

**Minutes of the 91st Annual Meeting
Orchard Pest & Disease Management Conference
Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon
January 11-13, 2017**

I. Call to Order

The 91st Annual Meeting was called to order by Chair Janet Caprile at 9:11 am on January 11, 2017. Chair Caprile welcomed approx. 200 attendees who will present 48 papers and posters, and one keynote and two featured presentations. Chair Caprile asked for each attendee to make a brief self-introduction, and then introduced the session moderators. They were:

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| Chemical Control/New Products | Larry Gut |
| Biology/Phenology | Emily Symmes |
| Mating Disruption/SIR | Christeen Abbott |
| Implementation | Chuck Ingels |
| Thresholds/Monitoring | Brad Higbee |
| Biological Control | Jhalendra Rijal |
| Invasive Species | David Haviland |

II. Old Business

- A. Approval of 2016 Minutes: Secretary Alston announced that the 2016 minutes were posted on the OPDMC website and printed in the back of the abstract booklet. She asked for amendments. There were none. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the 2016 minutes.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nik Wiman presented the 2016 Treasurer's Report. The OPDMC current account balance (carry-forward) is \$5,320. Last year's registration income was \$9,950. This year's registration income is projected to be \$11,518. With the 2017 registration income, the new balance will be \$16,838. Outstanding expenses include 2016 Executive Director pay of \$1,000; WSU (Chris Sater) costs for website update and maintenance, and preparation of conference proceedings (\$3,569 for 2016); and keynote speaker travel costs for 2017 of about \$700. There was a call for questions; there were none. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the 2016 treasurer's report.

Chair Caprile called for other old business. There was none.

III. New Business

- A. Executive Director Peter McGhee provided an update on the impact of the current weather conditions on the conference. Portland was currently shut down due to snowfall and cold temperatures; many restaurants were closed. The hotel will provide a buffet lunch. Conference attendance is down, in part due to the bad weather.
- B. ED McGhee asked all members to update their contact information by clicking on the link in the Mail Chimp-generated OPDMC email messages.
- C. Committee Assignments:
 - a. Nominations: Larry Gut (Chair), Betsy Beers, and Chuck Ingles

- b. Audit: Bob Van Steenwyk (Chair), Mike Devencenzi, and Rick Hilton
- c. Resolutions: Art Agnello (Chair), Peter Shearer, and Alan Knight
- D. Chair Caprile called for the names of any members that had passed away during the last year.
 - a. Bill (William) Coates with University of California Cooperative Extension is a member that recently passed away. A moment of silence was given in recognition of Bill Coates.
- E. Chair Caprile gave the new conference announcements:
 - a. Caprile introduced the keynote speaker, Jim Miller, Michigan State University. Jim will speak at 3:30 pm today, followed by a mixer at 5:00 pm.
 - b. The poster session will be held during the coffee break on Thursday at 10:00 am.
 - c. The featured presentations will be on nut orchards by Nik Wiman and David Haviland at 11:00 am on Thursday, and on insect postage stamps by Larry Gut at 3:30 pm on Thursday.
 - d. The disease conference session will be held in the Broadway I room. Today's topics will be vegetables, ornamentals and turf. Tomorrow's topic will be tree fruit.
- F. Chair Caprile provided presentation instructions to speakers.

Chair Caprile called for a motion to close the opening business meeting. It was moved, seconded, and voted to close the opening business meeting. Chair Caprile introduced the first session moderator.

IV. Closing Business Meeting

Chair Caprile called the closing business meeting to order on January 13, 2017, at 11:59 am.

- A. Old Business
 - a. Secretary Alston gave a summary report of discussions and decisions from the 2017 Board of Directors' meeting held on Jan 11 at noon:
 - i. The contract with Hilton hotel runs through our 2018 meeting. ED McGhee will lead an inquiry into potential hotel sites in Portland.
 - ii. The OPDMC website was re-designed in 2016-17; movement of the archived materials is still in progress.
 - b. Treasurer Wiman presented the final treasurer's report (see II. Old Business).
- B. New Business
 - a. ED McGhee discussed the concern for shortening the meeting that would coincide with loss of hotel room nights that must be met with the current contract. Peter recommended that we maintain the 2.5 day meeting length through 2018. There was an open discussion of pros and cons for the current meeting length. McGhee decided to poll the entire membership with an online survey sent out in an email message. He will ask if members want to keep the length as it is, start Wednesday at 1:00 pm (delayed from current start of 9:00 am), or end Thursday evening (the last two options will shorten the meeting by 0.5 day).
 - b. ED McGhee asked if email communication with the members was going well. The unequivocal answer was 'yes'.

- c. ED McGhee relayed that the OPDMC Board of Directors want to raise registration fees to \$90 pre-registration + \$10 abstract = \$100 to better cover conference costs. Students will still be free.
- d. ED McGhee proposed that the Plant Pathology group should formally join the Entomology group in paying registration fees (fees cover coffee, the social open bar, and meeting room costs). If they agree, one member representing plant pathologists will be added to the Board of Directors.

Chair Caprile called for any other new business. There was none.

C. Committee Reports:

- a. Nominations: Betsy Beers gave the report for Chair Gut. Arthur Agnello was nominated as Chair-Elect, Diane Alston as Secretary, Nik Wiman as Treasurer, Peter McGhee as Executive Director, and Betsy Beers as Program Chairs. Call for motions and vote to approve the nominations; all officers were voted in.
- b. Audit: Rick Hilton gave the report for Chair Van Steenwyk. The Audit Committee reviewed and accepted the financial report, and report that the OPDMC financial records are in good order. There was a vote to approve the Audit Report.
- c. Resolutions: Peter Shearer gave the report for Chair Agnello. The resolutions were accepted by vote. (*Note to Secretary Alston – revise next year to acknowledge Chris Sater for IT support).

D. Chair Caprile called for nominations for the Rubber Chicken Award.

- a. Broc Zoller nominated all speakers for using too small of text in their slides.
- b. Rick Hilton nominated David Haviland for attacking the microphone several times during his talk.
- c. Peter McGhee nominated Lisa Neven for submitting her talk late, two times, and including incorrect information on Okanagan Co. in her presentation.
- d. David Haviland nominated Tom Baker for believing in immunity from the rubber chicken award, and then going over his allotted presentation time.
- e. All MSU speakers were nominated by numerous members for shamelessly promoting the 'Miller Book' in their talks.

Chair Caprile asked the award nominees to leave the room and called for a vote on the Rubber Chicken Award. The vote was strongly in favor of Lisa Neven. When informed of her selection, Neven defended herself by saying that she was given incorrect information for Okanagan Co.

It was suggested that OPDMC could add a Golden Apple Award to recognize a top quality presentation each year.

- E. Chair Caprile thanked all of the section leaders and executive director for making the conference run smoothly. Caprile thanked Betsy, Chris and the WSU team for developing the new website and conducting the meeting preparation.
- F. Chair Caprile announced next year's meeting dates: January 10-12, 2018 at the Hilton, Portland.

- G. Chair Caprile passed the gavel to the in-coming Chair Harvey Yoshida, who closed the meeting with the pounding of the gavel.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Alston, Secretary

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