

OPCA Board Meeting

April 20, 2022

7:30 am

via ZOOM meetings

Board members attending (Indicated by*)

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

Others, Members:

Harvey Gail, Executive Director
Cameron Yamaura, Education Committee
Mike Leupitz

1. Welcome

Larry Treleven, president welcomed the group to the meeting. It was noted a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Treleven noted the minutes were presented for approval.

PASSED

Motion to accept the board meeting minutes from the board meeting February 25. MM Robert DeAngelo; MS Bill Granstrom. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Bill Granstrom, Treasurer read the bank account balances as of April 18, as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$13,845.22
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,039.00
Wells Fargo Scholarship:	<u>\$5,409.83</u>
Total	\$21,294.05

Harvey Gail pointed out that seminar income is at 90% of budget, and people are still registering for the Bend seminar in June. Gail said our budgeted net income at the end of the fiscal year is \$1,000, but as of now net income is over \$7,000. Gail predicted OPCA would have a good year financially speaking.

4. Committee Reports

A. Education

Gail noted Mike Kesecker was not able to attend, but Cameron Yamaura, who is on the committee, is in attendance.

Gail said the Ant ID class was held in March with about 39 attendees. There were two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Robert DeAngelo noted he had six people. One of the attendees in his group noted that this was the best class he ever had. Treleven thanked Dr. Hansen and noted he was hopeful she is able to keep helping out in the future.

Gail said the seminar at the River House Conference Center in Bend is all set. We have about 60 people signed up so far and 11 exhibitors. Treleven noted due to a wedding, he will not be able to attend the meeting in Bend. So, Robert DeAngelo will be running the meeting.

Cameron Yamaura noted the Fall Beach meeting is September 16-17. So far, he and Kesecker have confirmed two speakers and they are looking for four more. Yamaura, asked if there were any ideas for speakers. He suggested looking for some creative topics, maybe a little different than the ones we usually have. He suggested carpet beetles, pantry pests or other subjects to keep it fresh. Treleven suggested a speaker on the history of termiticide and another on mosquito traps. This speaker would want a speaker fee or travel stipend. Jamel Standage from Nisus was at Hood River, and he would be good. He is speaking in Bend. Also, Treleven noted Ashley Roden is available. Since ODA is revising its general pest exam, Rose Kachadoorian from ODA was suggested as a speaker.

Gail said Southern Oregon is Nov 18 and is conformed at the Rogue Regency Inn. Gail said the Bear Hotel in Grants Pass was not available that day. Dave Mays asked if there was any feedback about the hotel from last year. Gail said the box lunches received low marks. Due to COVID restrictions and lack of staff at the Rogue Regency, we had to find a local caterer. They could not do a buffet, so that's why we had box lunches. Gail said he will confirm with the Rogue Regency about catering the lunch. He commented that it's good to have an event in the same location for two years in a row. So, after this year we will re-evaluate. Give it one more year, then decide. One issue is other Medford area hotels were not able to do meetings at all due to lack of staff. The Rogue Regency was the only one that did.

B. Government Affairs

Treleven said there is some legislation being proposed in Congress that addresses preemption. NPMA was able to work with Congressman Rodney Davis from Illinois to enter a bill. He noted several state pest control associations have signed on and he encouraged OPCA to sign it. Treleven said 44 of 50 states have pre-emption as state law, but it's under attack in several states. There was an attack on preemption in Colorado, but they were able to stop it. Treleven said we should draft letter of support and get it to NPMA right away. DeAngelo noted he was involved in Ohio when it was shot down. He noted it would be a nightmare if it were shot down in Oregon. Localities that set their own pesticide rules would be very difficult and expensive to manage.

PASSED

Motion to write a letter in support of the preemption bill in Congress. MM Dave Mays; MS Bill Granstrom. Motion Carried.

C. Sponsorship

Rennie Kubik noted he had five people said they were either signed up or were going to for the Bend seminar. He said he sent emails to everyone. Treleven asked if there was anyone new in the industry? Will Shavilly from Foreshaw was suggested. He is out of Las Vegas.

D. Wildlife

Dave Mays noted he has nothing to report.

E. Ethics

Steve Nagel noted he did not have anything to report from the ethics committee.

F. Scholarship

Gail said we don't have any scholarship applications yet, but he said its common to get them at the last second. He noted there's over \$5,000 in the scholarship account.

5. New Business

A. Member Application

Gail noted OPCA received an application from Valley Pest Control two weeks ago. He described the conversation he had with the owner where he reviewed the process the board goes through and that a vote is required. DeAngelo noted the letter received from Mike Leupitz.

Matt White reviewed the OPCA bylaws related to new member applications. If the new member is voted in, all new members are under probationary status for one year. With no complaints they are moved to regular status.

Mike Leupitz noted he's had other employees leave and start their own companies in the past, but this situation was different. He described the circumstances, in particular, the dates for when the business began advertising were noted.

Nagel said this issue does not fall under the ethics committee since they are not members. Yamaura commented that this has happened before with companies, so it's not a new development. Many times, employees who started their own company have come to OPCA to be members. He asked if we should set a precedent on who can and can't join and the criteria for those decisions. Yamaura asked if the board should provide a reason for voting down an application or just state the board's action. Treleven noted one reason would be that the company has not been in business long enough to have a track record to review. Mays suggested we ask them to reapply in one year. Leupitz noted the purpose of the voting process for new members is to allow members to provide input on the new member's business. These comments are noted in his letter.

MOTION FAILED

Motion to accept the membership application for Valley Pest Control. Robert DeAngelo. Motion failed for lack of a second.

It was suggested OPCA's bylaws could be revised to provide more clarity. Gail said these discussions should take place at the member meeting in Bend. The soonest a bylaws change could be voted on would be September.

B. ODA General Pest Exam

Gail noted Rose Kachadoorian and Colton Bond asked that OPCA provide some help on a committee to revise the general pest exam. Treleven offered Ashley Roden to help with the effort.

C. Slate for Board of Directors Vote

Gail noted the board needs to prepare and approve a slate for the 2022-23 board election. The slate should be ready for a vote by the board by the next board meeting on May 18.

6. Old Business

None presented.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was called for adjournment at 8:56 am.

PASSED

Motion to adjourn. MM Rennie Kubik; MS Bill Granstrom. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director