

**Pi Chi Omega Board of Director's Meeting
NPMA - October 18, 2011**

In attendance:

Cisse Spragins	Gerry Wegner	Stuart Mitchell
Vern Toblan	Dale Baker	Austin Frischman
Debbie Logue	Stephanie Larrick - Student Member	
Jim Sargent	David Fincannon	Jim Fredricks

Vern Toblan recognized the newest addition to the board, Stephanie Larrick a student at the University of Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 by Cisse Spragins.

The minutes of the January 10, 2011 board meeting were reviewed and accepted. A motion was made by Gerry and seconded by Debbie to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Scholarship

David Fincannon is working with various people throughout Texas and Oklahoma in securing funds for the creation of a Bud Wright Scholarship Fund. Donations to the scholarship funds have been received for various scholarships, including \$14,913 for the Austin Frishman scholarship fund. A listing of monies, and the source of the funds is listed in the October 2011 Treasurer's report, for year ended June 30th, 2011. It was suggested that any scholarship money that is received in a person's name be listed in the newsletter.

The 2011 - 2012 scholarship recipients are:

Amanda Eiden - University of Florida

Adam Salyer - Purdue University

Mark Goodman - University of Kentucky - A repeat from the 2010-2011

There will be no silent auction for the NPMA meeting, but will take place at the Purdue Meeting.

Web Page

All changes that were submitted to Dale Baker have been made on the web site. Vern Toblan will be submitting a new list of officers, board members, and committee chairs to be listed on the web site at the completion of the NPMA meeting.

Categories that have been added to the web site include:

Job Postings

Member Resources
Membership Application Short Form
Inclusion of a link to the ESA web site

An “Info” button will be added for the Purdue Conference.

Membership

There are currently 436 active members within the organization, of those, 142 members have not paid their 2011-2012 dues. In addition, there are 53 members that are delinquent for two or more years. Vern Toblan is requesting that if these members do not pay their dues, that their membership privileges be revoked. Vern will provide a list of all delinquent members to the board in an attempt to collect any dues for the remainder of this year.

The following individuals have been nominated for membership into the organization:

Craig Martell - Associate A
Hao Yu - Active
Jody Gangloff-Kaufmann Active
Michael Scharf - Active
Nicole Zickefoose - Active

Vern Toblan made a motion to accept the nomination and seconded by Debbie Logue. The motion was carried.

The revised membership poster was submitted to a list of entomology professors for display in their departments.

Stephanie suggested that Pi Chi sponsor a paper presentation at ESA to increase the organization's exposure to students. She feels that many entomology students have little to no exposure to the organization as it stands. She suggested that the group needs to provide a greater benefit to students for membership. It may also be beneficial to provide specific scholarships that target both an undergraduate and a graduate scholarship.

Austin Frischman suggested that the organization make a move to create more service projects to increase an increase in benefits for student involvement. One suggestion is that bed bug heat treatments be conducted in public housing with conjunction with various student organizations.

Stephanie suggested a mentoring program for student members. Students could mirror a PMP while they are providing service for various charitable organizations, such as habitat for humanity or the like.

Dale suggested creating and chairing a sub-committee that targets students in the various entomology departments throughout the nation.

By-Laws

The organization will need to send out an amendment to the constitution for review by the membership, that creates the position of Student Board Member. This change will be voted on at the Purdue Meeting.

Awards

Gerry has an award for presentation for the membership meeting. A previous award was presented to David Fincannon.

Nominations

Nominations for the 2011-2012 year are as follows:

Nickola Gallagher - Director

Stuart Mitchell - Secretary

Kim Kelley-Tunis - President

Eric Smith - Director

Marketing

An update of the e-newsletter will be sent out at the completion of this meeting.

Archival

Eric Smith and Kim Kelley-Tunis have spent time working through the old material for the 50-year history. While progress has been made, work will still continue.

Executive Director and Treasurer's Report

The organization's main problem continues to be delinquent membership.

Vern Toblan will be sending a thank you letter to PCT Magazine for their creation of an add seeking new members for the organization.

Vern Toblan would also like to express the organization's gratitude for the addition of the organization in this year's NPMA exhibit hall.

Changes to the meetings for future conferences may need to be made so that conflicts with other activities do not occur.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was submitted to the organization. A copy of the detailed report is available from Vern.

Scholarship Revenue \$50,430.84

Expenses	\$21,086.48
Cash	\$1,844.36
Investments	\$157,568.76

A motion was made by Kim Kelley-Tunis to accept, and seconded by Debbie Logue. The motion was carried.

Old Business

The next newsletter will be sent out prior to the holidays. Stuart Mitchell will be adding an article to the newsletter on the medical consequences of bed bugs. It will also include a solicitation for items to include in the silent auction.

Eric Smith is working on going through some of Harry Katz's old books and papers for inclusion in future auctions.

Purdue has submitted a couple of letters of thanks to the organization, \$2000, for donation of monies by the organization for the Purdue Centennial room.

New Business

David Fincannon is working on some additional videos related to Pi Chi Omega. As these are created they may be included on the web site.

Jim Fredericks expressed NPMA's gratitude for the organization's sponsorship of Bobby Corrigan's presentation on Thursday.

Austin Frischman expressed his gratitude for the creation and distribution of a scholarship in his honor as this year's recipient and the runner-up are both well deserving individuals.

The breakfast meeting will be held at 6:00 in the Elmwood Room of the Hilton.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Debbie Logue and seconded by Kim Kelley-Tunis. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Kelley-Tunis