



Pi Chi Omega

The Professional Pest Management Fraternity

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Board Meeting
Conference Call

December 20, 2017 at 10:00 am Eastern

Members present: Aaron Ashbrook, Dale Baker, Judy Black, Andrea Coron, Cassie Krejci, Bennett Jordan, Glen Ramsey, Mark Sheperdigian, Cisse Spragins, Eugene White

Members not present: Cisse Spragins, Stephanie Hill

Guests present: Brittany Campbell, Kristin Coron, Karen Furguiele, Dennis Judy, Desiree Straubinger, Kim Kelley-Tunis,

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Baker at 10:02 am (Eastern).

Roll was called.

President Welcome – Dale thanked everyone for joining this special meeting to work through an update to the membership structure and dues. Dale thanked Dennis for the time put into developing this proposal.

Approval of board meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Shep (seconded by Krejci) to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2017 Pi Chi Omega Board Meeting with the noted changes. The motion carried.

Membership – Dennis Judy

The two-page memo sent out to the Board yesterday restructured the names of categories of membership. The committee's goal was to try to erase the division of categories that segregate members. The types of members boiled down to Educational, Industry and the Longstanding members. The Educational Members were broken down into undergraduate, post graduate and professional educators; and their dues would be \$35, \$65 and \$95, respectively. The Industry Members include PMPs and Allied representatives, both with a dues fee of \$95. Long Standing Members are composed of Retired, Life and Honorary; and their dues structure would be \$35, \$1,000 over a 4-year period, then no dues thereafter, and Honorary would incur no annual dues.

Dennis indicated that the changes could be completed in a two-step method, or all in one fell swoop. Bylaw changes would require the proposed changes to be signed off on by 10 members, and provided to the Secretary 60 days prior to the membership meeting, with the final document being provided to members 30 days prior to the membership meeting. The Board discussed the options of how to address the changes, and the Board felt it made sense to make both changes at one time unless the membership suggests they'd like to see them separated, or amended.

Judy indicated that the membership category structure changes might be hard to swallow, and that the membership will really need to understand the reasons behind the changes. Kim indicated that there has always been concern over raising the dues, but it has been 10 – 12 years since there has



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been any change to the dues structure and we have some momentum and she'd encourage the Board to run with it. Glen Ramsey suggested adding a bullet or defining sentence to the PMP and the Allied member categories that would delineate the two categories.

Judy summarized that it seems like the Board is ok with the redefinition of membership categories, and that the Board agrees on a price increase. The plan forward would be to introduce the proposed changes at Purdue and get a preliminary vote or position of membership on changes. After that, the Board could make adjustments, if needed, draft the final proposed bylaw amendments, have them signed off on by 10 members, present the final proposed amendments to the membership 30 days in advance of a special meeting where the membership will vote on the issue. After Purdue we would need to spread the word to the membership and promote the reasons for the changes, spelling out exactly how long ago the last dues increase was and sell the idea to the members. Dennis suggested getting the Bylaws committee involved as well. Staff will send the membership committee's document to Eric to begin reviewing against the Bylaws, and Dale will call Eric to discuss the plan and timeline.

Dennis shared that the membership committee has recently approved 8 new nominees, in addition to 11 already approved – so we will have 19 new nominees to present to the membership at Purdue.

Old Business

Staff shared the final plans that have been made for Pi Chi Omega upcoming events as follows:

A Raise the Bar with Pi Chi Omega will be held at Texas A&M on Wednesday, January 10th from 8:00 – 10:00 at Mad Hatters. Promo is going to out to members electronically and through the mail next week.

Pi Chi Omega Events at Purdue

Pi Chi Omega Bowling & Billiards Blast

Jan. 7, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Union Rack & Roll, Purdue Memorial Union

Join members of Pi Chi Omega for our first ever Bowling & Billiard Blast. Everyone welcome! \$25 (\$30 at the door) Pizza buffet, soft drinks and one adult beverage included! \$5 to bowl or play billiards!

Pi Chi Omega Board Meeting

Jan. 8, 8:00 – 11:00 am, Purdue Memorial Union, Rm 256

The Board meeting is open to any Pi Chi Omega member.

Pi Chi Omega Mixer

Monday, January 8, 9:00 – 11:00 pm, Union Club, Suite 328 Pi Chi Omega members bring a friend that you think would fit into our distinguished fraternity of insect loving socialites!

Pi Chi Omega Membership Meeting

Jan. 9, 5:15 - 7:30 pm - This is traditionally a great social event, with a little business thrown in. Join us for appetizers and an Italian buffet dinner for \$45.



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New Business

Staff indicated that new signature cards should be completed on each of the financial institutions where Pi Chi Omega holds funds and that Board direction might be required by some institutions.

A motion was made by Shep (seconded by Baker) to direct staff to update the signature cards for each financial institution to include the President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Executive Directors.

Discussion was held regarding the legitimacy of a call that Shep had from an institution asking for his personal information.

The vote was called. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Shep, seconded by Baker to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 am. The Motion carried.