



Pi Chi Omega

The Professional Pest Management Fraternity

**Pi Chi Omega
Membership Meeting
PestWorld 2017, Baltimore, MD
October 24, 2017**

Members Present: There were 49 members present.

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am by President-elect Dale Baker.

The minutes from the membership meeting held on January 10, 2017 at the Purdue Pest Management Conference were presented.

A motion was made by Dale Baker (seconded by Kim Kelley-Tunis) to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2017 Membership Meeting. The motion carried.

President's Report:

Dale Baker welcomed everyone to the meeting and to PestWorld. He shared with the group that Judy Black was unable to be with us due to travel out of the country, but shared her video message.

Dale shared the strategic planning process that was conducted in June, and the outcomes of that process. Our new mission statement is to connect and enrich the urban pest management community. The vision is a collaborative environment in which technical knowledge is shared by engaged members, elevation professionalism of the urban pest management community. The strategic activities were identified as networking, mentoring, recognition, and scholarships and grants.

Scholarship Committee: Stephanie Hill presented the Board's recommendation as follows: To recognize the esteem in which our members hold Dr. Austin Frishman and his great contributions to our industry, as evidenced by the generous sum that has been raised to date, the board would like to recommend to the membership that we rename one of the existing Pi Chi Omega scholarships in Dr. Austin Frishman's name.

A motion was made by Deni Naumann (seconded by Kim Kelley-Tunis) to rename one of the existing scholarships to be a perpetual scholarship in Dr. Austin Frishman's name. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Deni Naumann (seconded by David Fincannon) to extend the deadline to raise funds for the Austin Frishman scholarship to the end of the fiscal year. The motion carried.

In addition, Stephanie let members know that the 2018 scholarship application is available with the deadline for submission being March 16, 2018.

Finance Committee:

Treasurer Tom Wright reviewed the year-end and current balance sheet and profit and loss. 2016-17 Year End Balance Sheet stood at \$209,809.72. The current Balance sheet stands at \$215,129.69.

2016-17 Year End Profit & Loss vs Budget: Pi Chi Omega had budgeted a net loss of approximately \$13,102, but realized a net gain of \$8,155.51. A large part of the performance was due to getting membership invoices out earlier in 2017 than the previous year.

A motion was made by Cisse Spragins (seconded by Karen Furgiuele) to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried.



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Membership Committee- Dennis reported that the Board approved the following 3 member nominations to be accepted by the membership: Daniel Baldwin, Chelle Hartzler, Sam Pass.

A motion was made by Marie Knox (seconded by Kathy Heinsohn) to approve the 3 nominations as presented by the Board and membership committee. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee – Kim Kelly-Tunis, Chair, presented the slate of nominations developed by the nominating committee:

President: Dale Baker, JT Eaton

President- Elect: Mark Sheperdigian, Rose Pest Solutions

Secretary: Gene White, Rentokil NA

Treasurer: Cisse Spragins, Rockwell Labs

Director: Glen Ramsey, Rollins (2 years)

Director: Stephanie Hill, Home Team Pest Defense (2 years)

Director: Bennett Jordan, Copesan Services (1 year)

Kim then called for any nominations from the floor. David Fincannon nominated 3 members from the floor to serve as directors of the Pi Chi Omega Board: Bart Foster, Paul Bello and Bob Kunst.

Kim asked each of the nominees to say a few words. After each had introduced themselves, Kim asked each eligible member to complete the paper ballot and hand it in.

All ballots were received and counted, the election results were announced with our four new board members being Mark Sheperdigian, Stephanie Hill, Glen Ramsey and Bennett Jordan.

Awards Committee- Karen Furgiuele reported that the committee had compiled a history of awards given, and have begun work on the policy document with guidelines for nomination and selection of the consolidated awards: Award of Achievement, Book of Professional Services and the Generosity Award.

Dr. Eric Smith presented the Award of Achievement to Kim Kelley-Tunis in recognition of her dedication and hard work in keeping Pi Chi Omega together throughout the transition of losing Vern Toblan, and making the fraternity thrive for several years.

Old Business – The 50 Year Book was presented in its published form. Special thanks given to Heather Gooch and Editor, Dr. Eric Smith.

New Business – David Fincannon issued a friendly challenge to Dale Baker to raise the most money for the Frishman scholarship.

A motion was made by Shep (seconded by Glen Ramsey) to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am. The motion carried.