

**Minutes of the 81st Annual Meeting  
Orchard Pest and Disease Management Conference  
Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon  
January 10 -12, 2007**

## **Minutes**

### **I. Call to Order**

The **President Walt Bentley** called the **81st Annual Meeting to order** at 10:00 AM. President Bentley extended an official welcome to everyone. President Bentley then called for the participants to introduce themselves. President Bentley introduced section leaders. They were:

Thresholds/monitoring	- Lucia Varela
Biological Control	- Vince Jones
Resistance Management	- Bob Van Steenwyk
Chemical Control/New Products	- Joe Grant
Biology/Phenology	- Pat Weddle
Tree Fruit Diseases	- Gary Grove
Mating Disruption/SIR	- Carolyn Pickle
Implementation	- Walt Bentley

### **II. Old Business**

#### **A. Issues Arising from the Meeting of the Board of Directors**

President Bentley announced that the Board of Directors held their annual meeting at 6:30 am on Wednesday, January 10. The Board consisted of Past President Vince Jones, President Walt Bentley, President Elect Harvey Reissig, Program Chair John Dunley and Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Hays.

#### **B. Reading of 2006 Minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that the minutes be approved as written. Secretary Hays indicated that the minutes would be posted at the registration desk and that members could also review them in the appendix to the abstracts, which are available on the organization's web site.

#### **C. Miscellaneous**

Posters will be put on display today. Thursday at 10:00 am a poster session will be held for one hour. The presenters were asked to be available for questions.

President Bentley called for a report of the officers. There were no reports.

President Bentley called for any other old business. There was none.

### **III. New Business**

#### **A. Committee Assignments**

The following committee assignments were made:

**Nominations:** Mike Willett, Joan Fisher, and Harvey Yoshida

**Audit:** Broc Zoller, Dave Epstein and Lucia Varela

**Resolutions:** Carolyn Pickle, Rick Hilton and Bob Van Steenwyk

#### **B. PCA Sign Up Sheets**

Sign up sheets will be available at the registration desk by afternoon coffee.

#### **C. Call for Further New Business**

There was no further new business. The business meeting was then adjourned until 11:00 am, Friday, January 12.

### **IV. Closing Business Meeting**

President Bentley called the closing business meeting to order at 10:30 am on January 12.

President Bentley asked if there were any additions to the minutes. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes.

President Bentley called for further new business.

Joan Fischer asked that we do not reduce the size of the room next year from Wednesday to Thursday. Executive Director Thomson stated that we had been in this room for five or six years. He said because of attendance the room is too small now. Executive Director Thomson will talk with the Hilton.

Another member asked about the program schedule. Executive Director Thomson stated it rotates every year so if Thresholds was first this year then next year it will be last.

Executive Director Thomson talked about how Helmut Riedl and Pierre Charmillot were invited to talk as guest speakers. He suggested we invite a speaker every year and pay for the speaker's travel expenses. He suggested a candidate might be Camille Parneson to talk about global warming. Betsy Beers like the idea of a keynote speaker in general. Broc Zoller suggested that the keynote speaker should pay his or her own way. Agenor Mafra asked for free beer at the wine & cheese reception instead. Peter Shearer made a motion that the Board of Directors should decide on the topic and keynote speaker each year. The motion was seconded and approved.

Agenor asked about continuing to have the poster session. It was discussed that the Board will talk about how to improve the poster session.

Pat Weddle mentioned that he heard complaints about not having enough abstracts this year. Program Director, John Dunley said it was more flexible to have the abstracts on the internet so members could peruse beforehand. Chris Nobbs suggested we print the list of speakers, (program

agenda) if we did not print the abstracts. Helmut Riedl and Betsy Beers also liked the idea of a program. Tom Larson asked to have a link by the Hotel Icon to print the abstract. John Dunley said the website would be more smooth next year. Executive Director Thomson suggested we stick with the electronic abstracts.

Pat Weddle asked if everyone who participated in the meeting actually registered. Executive Director Thomson said it was not a big issue. An idea was presented to have a locked box so when people come late they could still register.

President Bentley then called for the committee reports.

## **A. Committee Reports:**

### **1. Nominations:**

The nominating committee nominated Tom Larsen, Suterra LLC, 213 SW Columbia, Bend, OR 97702 as

President Elect; Nancy Hays, Pacific Biocontrol Corporation, 14615 NE 13th Court, Suite A, Vancouver, WA 98685 as Secretary/Treasurer; Don Thomson, DJS Consulting Services, LLC, 3015 SW 109 Street, Seattle, WA 98146 as Executive Director; and John Dunley, Washington State University, Wenatchee, WA as Program Chair for the 2008 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the nominations committee. The motion passed unanimously. Walt Bentley, University of California, Parlier, CA will be the Past-President for the 2008 meeting and Harvey Reissig, Cornell University, Geneva, New York will be the President for the 2008 meeting.

### **2. Audit**

The Audit Committee reported that the committee had met with Treasurer Nancy Hays and Executive Director Don Thomson. The committee reported that they have examined the Report of the Treasurer and recommended that the membership accept the report of the Treasurer. It was moved, seconded and approved.

Nancy Hays gave the Treasurer's report. She reported that the balance forward from December 31, 2005 was \$3,750.14. The 2006 meeting took in \$4,600.00. Expenses in 2006 were \$6,136.13. The balance as of December 31, 2006 was \$2,214.00. For the 2007 meeting we have taken in dues of approximately \$8,600.

### **3. Resolutions**

- a. Be it resolved that this conference extend written appreciation to the management and staff of the Hilton Hotel for the courteous service and the fine accommodations provided.
- b. Be it resolved that the members of the conference express their appreciation to Past President Vince Jones, President Walt Bentley, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Hays, Executive Director Don Thomson and Program Chair John Dunley for their leadership and dedication in organizing the 2007 meeting.
- c. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center, Washington State University and in particular Bette Brattain and Christina Mayer for applying for pesticide applicator credits from the various states.

- d. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center, Washington State University, Wenatchee, and in particular Bette Brattain, Christina Mayer and John Dunley, for preparing the abstracts.
- e. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center, Washington State University, Wenatchee and in particular, Jerry Tangren, Better Brattain, Christina Mayer and John Dunley, for organizing and maintaining the WOPDMC web site.
- f. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the section leaders: Lucia Varela, Vince Jones, Bob Van Steenwyk, Joe Grant, Pat Weddle, Gary Grove, Carolyn Pickle and Walt Bentley.
- g. Be it resolved that the Secretary write letters of condolences to Kelly Denton and the family of other members who passed away the past year.
- h. Be it resolved that the members of the conference express their appreciation to our guests of honor, Pierre-Joseph Charmillot and Helmut Riedl, for sharing their life's work and memories at the 2007 conference.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the resolutions.

Andy Kahn was awarded the Rubber chicken award.

It was announced that the meeting for the 2008 meeting will take place the 2nd full week of January.

President Bentley thanked those who had attended and helped in various capacities to make the 81<sup>st</sup> Orchard Pest and Disease Management Conference a success. President Bentley turned over the proceedings to President Elect Harvey Reissig. He adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy J. Hays  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Orchard Pest and Disease Management Conference