

Pi Chi Membership Meeting – January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 by Gerry Wegner.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Russ Ives and seconded by Judy Dold. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Membership

Two of the newest members of the organization were in attendance for the membership meeting, Steve Yaninek.

Rick Cooper, the chair of the membership committee, challenged the general membership to look for those individuals that should be a member of the organization but are not. He would like to see an increase in applications between the Purdue meeting and the NPMA meeting.

Scholarship

The Bug Clock was on display during the meeting and bids for the silent auction accepted. All proceeds from the auction go toward the scholarship.

Four scholarships will be awarded, for \$1500.00, during 2007.

Web Page

Bob Geltz has updated the web page based on recommendations presented at NPMA. The updated web page has copies of the e-newsletter updates, as well as links to additional useful information. If anyone has any suggestions or comments regarding the web page, please contact Gerry Wegner.

By-Laws

Eric Smith will be reviewing and updating the by-laws. These reviews will be sent out to the membership prior to the NPMA meeting.

Awards

Gerry Wegner thanked everyone for his “Do-Gooder” award presented at NPMA. Shep Sheperdigian is looking for people who are interested in serving on the awards committee. In addition, if anyone knows of someone that may deserve recognition for their service to the Pest Management Industry, please let Shep know.

Research Ideas

Jim Sargent is working to put together a list of research ideas based on comments received from attendees of the Purdue Conference. This form is available at the front of the Purdue Conference Manual. This list will be made available through the ESA newsletter, the Pi Chi Omega web page and e-newsletter update, and other media outlets.

Steve Yaninek announced that there is also a listserv of department heads that he would be happy to distribute that list to.

Nominations Committee

No report at this time.

Marketing

The last e-update was sent out in December. If you are not receiving this update please contact Cisse Spragins,

A notice will also be sent out to all members asking as to whether they want to receive either an electronic copy or hard copy of the newsletter.

Archival

David Fincannon will be presenting a video on, "Progressive Pest Management: Building the Foundation".

Other Business

Executive Director's Report

There is no report at this time. Vern's report will be presented at a later date.

Treasurer's Report

There is no report at this time. Vern's report will be presented at a later date.

Newsletter

Old Business

New Business

Gerry Wegner proposed that a Scholarship endowment be created for the organization. A committee has been created to push forward with this endeavor. This committee will include David Fincannon, Cisse Spragins, Dan Moreland, Paul Bello and Terry Whitworth will be creating a “letter writing campaign” in an effort to increase the funds available for Pi Chi Omega scholarships.

Gerry Wegner challenged the organization to continue with Austin Frischman’s suggestion to volunteer with local charities and groups to provide free pest management services to low income families. If anyone has a suggestion as to how this endeavor can be achieved, or relay their own personal experiences, they should be forwarded onto Gerry.

General Announcements

Tom Myers, All-Rite Pest Control, announced that if any member had an interest in attending the International Urban Conference to please contact him.

Gerry Wegner also thanked PCT Magazine and Pest Management Professional for their efforts in assisting the organization in printing their various media products.

A motion was made to adjourn by Eric Smith and seconded by Tom Myers. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Kelley-Tunis
Secretary