

## OPCA Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2023

Salishan Coastal Lodge, Gleneden Beach, OR

### Board members attending (Indicated by\*)

\*Rennie Kubik, President  
\*Robert DeAngelo, Past President  
\*Matt White, President-Elect  
\*Bill Granstrom, Treasurer  
\*Larry Treleven, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, S.P.A.R.  
\*Tim Banwell, Director  
\*Dave Mays, Director  
\*Steve Nagel, Director  
\*Jesse Gooch, Director  
\*Steve Wittig, Director  
Cameron Yamaura, Director

### Others, Members:

Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director  
Terry Brant, Aspen Wildlife, OPCA Member

### **1. Welcome**

Rennie Kubik welcomed the group to the meeting at 4:26 pm. He noted we have 103 people registered for the meeting. Kubik said he called about 20 people, and he was able to get some people to come who hadn't before. He'd like to get about a dozen new members this year.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Kubik said the minutes of the August board meeting were presented for approval.

### **PASSED**

*Motion to accept the minutes from the board meeting in August. MM Larry Treleven; MS Robert DeAngelo. Motion carried.*

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

#### *A. Financial Report*

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

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$25,185.55
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,041.53
Wells Fargo Scholarship:	<u>\$4,740.92</u>
Total	<u>\$31,968.00</u>

Granstrom noted this is a better balance than we had about a month ago. He said we are getting close to budget on dues. Gail noted we are about 80% of budget for dues, 27% of budgeted seminar registration fees, and about 45% of budget on sponsor income. He noted this is a good result considering there are three more events during the year.

**PASSED**

*Motion to accept the financial report of August 31, 2023. MM Steve Nagel; MS Steve Wittig. Motion carried.*

**4. Committee Reports**

*A. Education*

Jesse Gooch said he has all the outlines for the Southern Oregon seminar. He said we have two speakers from Insect Beneficiary (Kelley and Eric). The other speakers are Nick Grisafe, Lars Hansen, and Jon Paulsen.

Gail described the recertification credit application process. He noted the sessions require a form to be filled out that allocates the number of minutes on various subjects. The previous education chair has filled out these forms, gathered the outlines, and sent them to the OPCA office. Gail said at that point he fills out the main seminar form and turns in all the forms and outlines to ODA and Washington State Department of Agriculture. He said WSDA accepts Oregon's detail forms along with the outlines and the full day's agenda. Gooch noted Cameron Yamaura is working on Nick Grisafe's outline.

Gail said Casa Amiga is the caterer for the Southern Oregon Seminar. They have catered several times before and it's always been great. Gail said we don't have any room blocks, but several hotels were listed on the website. Treleven recommended the Courtyard by Marriott at the airport because it's great for people who are flying into the meeting, like vendors.

Gail said we could also consider applying for California pesticide credit since pest control operators in Northern California may have interest in attending the Southern Oregon Seminar. He said it's a process and somewhat complicated. DeAngelo said the presenter has to be licensed in California in order to get credit. He said to contact Sarah Conrad at PCOC in CA at 916-572-0427 since she is knowledgeable about the process.

*B. Government Affairs*

Larry Treleven said they might not include preemption in the Farm Bill. So, NPMA may be drafting their own bill. They have a champion and some co-sponsors. He said it might be successful in the house, but more difficult in the senate. He said this year is the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary for NPMA. There are 2,000 people who have registered so far. He said NPMA's foundation is having a banquet to raise funds for scholarships. They might be able to share the fund with other state associations. Several board members noted they are going to PestWorld. DeAngelo said there seems to be some resistance from some people in the Senate on preemption and he described the politics of the situation.

Treleven noted EPA has been kicking the can down the road on the issue of rodenticides. He described the issue and the timeline and who these rules would impact. The respirators and thicker gloves they might require will make the work much more difficult. Another issue was the amount of water that must be on vehicles for cleaning spills and contact of chemicals on the skin. Keeping it fresh and at a cool temperature will be very time-consuming.

Treleven said PMP Magazine featured his Colorado office on the cover and in the magazine.

Treleven recommended raising dues for OPCA. He said we could have a percentage of it go to a political action fund. He said Pest Control Operators of California has 12 percent of their dues that goes to the Political Action Committee and there is an option to be in the "99 Club" where members can donate \$99 to the political action account. He recommends planning ahead to raise funds now instead of waiting until we need the funds. Dave Mays

noted having more members will help with raising funds. Treleven pointed out that Washington State Pest Management Association has over \$100,000 in their legislative fund. Terry Brant asked if individual contributions to Oregonians for Food and Shelter are attributed to OPCA. Matt White said we could move to a sliding scale dues structure in Oregon which is the same way Washington's association handles it. Treleven pointed out that we will be discussing this issue with the members at the member meeting the next day.

Treleven said NPMA has a state association meeting at PestWorld in Honolulu. He suggested the executive director attend Pest World and meet some of the NPMA staff and executives in the other state associations.

**PASSED**

*Motion to budget travel costs for Harvey Gail to attend Pest World in Hawaii in October 2023. MM Larry Treleven, MS Robert DeAngelo. Motion Carried.*

*C. Wildlife*

Dave Mays said he had nothing to report.

*D. Ethics*

Steve Nagel noted he had a call with a homeowner that wasn't really related to ethics, but it was a somewhat difficult situation.

*E. Sponsorship*

Steve Wittig noted there has been a fair amount of turnover among the industry representatives. He said we added a half dozen new sponsors but there were several other potential sponsors who didn't know about OPCA. He said several others had reasons why they couldn't attend; usually due to competing meetings that are somewhat close to our meeting. Gail will make an exhibitor form for the Southern Oregon Seminar. Gail will figure out the amount space available for vendors.

*F. Scholarship*

Mike Kesecker was not in attendance. Gail noted the due date for the scholarship application is April 30.

**5. Administrative Report**

Gail said we have another batch of dues for NPMA. He said the taxes will be prepared by our CPA and ready for signature some time in November.

**6. Old Business**

*A. IP 3 Ballot Measure*

Treleven described IP 3, the ballot measure that will make it illegal to harm animals. He said as of July the IP3 organizers have 30,000 signatures, but they need 112,000. He said if they get it on the ballot, it has to be voted on as it is written, and it can't be watered down. But the way it could be described in the voters' pamphlet could be vague and cause people to vote for it. Brant doubted it would pass in Oregon since there's just too many hunters and fishermen.

*B. Dues Increase*

Kubik noted the board voted to propose a dues increase at the last board meeting. He will bring this up at the member meeting the next day. In June the board approved a \$50 increase to \$275 for members and to \$200 for allied members effective 2024. However, more discussion and notification will be needed for a dues increase for members. Gail said the board's vote to raise dues for allied members could be instated now.

**7. New Business**

*A. High Desert Seminar Location*

Treleven said we went to Bend initially due to some criticism that OPCA needed to get around the state enough. Gail said the issue is whether we can have it at a resort or hotel. Brant said he uses the OPCA meeting as a way to be able to use some company funds to get some education credit and have a bit of vacation at the same time. He favored vacation areas like Bend for the meeting.

Gail said will get an estimate from the Salem Convention Center and one other Salem location. He mentioned there are other places on Salem that are probably more affordable, he mentioned several options.

The group discussed Redmond or Eagle Crest as options. Brant said the hotels in Redmond are a lot less expensive than in Bend. Kubik will bring the issue up at the member meeting the next day.

**8. Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting was scheduled for the week of PestWorld. Since some people couldn't attend due to that, he will move the board meeting to Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am.

**9. Adjournment**

Kubik asked if there was any other new business. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

**PASSED**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting. MM Larry Treleven; MS Matt White. Motion carried.*

With no further business, the meeting Kubik called the meeting to a close at 8:27 am.

*Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, Executive Director.*