



**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Zoom Teleconferencing  
May 19, 2021**

**Officers:** Kimberly Gilbert, President; Angela Martin, Vice-President, Wendy Sue Wheeler, Treasurer; Jennifer Thomasen, Secretary and Taryn VanWassenhove, Immediate Past President.

**Directors:** Anne Macmillan, Env/Public Health; Jack Ranney, Waste Management; Rachel Bomberger, At-Large; Becky Roark, End User; Renee Woody, Government; Michelle Wiesbrook, Institution; Clint Shocklee, Container Management.

**Officers and Board members Absent:** Scott Birchfield, Pesticide Industry

**Ex-Official:** Thomas Lopiano, US EPA; and Bonnie McCarvel, TPSA Operations Manager.

**Committee Chairs:** Hazardous Waste Chair-Jack Ranney; Annual Conference Chair-Renee Woody; International Chair - Kimberly Gilbert; Finance-Wendy Sue Wheeler; Election & By-Laws – Angela Martin; Membership – Jay Mirsky; and Communications Chair – Michelle Weisbrook.

**Committee Chairs Absent:** Sponsorship - Scott Birchfield; Stewardship Awards - Ples Spradley; and Co-Chair ASC Program Committee – Bob Mann.

**Guests:** No guests present.

**Call to Order:** President Gilbert called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm CT. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. President Gilbert welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to abide by the Anti-Trust and Fair-Trade Practice Guidelines as provided.

**Minutes:** Secretary Jennifer Thomasen presented the Board minutes from the February 1, 2021, meeting. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Secretary Jennifer Thomasen presented the Board minutes from the February 26, 2021, Board meeting. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasure Wendy Sue Wheeler presented the financial report showing the cash balance, P&L statement as of May 10, 2021. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Conference Report: Chair Renee Woody reported the 2022 conference planning is underway. The 2022 Annual Conference will be held February 1-3, 2022 in Reno, NV. The committee is exploring options to offer both in person and virtual attendance. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Sponsorship Committee: President Kimberly Gilbert provided the sponsorship update since Chair Scott Birchfield was not present. No new updates were provided.

Communications Report: Chair Michelle Wiesbrook reported on upcoming advertising in Crop Life publications. The Board previously decided we would have one issue of the TPSA advisor in August of 2021. Ideas for article topics are welcome and appreciated. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Elections & By-Laws Committee: Chair Angela Martin reported we have filled all Board of Directors and Officer positions. In addition, the committee chairs have all been filled. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Hazardous Waste Committee: Chair Jack Raney and Clint Shocklee reported an interest in the topic of treated seed management. The group has engaged in two stakeholder meetings to determine the interest and need for additional support via TPSA around this topic.

A motion was made to form a treated seed TPSA task force to explore and assist in gathering information as to management options related to treated seed. The treated seed task force would identify potential short-term and longer-term goals for treated seed by July 20, 2021. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

President Gilbert appointed Jack Ranney and Clint Shocklee as co-chairs of the Treated Seed Task Force.

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

International Stewardship Committee: Chair Kimberly Gilbert reported she has support on this committee. The committee is currently exploring ideas around how we can continue to engage colleagues outside of the USA. The committee plans to interview the international attendees that participated in the 2020 meeting to determine what subjects and topics are relevant and of interest. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Membership Committee: Chair Jay Mirsky reported current membership is at 143. At the close of the fiscal year we had 127 members. Membership increased by 12% and appears to be a result of the enormous success of the virtual conference. Additional discussion and meetings will take place to brainstorm options and logistics to maintain a virtual option for the 2022 meeting. A motion was made to accept the report as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Stewardship Awards: A report was not presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mission Statement: Clint Shocklee reported on the work of the team focused on TPSA mission statement. The plan includes:

- An RFP for strategic brand development project
- Perform a survey – regarding perceived value and knowledge of TPSA
- Workshop – TPSA leadership to issue brand communications, content, and strategy
- Objective is to grow membership

Wendy Sue Wheeler, Bonnie McCarvel, and Kimberly Gilbert to discuss further regarding RFP requests.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ad Hoc Committee with Past Presidents: Past President Taryn VanWassenhove presented her update and review of the bylaws indicating the Board of Directors may designate the formation of the Past Presidents Committee. The committee would handle specific topics as designated by the Board of Directors. Currently there are 8 active past presidents in TPSA. This committee would be a valuable resource to get insights and advice.

Budget 2022 Planning: Treasurer Wendy Sue Wheeler presented the proposed timeline with information for committee requests sent in June, reviewed in July and then final approval at the August 18 board meeting. A motion was made to accept the timeline as presented and was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: There are a number of conflicts for the previously scheduled date. After further discussion and follow-up, the agreed upon dates for the next meeting are July 27, 2021, from 1pm-5pm EST and July 28, 2021, from 1-4pm EST.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm CT.

Minutes taken by Jennifer Thomasen, Secretary.