

Pi Chi Omega Board of Director's Meeting – October 25th, 2009

Attendance:

Gerry Wegner	Vern Toblan	Cisse Spraggins
Mike Goldstein	Dan Morland	Jim Sargent
Mark Sheperdigian	Jeff Weier	Debbie Logue
Tom Rogers	Kim Kelley-Tunis	Clay Sherer

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by Gerry Wegner.

The minutes of January 5th, 2009 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Sargent and seconded by Cisse Spraggins. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports

Scholarship

Terry Whitworth, chairperson, expressed his disappointment in cutting the number of scholarships from 4 to three. The organization received 13 applications and the scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Alexis M. Barbarin, Ph.D., Penn State University
Paul S. Botch, Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia
Nicola T. Gallagher, Ph.D., Ohio State University

Cisse will be sending a copy of the Pi Chi Omega Poster to Jim and Eric so that they can post information at ESA in Indianapolis for those students attending.

Gerry has also requested that if anyone has any items that can be included in the silent auction be brought with them to the next Purdue meeting.

Vern has sent out a letter of solicitation to all members requesting additional donations for the Pi Chi Omega Scholarship Fund. For those members that have responded, Vern will be sending out a Thank You letter from the Board of Directors. Dan has also written an editorial regarding the Pi Chi Omega Scholarship that is printed in the October 2009 PCT Magazine. A donation of \$1500 was provided in the memory of Norm Ehmann by Univar and PCT Magazine.

Web Page

The Pi Chi Omega web page is up and running. All members are encouraged to visit the web page and provide any suggestion for improvement. Gerry has suggested that copies of the Pi Chi Omega sponsored presentations be posted on the web.

Membership

The list of members that are delinquent in their membership dues for 2 years or greater has grown to 50. According to the by-laws, these members can have their membership revoked.

Vern would like to thank Rod Lederer and NPMA for supporting the organization. Under Rod's leadership, NPMA has provided Pi Chi Omega with a complimentary meeting room and display space.

By-Laws

There is no report at this time.

Awards

A motion was made by Clay Sherer and seconded by Shep to present the Good Deeds award at the next Purdue conference.

Research Ideas

The list of research topics that were submitted by Purdue Conference Attendees has not been received from Purdue, to date. Jim has suggested that for this year's conference that a box be set-up at the Pi Chi Display with copies of the Pi Chi Research Suggestion Form. This way all suggestions go directly to the Research Committee. Dan has also stated that he will place this form on the PCT web site for submission from their readers. A revised copy will be available on the Pi Chi Omega website for member submissions. Cisse will also announce this prior to Rick Vetter's presentation at NPMA. All suggestions will be reviewed and provided to the various research institutions.

Nomination Committee

The following positions are up for election:

President-Elect – Jim Sargent

Secretary – Kim Kelley-Tunis

Director – Debbie Logue

Director – Richard Berman

Cisse made a motion to accept the names for nomination and seconded by Shep. The nominations were accepted by the board.

The following Directors will be stepping down after this meeting:

Mike Goldstein

Dan Morland

The organization would like to thank both Dan and Mike for their service to the organization.

The new term begins at the end of this meeting. All board members must attend the next meeting at Purdue. The Board Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on January 11th.

Marketing

Cisse has been sending out e-announcements to the various members. If you have any additional information that may be of benefit to the organization, please submit it to Cisse.

Archival

Eric and Gerry have been pouring through the material that was provided by John Osmun. Gerry is currently digitizing several of the photos. Many of the chapter introductions have been written and Eric is working on completing this project. No completion date is set at this time.

Executive Director's Report

The average age of the organization is increasing and beginning to retire. Due to this loss, the dues for retiree's is greatly reduced and therefore reducing the organization's financial intake. Vern believes that because of this trend, the organization needs to make a push to actively recruit new and younger members. There needs to be a greater emphasis on keeping those members that are initiated as students and graduate and move into the industry. A suggestion was made to add a student liaison to the board to increase participation from the student members in the organization. Clay has agreed to work with Cisse to work on this endeavor.

Pi Chi Omega, once again, would like to thank PCT Magazine and PMP Magazine for the printing of the Pi Chi Omega Newsletter. It is through their efforts that we are able to communicate effectively with the members of the organization.

A motion was made by Cisse and seconded by Kim to accept the Executive Director's Report. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Revenue - \$32,647.94

Expenses - \$23,194.02

Net Surplus - \$9,453.92 (Deposited into the Pi Chi Omega Scholarship Fund)

Total Assets as of June 30, 2009 \$107,610.39

Russ Ives has donated his time to provide a detailed financial report for the organization. A detailed copy of the financial records is available from Vern Toblan.

Is there a way to track the amount of money that is donated to various philanthropic organizations by the general membership? Currently, we are not tracking these monies that are donated by individuals that are active members. Only those monies that are collected through the organization and then donated can be tracked. During the membership meeting, an announcement will be made that if members would like to contribute to a philanthropic organization, monies can be given to Vern and he will make the donations in the name of Pi Chi Omega, so that these donations can be tracked.

Could the fraternity donate to one of the suggested charities, or maybe have matching funds to any of the suggested charities. A form would be created so that members can select which charity members would like to donate to.

A motion was made by Jim Sargent and seconded by Shep to accept the Treasure's Report. The motion was carried.

New Business

Rick Vetter, the Pi Chi Omega sponsored speaker, will be presenting on Spiders of Economic Importance, during this year's NPMA meeting. This topic will be presented on Wednesday, October 28th, at 10:00. In conjunction with this presentation, Gerry has been granted permission to distribute copies of the article, "The Mediterranean Recluse Spider: Loxosceles rufescens (Dufour): An Abundant but Cryptic Inhabitant of Deep Infrastructure in the Washington, D.C. Area (Arachnida: Araneae: Sicariidae)," by the Entomological Society of America. Copies of this article will be available at the Pi Chi Omega booth.

The organization wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation to Gerry Wegner for his leadership of the organization during his term as president.

A motion was made by Shep to adjourn and seconded by Cisse. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.