



THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
Board of Directors
Conference Call May 11, 2017

Attendee List:

Officers:	Scott Birchfield, President Jeff Rogers, Imm. Past President Pam Simonson, Secretary	Wendy Sue Wheeler, Vice President Don Bradley, Treasurer
Board of Directors:	Steven Brunt, Pesticide Industry Rob Hofstetter, Government 2019 Anne Macmillian, Env. Public Health Maria Mirsky, At Large 2019	Paul Derig, End User 2019 Bonnie McCarvel, Ex-Officio Michelle Wiesbrook, Institution 2019
Chairs:	Derick Bell, Membership Kristine Schaefer, Communications	Kimberly Gilbert, Annual Conference Ples Spradley, Stewardship
Guest:	Jay Mirsky	Carol Black
Absent:	Nancy Fitz, EPA Liaison/Ex-Officio	Kevin Neal, Haz. Waste Management

Call to Order

TPSA President, Scott Birchfield called the meeting to order at 11:03 am EST.

President Birchfield presented the Anti-Trust and Fair Trade Practice Guidelines with the attendees and reminded everyone present to abide by the Guidelines.

Secretary to the Board, Pam Simonson conducted roll call and reported a quorum was present.

Secretaries Report:

Minutes from the Board of Directors Meetings held on February 7th were presented to the Board. A correction to add Anugrah Shaw, to the guest list of attendees was requested.

President Birchfield asked for approval of the board meeting minutes for the February 7th BOD meeting for the outgoing Board of Directors as amended to include Anugrah Shaw, a motion was made, seconded, discussion, and motion carried.

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President Birchfield asked for approval of the board meeting minutes for the March 6th BOD meeting. A motion was made, seconded, discussion, and motion carried.

Financial Report:

Don Bradley reviewed the treasurers report as provided to the Board. A motion to approve the report as presented was made, motion was seconded, discussion, and motion carried.

Committee Reports

Conference Committee Chair,

Wendy Sue Wheeler reviewed the 2017 Annual conference, covering the lessons learned and the positive outcome of the conference. Wendy Sue asked for the Board to consider a 'No Refund Policy' without prior cancellation to the conference start. This topic will be reviewed at the Board meeting in July. The financial report for the 2017 Conference was also reviewed.

Jeff Rogers presented survey results from the attendees regarding the conference. Members who wish to see the report numbers and results can request those from to Kimberly Gilbert by sending an email to: ksgilbert@dow.com. The results and comments will also be highlighted in the next TPSA Newsletter along with TPSA's email address for readers to submit suggestions for subjects or comments regarding the conference.

Kimberly Gilbert presented the 2018 Annual Conference report. The conference will be held in Memphis with two concurrent sessions, as in previous years. One session will focus on plastic containers and the second will focus on resistance, spray drift, best practices, buffer zones, educations, herbicide training as well as label changes, spray tank clean-out and WPS and the impact and training required. Also, there will be two remembrances for the two members who recently passes away to honor them.

President Birchfield asked for a motion to approve the Conference report as presented. A motion was made, seconded, discussed and motion carried.

Communications Committee

Chair, Kristine Schaefer reported on the Communication Committee projects. The next Advisor Newsletter will be published in June featuring the 2017 Conference and the Pesticide Disposal Database Campaign with Meister Media. There will also be a feature story on Ples Spradley's recent journey to Africa. Maria Mirsky also presented an idea for a PSA campaign with Meister Media. General consensus was to wait and discuss during the July meeting and budget planning process.

President Birchfield asked for a motion to approve the Communications report as presented. A motion was made, seconded, discussion followed and motion carried.

Elections & Bylaws:

Chair Wendy Sue Wheeler; nothing to report at this time

President Birchfield asked for a motion to approve the Elections & Bylaws report, a motion was made, seconded, discussion followed and motion carried.

Waste Disposal Committee:

Bonnie McCarvel presented the information in Kevin Neal's absence for the Waste Disposal projects including the Pesticide Stewardship Institute (PSI). Regarding the project status, they have developed a rough internal draft of the Pesticide Stewardship Briefing Document, but are seeking additional input from key stakeholders such as TPSA on key issues, goals, barriers, and potential solutions to improving pesticide stewardship. In addition, Nancy Fitz had a long conversation with the PSI lead researcher in April. They gathered a lot of information and seem to have accurate information, but there are still a lot of gaps in their pesticide knowledge. Fitz suggested setting up a call with some TPSA members who are pesticide disposal program managers, which they thought was a good idea. Fitz doesn't know if that will happen before or after their draft report comes out this spring. Bottom line according to Fitz: It is worth monitoring and hopefully it won't be hard to recruit a handful of people to talk with them on a call.

President Birchfield asked for a motion to approve the Waste Disposal report as presented. A motion was made, seconded, discussion followed and motion carried.

International Stewardship:

Chair Ples Spradley had nothing to report at this time

President Birchfield asked for a motion to approve the International Stewardship report, a motion was made, seconded, discussion followed, motion carried.

Membership Committee:

Derrick Bell and Maria Mirsky presented the current active membership for TPSA; 124 Members at this time.

President Birchfield thanked Maria Mirsky for volunteering to serve as the membership chair and thanked Derrick Bell for his many years of serving as chair. Derrick will assist to ensure a smooth transition. President Birchfield asked for a motion to approve the Membership report as presented. A motion was made, seconded, discussion followed, motion carried.

Stewardship Awards Committee

Chair Ples Spradley asked for nominations for the stewardship awards and would like to see more input from the members for nominations of awards.

President Birchfield asked for a motion to approve the Stewardship awards report. A motion was made, seconded, discussion followed and motion carried.

New Business:

Next BOD meeting will be Tuesday July, 11th in Washington DC. Syngenta offered to host the meeting.

Bonnie will send options for hotels in the area for those who will need rooms. A motion was made to approve the July 11, 2017 meeting location as discussion. Motion was seconded, discussion followed, motion carried.

Budget planning, all budget requests must be made no later than July 1st for the board to review at their July 11 meeting. Approval or denial of those requests will be completed at the August 17, 2017 BOD meeting.

Nominating Committee Chair Wendy Sue Wheeler reported that the Container Management Board and Waste Management positions are currently open. The board discussed appointing someone to fill the vacated Container Management Board seat left by the death of Sam Gibson or leaving the positions vacant until the next normal Board of Directors nomination process and elections in February 2018.

President Birchfield asked for a motion to leave this position vacant until the normal board nomination process later in 2017 to be filled in February 2018. A motion was made, seconded, discussion followed and motion carried.

Memorial discussion: recently TPSA lost two members, Sam Gibson and Ed Cranson, TPSA does not have a policy on what actions should be taken for these types of situations. McCarvel asked the Board to bring ideas and suggestions to the July meeting to begin a draft policy on what normal protocol would be for these issues as well as what TPSA can do at the 2018 conference to honor them both.

Old Business:

Carol Black, WA State University Pesticide Education Specialist, asked if the any of the TPSA Board members would be willing to serve on a working group to further the education of Personal Protective Equipment for farm workers. Anyone who is willing to help should contact Carol Black at 208-301-3654 or email her ramsay@wsu.edu. President Birchfield requested that Black chair a workgroup and that she prepare an outline of what they want to address so that it can be discussed at the TPSA Board of Directors meeting on July 11, 2017

Next Meeting:

President Birchfield reminded the group the next meeting would be held on July 11, 2017 in Washington DC at the Syngenta Corporate office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm EST. McCarvel will work with President Birchfield to send out meeting location details, possible hotels, and transportation details. Agenda items for the meeting include: 2018 Annual Conference tracks, keynote speaker, and memorial discussion; dues review; policy guidelines for special occasions; award nominations; PPE, and budget development for FY'18.

Meeting Adjourn:

President Scott Birchfield asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am. Motion was made, seconded, motion carried.

Minutes taken by Pam Simonson and Bonnie McCarvel.