



Pi Chi Omega

The Professional Pest Management Fraternity

**Pi Chi Omega
Membership Meeting
PestWorld 2015, Nashville, TN
October 20, 2015**

Members Present: Judy Black, Dale Baker, Richard Breman, Donna Giacalone, Mark Goodman, Denis Judy, Jim Sargent, Mark Sheperdigian, Laure Hall, Larry Hanks, Justin Headland, Kim Kelley-Tunnis, Pat Kelly, Jay, Shane McCoy, Jenny Melban, Brian Menard, Tom Meyers, David Miller, Dave Ramsey, Glen Ramsey, Frank Rollins, Richard Sameth, Ron Schwalb, Eric Smith, Larry Sprague, Gerry Wegner, Tom Wright, Hau Yu.

Guests Present: Andrea Coron, Kristin Coron, Deborah Blancher, Desiree – guest of Judy Black, Dr. Mark Beavers – guest of Kim Kelley-Tunis, James Rodriguez, Diane Soffranec, Mark VanderWerp – guest of Mark Sheperdigian, Casey Vollmer – guest of Pat Kelly,

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am by Kim Kelley-Tunis.

Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being members of Pi Chi Omega.

The minutes from the membership meeting held on January 13, 2015 at the Purdue Pest Management Conference were presented. Mark Sheperdigian would like to correct the “LinkedIn” note.

A motion was made by Dennis Judy (seconded by Mark Sheperdigian) to approve the minutes with the noted corrections from the January 13, 2015 Board Meeting. The motion carried.

Presidents Update

Kim talked about the previous 2 years of Pi Chi and why it was so important to have proper management through the executive director. Because we do so much for the industry, it was important to find someone who can help us accomplish our goals. She explained how the board created a committee to find the best candidates for executive director. The time was well spent because we found Kristin Coron and Andrea Coron, who were hired in August 2015.

The board then decided to offer amnesty to anyone who has not paid dues for previous years, we would welcome them back to the organization by just paying current dues. Kim asked everyone to ask their friends to renew their membership. The executive staff brought a list of unpaid members, so people could check their status at this meeting or at the booth.

Kim explained that the board also reviewed the bylaws, which Eric will address in his report.

Kim explained that our financial situation is solid. Eric and Judy have been instrumental in converting the bank accounts.

Kim talked about the organization’s directives to make differences in the industry and provide assistance to students. She feels confident in Judy Black’s ability to lead the organization towards meeting these goals as the next president. Kim thanked the membership for allowing her to serve the organization as president for the past two years, but admitted she was happy to hand the reigns over to Judy.



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Kim introduced Andrea and Kristin Coron, who talked about their history with the Virginia Pest Control Association. Then covered the past 3 months work to address the Board's immediate priorities of connecting with members, accessing bank accounts and preparing for PestWorld. Andrea and Kristin also discussed how they would support the organization moving forward to prepare for Purdue meetings, continue to connect with members and then address the scholarship program.

Kristin explained what the "Pi Chi Omega Ask Me" buttons are for and then introduced and distributed the new piece called "Take A Closer Look" that summarizes what Pi Chi Omega's purpose and vision is and how to become a member. Booth coverage and promotion of membership was also discussed. Kristin also let the members know that Tom Myers contributed 4 prints to be auctioned on behalf of the scholarship fund and encouraged members to come by the booth to bid on these and other items.

Kristin opened the floor for questions. Someone asked about a membership directory. Kristin and Andrea confirmed. The same person asked about a newsletter. Andrea said that there would be one created in December.

Scholarship Committee - Terry Whitworth was not in attendance but the staff has communicated with him and the current Board to gain an understanding of the scholarship program. They will work with the new Board and any appointed chair to call for applications and award three \$2,000 and 1 \$3,000 scholarships in May/June 2016.

Bylaws - Eric Smith explained that we have some proposed changes to the bylaws. One change is for members who are retired from the workforce to request to move their membership to a retired category and pay a lower dues amount. Another change was to split the duties of the treasurer and the executive director.

A motion was made by Mark Sheperdigian (seconded by Tom Myers) to approve the changes to the Bylaws as proposed by the Bylaws committee. The motion carried.

Financial Update - Kristin Coron presented a balance sheet as follows:

Citizens Bank Operating Account:	\$41,529.73
Citizens Investment Services:	\$57,606.84
Nationwide Annuity:	\$33,334.60
United Bank	\$ 1,594.77
M & T Bank Money Market:	\$ 3,862.45
M & T Certificate of Deposit (matures with interest 9/2018):	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	\$157,928.39

Someone asked if we can update the members on the scholarship money and it should be separate from the operation money. The staff confirmed that the Board has already directed them to work the newly elected Treasurer to do just that.

Tom Myers said that we should create a total of dollars given for scholarships out over years and use that as a marketing tool.

A motion was made by Denis Judy (seconded by Jim Sargent) to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried.



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Membership- Dennis reported that the Board approved the following 9 member nominations to be accepted by the membership:

Jeffery Ives- Associate A
Michael Joyce- Associate A
Mark VanderWerp- Active Member
Desiree Straubinger- Active Member
Sara McGuire- Active Member
Shane McCoy- Active Member
David Moore II- Active Member
Bennett Jordon- Active Member

A motion was made by Eric Smith (seconded by Jay) to approve the nine nominations as presented by the Board and membership committee. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee- Jim Sargent presented the proffered slate of candidates as follows:

Dale Baker, President-elect, Gene White, Secretary, Tom Wright, Treasurer, David Fincannon, Director, Larry Hanks, Director, and Tom Myers, Director.

Jim called for additional nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Dennis Judy (seconded by Brian Menard) to close nominations and conduct the elections. The motion carried.

Ballots were collected and counted and the following individuals were elected: Dale Baker, President-elect, Gene White, Secretary, Tom Wright, Treasurer, David Fincannon, Director, and Tom Myers, Director.

Current board members continuing their terms or moving up into their next position include Judy Black, President, Kim Kelley-Tunis, President Elect, Dennis Judy, Director and Mark Sheperdigian, Director.

Web Site Committee - Kim Spoke for Dale to inform members that dues can now be paid through PayPal on the website. He also suggested that if members have additional content they'd like to see on the website to contact Kristin and Andrea.

Awards Committee - Awards: Gerry Wagner reported that he is ending his term as the chairman.

Old Business - None

Kim passed the gavel to Judy Black.

New Business – Judy called for any new business.

Dave Ramsey said that he is on the Board of NPMA and wanted to ask if anyone had any information about the military involvement with the Pest Control. Judy said David Fincannon may have some information.

Judy presented Kim Kelley-Tunnis' idea to contract out the work to have the 50 years of Pi Chi book completed.



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Deborah Blancher asked if anyone has ever researched which events have the most qualified potential customers. Judy asked for the concept to be added to the minutes for future review with the board. Jim said that the NCUE Nation Conference of Urban Entomology this spring.

Judy Black had a few objectives to accomplish; 1. She wants to ensure that the scholarship funds are separate from the operation funds. 2. Make sure the individual scholarship funds are separate. 3. Kim's directive to the board was to create systems and balances so that we don't have another problem. 3. Relevancy- why we exist. Judy wants make sure students are aware of the scholarships. For Judy, who has been in pest control industry for 30 years, said that Pi Chi provides a place for our industry to spend time with peers and industry leaders.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Eric Smith and Gerry Wegner for their service on the Board. A plaque was presented to Kim Kelley-Tunis for her service as president. Eric Smith was presented with the Pi Chi Omega Good Deeds Award 2015.

A motion was made by Mark Sheperdigian (seconded by Eric Smith) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Andrea thank JT Eaton for sponsoring the cinnamon rolls and coffee.