconded, motion passed.

Communications: Kristine Schaefer and Maria Mirsky presented for the communication activities. Spray drift video is being completed free of charge and should be available for the website by summer.

A survey in Crop Life Magazine was completed regarding TPSA information and visibility of TPSA advertisement received a 67% rating of excellent/good. This rating is higher than many large corporations that were put against TPSA.

Website visits to the TPSA web page had 113 new viewers in October 2015 but dropped off by November.

The advertising layout with CropLife needs to be reviewed to update the sponsor listings as there have been companies that no longer are sponsors and new additions to add.

The committee is also working on a Newsletter as a new item being developed. There will be an email blast with the link to the newsletters and where it resides on the TPSA website. The newsletter will be called the TPSA Advisor and should be ready for the first publication in June. This will be a developed and sent out twice a year. A motion was made to approve the communication committee report, seconded, motion passed.

Pesticide Waste Disposal: Kevin Neal reported on the website page development for the pesticide waste contacts. An annual information check will be established to ensure links and information provided is current and accurate. A motion to approve the report as presented was made, seconded, motion passed.

International Stewardship: Maria Mirsky presented the International stewardship report. At this time there is some difficulty in getting funding for the Do Not Re-Use Pesticide Containers project in third world countries. Maria is continuing to pursue leads for donations to continue the project. TPSA will identify a grant writer to write a grant proposal for the funding. Funding is required to provide educational pamphlets but also to provide replacement containers to the villages to replace the current pesticide containers so the villagers' can still retrieve water. Maria is also looking at a competition (essay) with USAEA (US Ag Editors Association) for \$1,000 in expenses deferred to go to the annual conference and try to get TPSA on the agenda to present the Do Not Re-Use Campaign. A motion to approve the International Report was made, seconded, motion passed.

Membership: Derek Bell presented the membership numbers as of January 26, 2016. TPSA has 124 members.

Discussion regarding how to increase membership and many ideas were discussed for increasing our exposure and membership.

Scott suggested a working group to work with Derek to discuss some marketing and membership benefit ideas to increase our members. This will be a combination of the communication group and membership committee to develop and present to the board in July. A motion was made to approve membership report as presented, seconded, motion passed.

Stewardship Awards: Ples Spradley was not in attendance.

Old Business

None

New Business

Conference locations for the 2017 Annual TPSA conference were discussed; San Diego CA, San Antonio, TX, or Austin, TX. After discussing pros and cons of each location a motion was made to hold the conference in San Diego at the Catamaran. Motion was seconded, motion passed.

Dates for the 2017 Conference were discussed to be February 7th, 2017 to February 9th, 2017. A motion was made to accept those dates, seconded, motion passed.

Election results:

Mike Kamrath gave thanks to the outgoing members Jack Peterson, Ron Perkins, Mike Porreca, and Carli Lofing, for their time and work.

Election chairman Jeff Rogers reported the election results as follows:

Jeff Rogers, President

Scott Birchfield, Vice President

Pam Hodge, Secretary

Don Bradley, Treasurer

Sam Gibson, Container Management – 2 year term ending in 2018

Anne Macmillan, Environmental/Public Health – 2 year term ending in 2018

Steven Brunt, Pesticide Industry – 2 year term ending in 2018

Open, Waste Management Industry – 2 year term ending in 2018

Meeting Adjourn:

3:30 pm Mike Kamrath asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed.

Minutes taken by Pam Hodge, Secretary.