



**ASPCRO TPSA Liaison
2019 Annual Liaison Report
August 25, 2019**

The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA) is a collaborative partnership of government agencies - federal, state and local, educational and research institutions, public organizations, private corporations and individuals actively involved in stewarding the pesticide life cycle. Founded in 2000, TPSA utilizes education, training, outreach and other activities to accomplish stewardship objectives in local, national and international arenas <http://tpsalliance.org/>

2019 Annual Conference

The 2019 TPSA Conference was held February 5-7, 2019 in Savannah, Georgia at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront. This year's conference hosted two keynote speakers, Ben Buckner with Ag Resource Company who spoke on Politics, Weather Extremes and Falling Grain Stocks and Gary Black, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture who spoke about Five Lessons of Service. The conference focused on a host of topics including but not limited to, worker/applicator health and safety with respirators and closed handling systems; paraquat poisonings and mitigation measures, pollinator stewardship; intermediate bulk container (IBC) management, rinsate problems and solutions, containment inspection and maintenance and, of course, no annual conference would be complete without presentations on dicamba. The conference was attended by over 100 participants representing pesticide registrants, state lead agencies, pesticide safety educators, container and equipment manufacturers, waste management and disposal companies, industry associations and more. The 2019 Conference presentations are available to attendees and TPSA members on the TPSA website now!

Highlights from the Conference: Stewardship Awards

Program of Excellence Award: *Wayne Buhler, PhD; NC State University*

Member of the Year: *Kimberly Gilbert, Corteva*

President's Award: *Derrick Bell, North Carolina Department of Agriculture*

2020 Annual Conference

The 2020 Pesticide Stewardship Conference is scheduled for February 4-6, 2020 at the Marriott Plaza in San Antonio, Texas. The multiple tracks in 2020 conference will be taking on many topics that range from precision agriculture and drones to program funding models, extended producer responsibilities, legislative issues, risk communication and emergency response, rinsate, and even hemp because what conference would be complete without hemp presentations. Speakers include experts from EPA, SLA's, registrants, industry associations, university researchers, educators, etc. If you have attended a TPSA conference in the past; you know the value of this conference and the wonderful networking opportunities; we hope to see you in February. If you have not attended a TPSA Conference, please consider doing so, it is good for you, it is good for your company and it is good for the environment...and you will probably feel healthier (currently there is no data to support that last statement). For more information, please visit: <http://tpsalliance.org>

Board of Directors & Association Activities:

A. State Pesticide Disposal Map and Database

TPSA has published a State Pesticide Disposal Map & Database now available on the TPSA site. An interactive map links viewers to the contact information for each state. <https://tpsalliance.org/resources/state-disposal-map/>

B. The TPSA Advisor

TPSA has continued its newsletter, which can be viewed, on the TPSA site: <https://tpsalliance.org/tpsa-adviser-december-2018/>. Look for the 2019 newsletter coming this fall!

Ongoing Question to the Board

Are there any specific structural pesticide stewardship issues that can be identified that may be best addressed through collaboration with TPSA?

Respectfully submitted,



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