

## **Pi Chi Omega Membership Meeting – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 by Gerry Wegner.

The minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 membership meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Larry Trelevan and seconded by Jim Sargent. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Scholarship*

The number of scholarships was reduced in number from four to three to increase the monetary value of the scholarships. Terry Whitworth, the committee chair, found that the task of selecting a smaller amount of recipients was very difficult given the number of qualified candidates. The goal, moving forward would be to increase both the number and the value of the scholarships in the future.

This year's scholarship winners were announced in the newsletter. The scholarship recipients are:

Alexis M. Barbarin, Ph.D., Penn State University

Paul S. Botch, Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia

Nicola T. Gallagher, Ph.D., Ohio State University

#### *Web Page*

The Pi Chi Omega web page is up and running. All members are encouraged to visit the web page and provide any suggestion for improvement. The organization would like to thank JT Eaton for their efforts in creating and maintaining the web site for the organization.

If members have suggestions or material that should be added to the web, they should contact either Gerry or Vern.

#### *Membership*

The newest members of Pi Chi Omega were introduced at the membership meeting.

Those new members in attendance were:

Deni Nauman – Associate

XXX- Student

The organization is continuing to have a problem with member attrition. Several members have not paid their dues for 2 years or more. Those members that have not paid their dues for more than two years are subject to have their membership revoked.

#### *By-Laws*

There is no report at this time.

#### *Awards*

There are no awards to be presented at this time. However, an award is scheduled for presentation at that time.

#### *Research Ideas*

A box has been set up at the Pi Chi Omega booth in the vendor expo for the submission of any research suggestions. For those that may have any potential research ideas in the future, please visit the Pi Chi Omega website, or contact Jim Sargent directly.

#### *Nomination Committee*

Gerry Wegner announced that there are several positions that are up for election within the organization.

The nomination committee has submitted the following names:

The following positions are up for election:

President-Elect – Jim Sargent

Secretary – Kim Kelley-Tunis

Director – Debbie Logue

Director – Richard Berman

A request was made to accept any nominations from the floor. As no nominations were made, Richard Berman moved to close the nominations and seconded by Richard Whitman. The nominations were accepted and those members were elected to those positions.

The following Directors will be stepping down after this meeting:

Mike Goldstein

Dan Morland

The organization would like to thank both Dan and Mike for their service to the organization.

#### *Marketing*

Cisse Spraggins has been sending out e-announcements to the various members. If you have any additional information that may be of benefit to the organization, please submit it to Cisse.

#### *Archival*

The 50-year history of Pi Chi Omega is still moving forward. Eric Smith has received the majority of the chapter introductions. There is no completion target date.

#### *Executive Director's Report*

There are currently at least 40 members that are in danger of having their membership revoked. There is a concern over the lack of new membership entering into the

organization. There needs to be a push to increase our membership to help offset the number of members that are leaving the organization or retiring from the industry. Pi Chi Omega, once again, would like to thank PCT Magazine and PMP Magazine for the printing of the Pi Chi Omega Newsletter. It is through their efforts that we are able to communicate effectively with the members of the organization.

Please visit the Pi Chi Omega sponsored speaker, Rick Vetter, at today's meeting. Rick will be discussing the topic of spiders. In conjunction with this presentation, Gerry has been granted permission to distribute copies of the article, "The Mediterranean Recluse Spider: Loxosceles rufescens (Dufour): An Abundant but Cryptic Inhabitant of Deep Infrastructure in the Washington, D.C. Area (Arachnida: Araneae: Sicariidae)," by the Entomological Society of America. Copies of this article will be available at the Pi Chi Omega booth.

*Treasurer's Report*

Revenue - \$32,647.94

Expenses - \$23,194.02

Net Surplus - \$9,453.92 (Deposited into the Pi Chi Omega Scholarship Fund)

Total Assets as of June 30, 2009      \$107,610.39

Russ Ives has donated his time to provide a detailed financial report for the organization. A copy of this report is available from Vern Toblan.

The organization wishes to thank Copesan for their generous contribution to the Pi Chi Omega Scholarship fund.

The organization also wishes to thank NPMA for their processing of the membership dues through their system.

A motion was made by Richard Whitman and seconded by Cisse Spraggins to accept the Executive Director and Treasurer's Report. The motion was carried.

*New Business*

Dave Mueller suggested that following John Osmun's receipt of the NPMA Pinnacle award that the members send their congratulations to John. John's contact information is:

2741 N. Salisbury St.

West Lafayette, IN 47906

765 497-9950

Gerry mentioned that the organization is supporting the following philanthropic groups:

Heiffer International

Nothing But Nets

Soft Power Help

If anyone is interested in supporting these groups, please submit your donation to Vern, noting what the donation should go for, and the donation will be made through the

organization. This will allow Pi Chi Omega to track the donations that are being made members.

Gerry Wegner passed the gavel to the new Pi Chi Omega president, Cisse Spraggins.

The organization wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation to Gerry Wegner for his leadership of the organization during his term as president. Cisse Spraggins presented Gerry Wegner with a plaque recognizing Gerry's 2-year term as president.

Cisse announced her committee chairs:

Terry Whitworth – Scholarship

Clay Sherer – Membership

Dale Baker – Web Page

Gerry Wegner – Nominating

Frank Andorka – Awards

Eric Smith – By-Laws

Jim Sargent – Research

Cisse Spraggins – Marketing

Stuart Mitchell - Archives

If anyone has any interest in joining any of the committees please let Cisse know.

A motion was made by Larry Trelevan to adjourn and seconded by Mark Sheperdigian.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12.