

Pi Chi Omega Board of Director's Meeting – January 11, 2010

Attendance:

Gerry Wegner
Jim Sargent
Debbie Logue

Vern Toblan
Gene White
Kim Kelley-Tunis

Cisse Spraggins
Jeff Weier
Eric Smith

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Cisse Spraggins.

The minutes of October 28, 2009 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gerry Wegner and seconded by Eric Smith. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports

Scholarship

The letters to submit applications are being sent out to the Universities now and are to be returned by the end of March. A flier announcing the scholarship was also posted at the 2009 ESA meeting in Indianapolis. The organization is looking to provide three, \$2000.00 scholarships to qualified applicants. The information regarding the Pi Chi Omega scholarship will also be available on the web site. Last year there were only 13 / 14 applications for this same scholarship.

Vern will provide a list of people in which the current Scholarship Announcement is being sent to so that, if needed, it can be revised to target the more appropriate people. A copy of the flier will also be sent to the industry publications for print in their magazines.

The organization would also like to thank Dan Bohrer, Rockwell Labs, for the creation of the flier that is being used to announce the Pi Chi Scholarship.

Gerry Wegner has generously donated another clock for use at the silent auction at Purdue. The proceeds for the clock will be donated to the scholarship fund. Gene White has volunteered to donate a framed 11X14 image for use at the Copesan Raffle with half of the proceeds to be donated to the Scholarship Fund.

Cisse will be placing a notice of solicitation for items for use in a silent auction at the 2010 NPMA Conference and the 2011 Purdue Conference. This notice will also be posted on the web page.

The scholarship committee consists of Terry Whitworth, Janet Kintz-Early and Pat Hottel.

Web Page

JT Eaton is kindly hosting the Pi Chi Omega web page. Vern will be continuing to post additional information on the web page. Rick Vetter's powerpoint information is still needed.

Membership

The organization currently has 468 total members, both student and active. Pi Chi membership continues to decline due to retirement. There needs to be a push to increase the number of new members joining the organization.

There are currently 47 members that are delinquent at least 2 years on their dues and 64 that are delinquent in this year's dues. Clay Sherer will be contacting all delinquent members to determine their desire to remain with the organization.

The Membership committee consists of Clay Sherer, Greg Bauman and Rick Cooper.

The following people have been approved for nomination into the organization and will be voted on at the Membership Meeting:

Ron Harrison - Active

Tim Craft – Associate A

Glen Ramsey - Student

A suggestion was made to increase the organization's visibility to potential members by creating a Facebook Fan Page. It was also suggested that a student member be appointed to the board to act as a liaison to the student members of the organization as a way of increasing membership.

By-Laws

Eric Smith is currently working on reviewing the by-laws. Any changes to the by-laws must be submitted to the membership 90 –days prior to a vote. There is no set timeframe for these revisions.

Kim Kelley-Tunis made a motion to add a non-voting student member to the Pi Chi Omega Board of Directors. This was seconded by Eric Smith and voted on unanimously. Eric Smith will revise the by-laws accordingly.

Awards

The Good Deeds Award will be presented to David Fincannon at the Hawaii meeting.

The committee consists of Frank Andorka and Shep Sheperdigian.

Research Ideas

A total of five research ideas were submitted at the 2009 NPMA Conference. The suggestions included research on Bed Bugs, Yellowjackets, and Rodenticides. A box for the submission of research ideas will also be available at the display booth for the Purdue Conference.

The research ideas will be provided to all universities that have applicants for the Pi Chi Omega Scholarship.

Nomination Committee

There are no nominations at this time.

Two Director's position will be up for nomination at the 2010 NPMA meeting in Hawaii.

The nominations committee is made up of Gerry Wegner, Jim Sargent and Vern Toblan.

Marketing

Dan Bohrer will be setting up a Facebook Fan page to assist in marketing of the Organization. Kim Kelley-Tunis will help him in posting updates for marketing purposes. Rockwell will continue to sponsor and send out the e-updates to those that have subscribed. There will also be a link between the e-update and the Facebook page.

Dan Bohrer will be making revisions to the Pi Chi Omega Scholarship flier for submission to the industry magazines.

Debbie Logue suggested working locally with the various Universities and State Associations in marketing the benefits of membership within the Organization. Vern Toblan will add a line on the Dues Statement seeking information on a member's State Management Association affiliation. This will allow us to help aid in the local distribution of scholarship information and membership recruitment.

The organization will create slides for use in member's presentations to aid in the marketing of the organization. These slides will be available through the e-update and for download from the web site.

The marketing committee is being headed up by Cisse Spraggins.

Archival

Eric Smith is going through the archived material and sorting the material for duplicates. Once the material has been sorted, the organization will then look into outsourcing the scanning and digitizing the information for archival.

Eric Smith is working on completing the 50-year history project. A more detailed progress will be provided at the 2010 NPMA meeting.

Executive Director's Report

There have been little changes since the previous board meeting. Vern Toblan, again, expressed his concerns regarding the declining membership numbers of the organization. The decline in dues payment is also a paramount concern for the organization. Vern is working closely with Clay Sherer to work on contacting those delinquent members and clarifying their intentions.

Vern Toblan will be posting the membership roster on the website. This roster will be password protected and the password will be sent out in an e-update.

Vern Toblan will be adding info to the newsletter soliciting information of job postings.

Treasurer's Report

Income - \$26,165.30

Balance - \$17,714.74

Scholarship - \$7254.00

A more detailed report will be available at a later date that details funds that have been collected from the David Fincannon Letter Writing Campaign to collect for an endowment.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Reprt was made by Jeff Weier and seconded by Eric Smith. The motion was accepted unanimously.

New Business

Named Scholarship

Pat Hottel proposed that a scholarship be created in honor of an individual. There has been a verbal commitment from at least one company to donate \$5000 annually to the organization for administration of this scholarship. In addition, many individuals have verbally committed to contribute to this scholarship fund.

A motion was made by Cisse Spraggins to form a committee that will look into the creation of specifically Named Scholarships. The motion was seconded by Jeff Weier and passed unanimously. This committee will be tasked with researching the by-laws and determining the parameters for the creation of this type of scholarship. A proposal regarding this issue will be submitted for discussion prior to the 2010 NPMA Board Meeting.

This committee will be chaired by Cisse Spraggins, Vern Toblan and Eric Smith.

Vern Toblan will submit a note of acknowledgement, in the newsletter, to those members that have made individual donations to the scholarship fund.

Fraternity-Endorsed Philanthropy Initiative

The organization is currently tracking all donations that will be donated to one of three predetermined philanthropic organizations. This way, monies donated by members can be submitted in larger denominations rather than smaller denominations.

Long-Term Financial Goals

Eric Smith has created an outline on the Long-Term Financial Planning of the organization. This outline will be submitted to Cisse Spraggins and Vern Toblan for discussion at the 2010 NPMA Board Meeting.

Housekeeping

The General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12th, at 5:30. Cost for the dinner is \$35.00 and guests are welcome.

A motion was made by Cisse Spraggins to adjourn and seconded by Eric Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.