

**OPCA Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 19, 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

**1. Welcome**

Robert DeAngelo welcomed the group to the meeting at 7:32 am.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

DeAngelo said the minutes of the March board meeting were presented for approval. Larry Treleven asked if a decision had been made on paying for rooms for speakers. Mike Kesecker said Dr. Potter's room will be covered by OPCA. DeAngelo was not sure if Brittny Jones, who now works for OSU, could accept payment on her room from OPCA. She may have the same restriction on benefits like that that she had when she worked for ODA.

**PASSED**

*Motion to accept the minutes from the board meeting in February. MM Larry Treleven; MS Derek Conrad. Motion carried.*

**3. Treasurer's Report**

*A. Financial Report*

Bill Granstrom, OPCA treasurer noted the following account balances as of April 14, 2023:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$9,156.08
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,039.99
Wells Fargo Scholarship:	<u>\$4,537.45</u>
Total	\$15,733.52

DeAngelo asked if we have any members who have not paid LT, will look into the national members. Gail will prepare a list of lapsed members and send it to the board. RD noted we have a small profit at this point. Gail noted we are bringing in income for the High Desert seminar which will make up a lot of ground.

**PASSED**

*Motion to accept the financial report. MM Larry Treleven; Derek Conrad. Motion Carried.*

**4. Committee Reports**

*A. Education*

Mike Kesecker we are set up for speakers for the High Desert Seminar. He noted we have six hours with the addition of a presentation by Bird-B-Gone. He said Jamel Sandidge has added bio sanitation to his first presentation. Kesecker said he is waiting for the outline from Brittany Jones, and after that's in, he will fill out the detail forms to file the ODA credit. Gail asked that a copy of the forms be sent to Jesse Gooch and Cameron Yamaura so they can see how those get filled out.

Kesecker noted he had been planning a panel discussion on rodent control for the Fall Beach seminar. He said it might be difficult to secure credits for a panel discussion format since the detail forms require outlines with certain topics that are covered. He will look into it. Also, he said Laurel Hansen and Mike Potter will also be presenting at Fall Beach.

Kesecker noted that after Fall beach, the education committee with Jesse Gooch and Cameron Yamaura will take over. Gooch said he reached out to a few speakers including Jon Paulsen from Vesperis who will speak for two hours each.

Kesecker said we just finished the Ant ID class. Gail said we had about 31 attendees that we tried to divide up evenly into the morning and afternoon sessions, but they didn't quite balance out. There were 8 people in the afternoon class. The smaller number allowed more people to have access to the higher quality microscopes. But it was noted that Dr. Hansen felt it would be better to just have one class and limit attendance than have two classes. With fewer people.

DeAngelo said we don't know who will be replacing Brittany Jones at ODA. He noted she will still be part of the general pest exam test task force, but she will be representing OSU.

*B. Scholarship*

DeAngelo noted the Ph.D. student who's working with Dr. Hansen was interested in applying for the OPCA scholarship. DeAngelo will forward the email she sent to Gail.

*C. Government Affairs*

Larry Treleven said he was at the Legislative day in Sacramento and at the Day on the Hill event that NPMA held. He said he has not seen the final rule draft from EPA. The rules addressed rodenticides, restricted use products, respirators, gloves or any of that. We were supposed to have that by last spring. RD said he received an email from EPA that has pushed this out to 2024.

Treleven noted the focus in NPMA's meeting in Washington DC was on pre-emption. He said the group went to nine congressional offices to present their case. He said there also has been some discussion about first generation rodenticides. He mentioned that in California, the governor is referring any decisions on the issue to scientists in their department of Agriculture.

Treleven reported there is a bill in Oregon that would limit the use and sale of gas-powered vehicles starting in 2032. He said they may also try to ban the use of small gas engines like lawn mowers and leaf blowers. He noted there has been a lot of discussion about tolling and other taxes needed to build the new I-5 bridge. He also noted minimum wage in Oregon will be going up and the rate is different for rural and metro area counties.

Treleven said Oregonians for Food and Shelter has been active in the legislature, but they will wait for the session to be done before they have a final report.

#### *D. Wildlife*

Dave Mays said they just had an ODFW education seminar that he attended. He said the training room is available at ODFW. We could use that for one of the wildlife seminars that Vesperis has been doing. Conrad said they might need a fair amount of notice to book the training room, perhaps as much as a year.

Mays noted ODFW will probably offer the seminar every other year. Also, he said he has a report that shows animals that were caught and the location and what was caught in Oregon. He will share that with the board. Conrad said it's racoon birthing season. Also, it was noted that there has been a rare sighting of a wolverine in western Oregon.

#### *E. Ethics*

Steve Nagel noted there has not been any activity in the ethics committee lately. Gail said he received an email from Steve Fisher with a picture of a nonmember company that was showing the NPMA logo and claiming to be a member. Gail said he sent that to NPMA, but since then he was not sure what steps NPMA has taken since sending that in. He also noted that discussion of any particular company or their marketing practices by the OPCA board can only occur if that company enters into the membership application process or has become a member of OPCA.

#### *F. Sponsorship*

Rennie Kubik was not in attendance. Gail said we have six exhibitors for the High Desert Seminar so far. He estimated we should have about 14 or 15.

### **5. Administrative Report**

Gail noted the office is planning the High desert Seminar. He said the River's Edge golf course has been booked. He said dues statements for 2023-24 will be sent out in late June with a July due date. Gail also noted he will print a list of lapsed members and send that to the board.

### **6. Old Business**

#### *A. General Pest Exam*

DeAngelo noted there have not been any new meetings on the general test exam committee since Brittny Jones left the agency.

### **7. New Business**

#### *A. Board of Director's Election*

Gail asked if any board members who are currently on the board are interested in running next year. DeAngelo noted it sounded like everyone would like to remain as a director. Granstrom said he will stay on as Treasurer. DeAngelo said Matt White will also remain as a director and that Steve Wittig had an interest in serving on the board. He will ask Wittig if he's interested in serving as president elect.

*B. Rodenticides*

DeAngelo noted there's a threat on the horizon that could impact presenters who talk about restricted use products at our meetings. He said they might have to hold an applicator license in Oregon to do that. However, currently, our speakers are not usually licensed in Oregon, even though they are experts on the topic. Treleven said the state of Oregon can't make any decisions on that until EPA does. Treleven also noted if products become restricted, a license will be needed to purchase them and that the amount that's able to be purchased depends on the EPA's ruling. DeAngelo also noted it's interesting to read the comments on the rodenticides rule draft. He said there are some good comments from physicians on the impacts.

*C. OPCA Merchandise*

Gail presented some ideas for merchandise for OPCA. He said we bought hats a few years ago but we are running out. He said they sell for \$5.00, but a lot have been given away as door prizes. He said it's good branding for OPCA to have merchandise. Gail shared several concepts for shirts, hats, mugs, water bottles and patches. Gail said the idea is not to replace the logo, instead, we would have the graphics displayed in combination with the logo. DeAngelo asked to get some estimates of costs and share that with the board at the next meeting. Gail said if a decision is made, we could have items available at the Fall beach meeting. Several commented they liked the designs. Gail said they were done by his assistant, Miriam McNie.

**8. Next Board Meeting**

DeAngelo said we will have the board meet on May 17 at 7:30 am via ZOOM.

**9. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting DeAngelo called the meeting to a close at 8:28 am.

*Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director*