

Pi Chi Membership Meeting – October 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Eric Smith.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Bob Davis and seconded by Gary Bennett.

Committee Reports

Membership

The following nominations were voted on for membership into the organization.

Steve Yaninek	Active
Joel Perez-Mendoza	Active
Allison Taisey	Active
Jami Guenther	Active
David Sexton	Associate
Frederick Rozo	Associate
Lynn Frank	Associate
Gil Bloom	Associate
Joe Ipolito	Associate
Preston Brown	Student

A motion to accept the above nominations was made by Russ Ives and seconded by Tom Walters. The nominations were accepted unanimously by the membership.

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 updating. A committee consisting of David Fincannon, Cisse Spragins, and Gerry Wegner will be working to review and to assist in updating the web page.

By-Laws

There was no report at this time.

Awards

Gerry Wegner was awarded with the Pi Chi Omega “Do Gooder” award for his many years and tireless efforts in creating and donating his “bug Clocks” to the Pi Chi Omega scholarship fund.

Research Ideas

Jim Sargent has compiled a list of suggested research idea to be published on the web page and in the member update. In addition Jim will be writing and submitting this information for publication in the various trade-journals and ESA.

Nominations Committee

Two directors will be stepping down at the completion of their terms. Ed Marshall and Cisse Spragins were thanked for their service to the organization.

The following nominations for open positions were presented to the organization.

President-elect	Cisse Spragins
Directors	Dan Morland Mike Goldstein
Secretary	Kim Kelley-Tunis

A motion to accept the nominations was made by Bob Dold, and seconded by Russ Ives. The nominations were accepted and elected by the membership.

Marketing

The e-updates from Pi Chi Omega have begun to be sent out thanks to Rockwell Labs. For those that have not received any updates please send your e-mail addresses to Cisse Spragins at Rockwell labs. If you have submitted your e-mail address and are still not receiving these updates you may need to check your computer spam filters.

Cisse Spragins with Rockwell labs is also working on preparing a poster for scholarship applications at ESA.

Archival

Stuart Mitchell will begin working on converting the Archival papers that have been received from John OSmun and many other sources.

Other Business

Eric Smith recognized the various committee chairs and thanked them for their service to the organization.

The following committee chairs are:

Awards	Shep Sheperdigian
Research	Jim Sargent
Membership	Ric Cooper
By-Laws	George Rambo
Web Page	Bob Geltz

Executive Director's Report

Vern Toblan's report will be submitted to the board and membership at a later 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

David Fincannon will be presenting at the Purdue Pest Management Conference and presenting some of the video footage that he has created with John Osmun.

The first Vince Parman memorial presentation, sponsored by Pi Chi Omega, will be presented this morning at NPMA.

Eric Smith is still working on drafting changes to the By-Laws reflecting the New Members introduction procedures. These changes were outlined in the previous meeting's minutes.

New Business

Austin Frischman discussed the organization's low recruitment of new members. He suggested that the organization work in conjunction with the state associations or local universities. It was further suggested that the organization work harder to bring in new qualified members.

Austin Frischman also reiterated the need for the Pi Chi members to get more involved with service organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, to provide pest management services to low-income families. It was suggested that members work within their state organizations and local universities to create this type of program on a local level, rather than on a national level.

General Announcements

Eric Smith graciously passed the gavel of leadership to Gerry Wegner. Gerry Wegner presented Eric Smith with a plaque recognizing his tenure as president.

Gerry Wegner mentioned a member's suggestion regarding the creation of a "Pest Management Without Borders" type program for third world countries.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bill Clark and seconded by Russ Ives. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Kelley-Tunis
Secretary