

OPCA Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

Via ZOOM Meeting

Board members attending (Indicated by*)

*Robert DeAngelo, President
*Larry Treleven, Past President
*Rennie Kubik, President-Elect
*Bill Granstrom, Treasurer
*Tim Banwell, Director
*Dave Mays, Director
*Matt White, Director
Steve Nagel, Director
*Derek Conrad, Director
*Jesse Gooch, Director

Others, Members:

Harvey Gail, Executive Director
Mike Kesecker, Education Director
Cameron Yamaura, Education committee

1. Welcome

Robert DeAngelo welcomed the group to the meeting at 7:34 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

DeAngelo said the minutes of the January board meeting were presented for approval. Kubik wanted to correct the statement about how often he works.

PASSED

Motion to accept the minutes from the board meeting in January. MM Larry Treleven; MS Dereck Conrad. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report

Bill Granstrom, OPCA treasurer noted he didn't get the financial report. Gail noted he will get the bank statements and record the balances in the minutes. Bank balances as of January 31, 2023, as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$15,605.34
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,039.75
Wells Fargo Scholarship:	\$5,536.16
Total	\$23,181.25

Gail noted we received a few more dues payments, so we are probably over 90% of budget at this point. Larry Treleven noted Rent-a-Kill is merging with Terminix, so we technically lost a member. Gail noted he still needs to

have the scholarship account reimburse the general account since the check for the scholarship came out of the general account by mistake. That leaves \$4,536,16 in the scholarship account, still a healthy amount.

4. Committee Reports

A. Education

Kesecker noted the Ant ID course is up and up and running for registration. The class is at Chemeketa Community College in Salem on April 1. He said he talked to Mike Potter who will speak on Delusional Parasitosis. His talk is called "The Itchy Client: Case Studies and Solutions." Kesecker said Dr. Potter is excited to get back to speaking and he will work locally in the Pacific NW. He's been invited back for 2 hours in the fall. Kesecker noted Dr. Potter has a speaking fee. Kesecker will talk to some sponsors about helping with that. Kesecker said we still need to find a location for the Southern Oregon Seminar in November. Dave Mays suggested a speaker on beneficial insects: Beneficial Insectary out of Redding, CA. Used for many types of insects like wasps.

Kesecker said he is going to step down as the chair of the education committee in June.

B. Government Affairs

Treleven noted the letter on comments for the EPA was drafted and submitted on OPCA letterhead. Gail confirmed it was submitted on Friday, February 10. Treleven said we had a good representation from the western pest control associations in submitting comments. He said the Pest Control operators in Montana also sent in comments. Treleven noted he will also send in an article for *Crack and Crevice*.

Treleven said the IPM in schools bill has come up in Oregon. He noted that in Idaho has 33 bills, Washington has 1200 bills, but Oregon has 2,600 bills. He commented that the Oregon Legislature is not easy to work in. Treleven said we are watching legislation and codes that seek to ban natural gas in communities. He said a gas ban has been approved in Seattle for apartments. Also, the city of Eugene has banned gas hookups in new residential construction. He will have more to report after the meetings in Washington, DC and California.

On a side note, Treleven said when their Sacramento office was purchased, he found a tree planted in the honor of Norm Emman. Also, at the NW Pest Management Conference, funds will be raised for the Laurel Hansen scholarship fund. He said a pledge for the scholarship has already been announced that will match up to \$15,000.

C. Sponsorship

Rennie Kubik noted sponsorships seem to be down a bit this year. He said there are 28 vendors in Hood River. He will send a notice about the Bend meeting. He noted some sponsors have asked for a price reduction, and others have said they can't do as much as in the past. He can assist finding a sponsor for Mike Potter. Kesecker noted Dr. Potter's speaking fee used to be about \$1,500 but he said he would scale it back to around \$1,000.

D. Wildlife

Dave Mays said skunks are active. The wildlife expo was in Florida last week. DeAngelo said Jon Paulsen has a session on wildlife and he wanted to reach out to us about that.

E. Ethics

Steve Nagel was not in attendance.

F. Scholarship Committee

Kesecker said no applicants have been received yet.

5. Administrative Report

Gail said Spire Management will be helping with Hood River, he described the tasks. He noted his office received some equipment and supplies for the meeting and he is coordinating with Sean Bergman to prepare the check in materials, name badges and other items. He said he and his assistant Miriam McNie will be there Thursday afternoon. Gail will be there Friday and Miriam and her husband are helping Saturday morning.

6. Old Business

A. ODA General Pest Exam

DeAngelo said he talked to Brittney Jones at ODA. She's responsible for the licensing, and she's newer to the department, so she's busy. The meeting has been put off for about a month or so and should be held in March.

7. New Business

A. New Member Application

Gail noted two of the applications, A-One, Inc (A-One Exterminators) and Pest Plus, LLC are up for a vote. Another application was received for Outlook Pest Management. However, our rule is they have to be in business a full year before they can apply. Gail noted they could apply at our next dues cycle in July. Gail will contact them.

PASSED

A motion was made to accept the two applications for A-One and Pest Plus. MM Larry Treleven, MS Matt White. Motion carried.

Gail will send contact information on the new applications to DeAngelo as well as member packets. DeAngelo said Steve Wittig recently purchased A and A Pest control, and they will join under that name. They are in SE Portland. It was noted that our one-year requirement on new companies might not apply to the A and A Pest control since Wittig has been in the industry and the Reeds are retiring and have been members.

C. Pacific NW Pest management Conference

Treleven said Sean Bergman was curious about the history of the Pacific NW Management conference. He will put together a presentation on it for the Hood River Conference. He said the event has been going on a long time, since 1953 when it was held in Corvallis. He is looking for some old photographs if anyone had any.

8. Next Board Meeting

DeAngelo said we will have the board meet on March 15 at 7:30 am via ZOOM.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting DeAngelo called the meeting to a close at 8:22 am.

Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director