

Pi Chi Board of Directors Meeting – October 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Eric Smith at 8:10 a.m.

In attendance:

Eric Smith	Cisse Spragins	Kim Kelley-Tunis
Gerry Wegner	David Fincannon	
Mark Sheperdigian	Jim Sargent	

The board wished to express their best regards to Vern Toblan, Executive Director, following successful gall bladder surgery. A card was submitted for both the board and general membership to sign.

The previous board minutes, of January 8, 2007, were reviewed and approved with the following changes: Typo corrected.

A motion to accept these minutes was made by Gerry Wegner and seconded by Mark Sheperdigian.

Committee Reports

Scholarship

Four scholarships were awarded in June, 2007. The recipients were: Jody Green, Purdue University, Dong-Hwan Choe, University of California – Riverside, Melissa Gaver, Washington State University, and Jonathon Lolito, Penn State University.

Web Page

The web page is in need of updates. David Fincannon is to speak with Bob Geltz to work on this project. Rick Cooper would like to add a link regarding a Bed Bug informational booklet. All items that are to be placed on the web page must be sent to the Executive Director and reviewed by the President prior to posting on the web site. David Fincannon has collected a list of all pest management related scholarship opportunities for placement on the web page. The new web page committee will consist of Bob Geltz, David Fincannon, Gerry Wegner and Cisse Spragins. This committee will allow for multiple people to work on the web site so that the web page is consistently updated, at a minimum of four times a year.

Membership

Rick Cooper has submitted a list of applicants for membership into the fraternity. There are currently ten individuals that will be voted on during the membership meeting. Those applicants are:

Steve Yaninek	Active
Joel Perez-Mendoza	Active
Allison Taisey	Active

Jami Guenther	Active
David Sexton	Associate
FredeRickk Rozo	Associate
Lynn Frank	Associate
Gil Bloom	Associate
Joe Ipolito	Associate
Preston Brown	Student

By-Laws

There is nothing to report at this time. The next project is to look at the addition of a clause regarding dues payment for newly inducted members.

Awards

The newly created, "Good Deeds Award" is to be presented at the general membership meeting.

Research

Jim Sargent presented a list of "Research Ideas" that submitted by attendees of the 2007 Purdue Pest Management Conference. This list is to be made available on the web site to the general membership. Jim will draft an article to submit this information through the trade journals, NPMA and ESA. A second list of research ideas was generated through a discussion with the Copesan Technical Committee. A questionnaire requesting additional research ideas will again be presented through the Purdue Pest Management Conference Manual.

Any additional research ideas should be sent to Jim Sargent, sarge@opesan.com.

Nomination Committee

Eric Smith announced that the committee had nominations for the following positions:

The president-elect	Cisse Spragins
Directors	Dan Moreland
	Mike Goldstein
Secretary	Kim Kelley-Tunis

Marketing

Three e-newsletters have been sent to the general membership to date. There will be a Pi Chi Update sent out with information from NPMA after the NPMA meeting. This update will also include information on the Research Ideas and information on the Job Fair. A form will be circulated during the general membership meeting requesting additional e-

mail addresses from those members that have not received an e-newsletter to date. Anything to be published in the e-newsletter should be sent to Cisse Spragins at cspragins@rockwelllabs.com. Jim Sargent requested that Cisse, again, submit information for display at the ESA meeting in December to solicit for scholarship applicants and additional membership.

Archival

The material for archiving will be sent to Stuart Mitchell within the next month. This is information that was received from John Osmun.

Other Business

Executive Director's Report

This report will be submitted at a future date.

Treasurer's Report

An \$8000.00 + donation is being made to the Scholarship Fund from the, now defunct, Forum of State Pest Control Associations.

Additional financial information will be provided at a future date.

Newsletter

The next regular newsletter will be submitted to the general membership in late November / early December.

Old Business / Projects

The Pi Chi History Book is now computerized and is currently being edited by ERick Smith. The committee needs to also go through old photos, identify the personnel in the photos, and select the appropriate photos for each section / chapter. There needs to be a one page written introduction for each 5 year chapter. If anyone is interested in assisting with this process contact either ERick Smith or Gerry Wegner.

David Fincannon will be presenting at the 2008 Purdue Pest Management Conference, "Progressive Pest Management – Building the Foundation". This program will utilize some of the Filmed interviews that he has made with some of our industry greats, such as John Osmun, Harry Katz, Norm Ehnman, etc.

General Announcements / Housekeeping

David Fincannon suggested that the organization needs to look into the creation of endowments that can be used for the scholarship fund. These endowments could be "named" scholarships in an effort to raise funds for these scholarships. There needs to be

a letter drafted in an effort to solicit both interest and funds from the general membership. Gerry is to contact Paul Bello to determine if he has retained any information from his Directorship of the Endowment Committee.

David Fincannon suggested that the organization draft a letter in an effort to curb some of the misinformation that is being submitted and published with regards to recent articles in AmeRickan Entomologist. David will send copies of the articles to the Pi Chi Board and draft a letter in response for review.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 by Cisse Spragins and seconded by Gerry Wegner.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Kelley-Tunis
Secretary