

Pi Chi Omega General Membership Meeting – October 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 by Gerry Wegner.

The minutes of the January, 2008 membership meeting were reviewed and accepted with corrections. A motion was made by Russ Ives and seconded by Tom Walters.

Committee Reports

Scholarship

David Fincannon provided information on his committees efforts to increase the amount of gifts provided to the Pi Chi Omega scholarship fund through endowments. The first of three letters will target former scholarship recipients requesting that they contribute to the scholarship fund. The second letter will target the general membership, with John Osmun's endorsement. The third letter will target those members within the Texas area seeking input into a Clayton Wright Endowment fund.

Web Page

An effort is being made to look into additional ways to increase the visibility and effectiveness of the current web site.

Membership

The following individuals were accepted into Pi Chi Omega for membership:

Active

Britta Turney
Changlu Wang
Matt Messenger

Associate A

Craig Velte
Chuck Bower
Arthur Capron

Associate B

William Kirchner
Bart Baker
Dominique Sauvage

Student Member

Alexis Barbarin

Those new members present to accept their membership packet were:

Craig Velte
Chuck Bower
Bart Baker
Dominique Sauvage

Gerry made a request to the organization for additional participation in the various committees.

By-Laws

Eric Smith is to update the current by-laws to create a "Mission Statement" for the organization and create a new category for membership.

Awards

Mark Sheperdigian announced the completion of the Award's committee. The new members of this committee are: Dan Moreland, Larry Treleven, Kim Kelley-Tunis and Harold Harlan.

Research Ideas

Jim Sargent presented an idea of including a request for Research Ideas in the 2009 NPMA brochure.

Nominations Committee

Eric Smith presented the following names for consideration of the open directors positions:
Clay Scherer
Jeff Weier

A motion to close the nominations was made by Norm Ehman and seconded by Harold Harlan.

The nominations were accepted.

They will be replacing current Directors, David Fincannon and Stuart Mitchell, who have served the organization well. The Pi Chi Omega Board would like to express their gratitude for their service to the organization.

Marketing

The e-newsletter will be sent out after convention. This newsletter will contain a listing of those member individuals and companies that are seeking employment.

Archival

During the meeting at the January Purdue meeting, members of the Board of Directors will be going through all archival material for inclusion in the 50 year project.

Vern Makenzie presented to the membership two books, donated by Dr. Philip Spear, Senior Director of Research NPMA. The first is a “Book of Letters”, including many from past Pi Chi Omega Presidents. The second is a photo album that chronicles the past of our industry, including Pi Chi Omega. These books were presented to Eric Smith to be included in the history of the organization

David Fincannon discussed his ongoing project of creating a video history of the Pest Management industry. He is asking for participation from any member to assist in completing this project.

Other Business

Executive Director’s Report

Vern wishes to thank the organization for their support during the previous year.

Vern acknowledged NPMA for their donation of the booth space during the 2008 NPMA Conference and both PCT and PMP magazines for the printing of the newsletter.

Vern also recognized the Copesan organization for their gracious donation to the Scholarship fund.

Treasurer’s Report

Vern presented to the Treasurer’s Report to the Board of Director’s.

Total Income 2007/2008	\$54,569.83
Total Disbursements	\$51,863.58
Checking Account Balance as of 6/30/08	\$ 2,706.55
Reconciliation	\$54,569.83

Total Assets as of 6/30/08	\$95,449.92
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Newsletter

Vern is working on completing the newsletter for mailing prior to the busy holiday season.

New Business

New Projects

Austin is suggesting that Pi Chi Omega work with an organization, “Nothing But Nets”, to provide mosquito netting in Africa. The Board of Directors is currently looking into this project, as well as similar projects, and will have a decision by the January 2009 meeting.

Norm Ehman has copies of his new book, "Adventures in Entomology" available at the Pi Chi Omega booth. He will also be available to sign the book during the exhibit portion of the convention.

Other

A motion was made by Mark Sheperdigian to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 and was seconded by Russ Ives.