



**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Marriott Plaza San Antonio – Victoria’s Room
San Antonio, Texas
February 4, 2020**

Officers: Steve Brunt, President; Taryn Van Wassenhove, Vice President; Don Bradley, Treasurer; Jack Ranney, Secretary and Wendy Sue Wheeler, Immediate Past President.

Directors: Anne Macmillan, Env/Public Health; Angela Martin, Waste Management; Jay Mirsky, At Large; Becky Roark, End User; Renee Woody, Government; Kimberly Gilbert, Conference, Michelle Wiesbrook, Institution.

Absent: Board Members: Clint Shockley, Pesticide Container Management

Ex-Official: Jennifer Park, US EPA and Bonnie McCarvel, TPSA Operations Manager.

Committee Chairs: Hazardous Waste- Jeff Rogers; International Stewardship-- Tim Cotter; Membership- Maria Mirsky; Conference--Kimberly Gilbert; Finance-- Don Bradley; Sponsorship- - Scott Birchfield.

Absent Committee Chairs: Kristine Schaefer, Communications.

Guests: Bob Mann, National Association of Landscape Professionals, and Dave Thompson, Atlantic Agri Business Council.

Call to Order

President Steve Brunt called the meeting to order at 12:28 CST in the Marriott Plaza San Antonio – Victoria’s Room, San Antonio, Texas. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. President Brunt then reminded everyone to abide by the Anti-Trust and Fair Trade Practice Guidelines as provided.

President Brunt welcomed everyone. Due to Tim Cotter’s schedule, a change in the agenda was allowed-Cotter made a committee report of the International Stewardship Committee: presentation on activities in the international market regarding agricultural chemicals, consolidations and mergers, container management (Brazil). Copy of the PP presentation is attached to the minutes.

Motion to accept International Stewardship Committee report was made and seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

President Brunt requested a ten minute break before continuing with the rest of the board meeting.

President Brunt reconvened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Secretary Jack Ranney presented the Board minutes from the November 14, 2019 Board meeting. President Brunt requested comments from the Board. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Secretary Jack Ranney presented the Board minutes from the January 7, 2020 Board meeting to confirm the location of the 2021 national conference. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Don Bradley presented the financial report showing the cash balance, P&L statement as of December 31, 2019. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Sponsorship Report: Chair Scott Birchfield presented the Sponsorship Committee report. In summary, sponsor revenue declined from 2019 conference.

A motion was made to make changes in Sponsorship levels to include a "Booster" category (with no booth) and no signage and to pass on ancillary expense charges to sponsors. Revised sponsor levels attached to official minutes.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Communications Report: Jay Mirsky made the Communications Committee report. Discussion followed regarding PSAs ads. It was recommended to develop different content ads for publication throughout the year in Crop Life and other publications.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Conference Report: Chair Kimberly Gilbert reported all conference coordination tasks completed. Kimberly thanked all that assisted.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Elections & By-Laws Committee: Chair Taryn Van Wassenhove reported there had been a problem with the 2020 online election service which TPSA had used in the past, but they worked with Washington State University to use an online service they had. She is investigating different survey/election web programs options. A decision will be made at the July meeting on which service to use.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Hazardous Waste Committee: Chair Jeff Rogers reported the State of Hawaii, State of Utah, and Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota are attending the 2020 conference. In addition, the committee has worked to update the Waste Disposal Map database on the website.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Membership Committee: Chair Jay Mirsky reported Communications is tied to membership committee tasks and growth. Jay requested recommendations/suggestions to foster membership growth. Mirsky will develop a plan to recruit members with assistance from a couple of committee members.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Stewardship Awards: McCarvel reported for Chair Ples Spradley that two awards would be presented this year.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1) **TPSA Policies** – McCarvel presented the policies which had been presented previously at the July and November meetings. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Copy attached to official minutes.
- 2) **Responsibilities** – McCarvel reviewed the revised descriptions for the Officers, Board, Committee Chairs and Liaisons. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed and clarification on chair responsibilities was recommended to include - “If at all possible, the retiring chair serves as past chair, the year following to help with the transition.” Motion carried. Copy attached to official minutes.

- 3) **Long Range Strategic Plan** – Brunt, Wassenhove and Wheeler had met and discussed and prepared a PP for discussion. Discussion followed and recommended this be referred to the new board for action. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Copy attached to official minutes.

New Business:

- 1) **2021 Conference:** Operations Manager McCarvel reported the contract with Whitney Peak Hotel for the 2021 conference in Reno, Nevada was signed per Board approval in January. VanWassenhove also reported that Kimberly Gilbert had agreed to serve as conference chair for 2021 and was looking for two program track chairs.
- 2) **Retiring Directors:** President Brunt thanked Don Bradley for his many years of serving on the board as a director and Treasurer.
- 3) **2020 Officer and Board Election Results:** Committee chair Taryn VanWassenhove reported the results of the elections as follows:
 - President: Taryn Van Wassenhove
 - Vice-President: Kimberly Gilbert
 - Treasurer: Wendy Sue Wheeler
 - Secretary: Jack Ranney
 - Past President: Steve Brunt

Board Member Elected to two year terms:

- Clint Shockley, Container Management
- Anne McMillan, Environment & Public Health
- Scott Birchfield, Pesticide Industry
- Angie Martin, Waste Management Industry

Other members of the board who will continue their term include:

- Becky Roark, End-User
- Renee Woody, Government
- Jay Mirsky, At-Large
- Michele Wiesbrook, Institutions

Ex-Officio:

- Jennifer Park, US EPA
- Bonnie McCarvel, Executive Director

Committee Chairs:

- Conference - Kimberly Gilbert
- Communications - To be determined
- Membership - Jay Mirsky
- Hazardous Waste - To be determined
- Stewardship Awards- Ples Spradley
- Elections/Bylaws - Kimberly Gilbert
- Finance - Wendy Sue Wheeler
- International Stewardship: Tim Cotter
- Sponsorship- Scott Birchfield

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm by President Steve Brunt.

Minutes taken by Jack Ranney.

Attachments to official minutes:

- International Committee PP
- 2021 Sponsorship levels
- Responsibilities
- Long Range/Strategic Plan PP
- TPSA Mission Statement

TPSA Mission Statement

From website 2/13/2020

Introduction

The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA), founded in 2000, is an organization of federal, state and local governmental agencies, educational and research institutions, public organizations, private corporations and individuals that are actively involved in different aspects of pesticide stewardship. Stewardship, by definition includes any activity that has a positive impact on the safety and efficacy of pesticides from manufacture, marketing and commerce, through storage and use, and ultimately disposal of unwanted or unusable products and the management of emptied containers. TPSA will serve as a forum to facilitate cooperation among all interested individuals, organizations, agencies and companies.

The goals of TPSA are to increase the effectiveness, efficiency and longevity of various pesticide stewardship efforts. TPSA will utilize education, training, outreach and other activities to accomplish its stewardship objectives and will be involved in the local, national and international arenas.

Objectives

- hold an annual conference for exchanging ideas and technical information, and discussing the impacts of emerging issues and other concerns among the membership;
- develop a newsletter and website that will facilitate timely communication among the membership;
- serve as a clearing house for technical information, data and expertise concerning pesticide stewardship programs and issues;
- provide a mechanism to concentrate technical expertise in finding solutions to nationwide problems impacting pesticide stewardship programs;
- promote pesticide stewardship efforts through the use of achievement awards that will honor innovative and creative efforts of individual programs, persons, organizations, government agencies and industry