

OPCA Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2022

Best Western PLUS Agate Beach Inn, Newport, OR

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

1. Welcome

Robert DeAngelo president welcomed the group to the meeting at 4:27. It was noted a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

PASSED

Motion to accept the board meeting minutes from the board meeting on August 17, 2022. MM Larry Treleven; MS Matt White. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report

Bill Granstrom Treasurer, noted bank account balances as of September 15, as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$33,842.28
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,039.09
Wells Fargo Scholarship:	<u>\$5,535.06</u>
Total	\$41,416.43

Gail said OPCA is at 40% of the budget for seminars, due to a robust registration for the Fall Beach Seminar. Also, we are at 51% of collections for membership dues. Gail said we usually collect around 75 percent of the dues by the end of September. Treleven said the Washington Pest Management Association has about \$180,000 in the bank and the California Association has about a million in the bank. He said the Utah association has about the same amount in the bank as we do, and they are only four years old. He said our balance currently at \$41,000 is good, and higher

than it has been in several years, but we may need to rely on those funds to fund a government affairs challenge. The group discussed the legislative challenges that may be faced in the future. Examples of the challenges we may face. Treleven noted the executive director of the Washington association retired.

PASSED

Motion to accept the financial report. MM Larry Treleven; MS Dave Mays. Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports

A. Education

Mike Keseker was not able to attend, so DeAngelo gave a report of the speakers for the Fall Beach Seminar. He asked Treleven to introduce Kacie Hargett. DeAngelo will introduce the rest of the speakers. Speakers for the Southern Oregon Seminar are being contacted.

B. Government Affairs

Treleven said we are getting a lot of pressure to ban neonicotinoids across the country. He noted California is considering a ban on the chemicals. This will impact the agriculture market, but as long as we are using them inside the pest control industry might be able to avoid restrictions. He said neonics are very important for controlling bed bugs. He said using heat to control for bed bugs in public housing is insufficient. He said the bill passed three weeks ago but hasn't been signed by the governor yet. It has 30 days to be signed, but it would go into effect anyway after 30 days.

Treleven described the people involved in California and he noted Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Michigan also have preemption bills. He said the preemption bill was being promoted by Rodney Davos but he did not win the election. The strategy was to include the preemption language in the farm bill also. Treleven had feedback from a congressman that including it in the farm bill is a better strategy than have a standalone bill. He said six states do not have the preemption, but even in the states that do have it, that protection could unravel. He said the farm bill will not be voted in until after the election. He said the state of Colorado is in danger of losing preemption.

Treleven commented on staffing changes at NPMA. He noted Andy Architect has been running many of the state government affairs meetings. Treleven said the Washington association reelected him as the SPAR (State Public Affairs Representative) and they elected Billy Olson as the Vice SPAR. Treleven described the family members at Sprague and their administrative roles.

Treleven said California and Washington passed legislation that will ban sales of new gasoline powered vehicles by 2035. He these moves toward electrification are coming, so Sprague is getting in front of it by installing solar panels and charging stations on their buildings. The changes will also eventually impact fleet vehicles.

C. Sponsorship

Rennie Kubik was not in attendance. Gail said some of the sponsors went to the Hawaii Pest Control Association meeting which is being held the same weekend. He said we need to make sure we keep the meetings spread out to avoid conflicts with the vendors. Treleven noted Bayer is spinning off the pest control division into a new company called Evue which takes place in October. Baton leads is another new sponsor.

D. Wildlife

Dave Mays said IP 13 the petition to make hunting illegal failed to collect the 112,000 signatures it needed to be on the ballot. But it's expected to come back in the future. The measure would have made the killing of all animals illegal. It also would have restricted some animal husbandry practices. Treleven said Katie Murray at OFS would like to speak to us in the future. He suggested we consider legislators as speakers as well. Matt White noted Raquel Moore-Green will be speaking to his office. She is running for State Senate.

E. Ethics

Steve Nagel was not in attendance.

F. Scholarship Committee

DeAngelo said Connor Hiddleston has won the scholarship. He has been invited. Mike Kesecker will be taking the role of scholarship chair. Cameron Yamaura has been helping Kesecker with the education committee.

5. Administrator's Report

Gail noted the office is busy with recording dues and arranging this meeting. He also noted NPMA is raising their national dues. The new rates are an increase of five percent and they come online in January. Gail showed the examples of the membership materials that will be kitted up and given to reps. Treleven noted Jillian Gardner is the contact for membership at NPMA.

5. Old Business

A. ODA General Pest Exam

DeAngelo said we had the exam committee with members including himself, Tim Banwell, Mike Kesecker, Ashley Roden, Chris Winson, Stan Dawkins, Dave Mays, Jeff Weier, and Colton Bond. DeAngelo said it was a "get to know you" meeting for the most part. They got a good feel for what we are thinking and what we would like to see in the exam. The passing rate is only 34% which is suggestive some work to be done. He said ODA used the Oregon addendum, some of which has nothing to do with pest control. They brought up the Utah exam. Also, ODA would like it to be more focused to younger people. at ODA has retired. DeAngelo said Rose Kachadoorian is retiring in October. They have not called another meeting yet.

6. New Business

None presented.

7. Next Board Meeting

DeAngelo said we will have the board meet October 19 via ZOOM. He offered to use the training room at The Killers office in Salem for a board meeting. Some people could be virtual.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting DeAngelo called the meeting to a close at 5:37 pm.

Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director

