

**Minutes of the 86th Annual Meeting
Orchard Pest & Disease Management Conference
Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon
January 11 -13, 2012**

I. Call to Order

The 86th Annual Meeting was called to order by the President Tom Unruh at 9:00 am on January 11, 2012. President Unruh welcomed everyone, asked speakers to not exceed 15 min per presentation to maintain the meeting schedule, asked for each attendee to introduce themselves, and introduced session leaders. They were:

Mating Disruption/SIR	- Alan Knight
Implementation	- Rick Hilton
Thresholds/Monitoring	- Don Thomson
Biological Control	- Tom Unruh
Invasive Species	- Angela Gadino
Chemical Control	- Ron Britt

II. Old Business

A. Reading of 2011 Minutes: Secretary Alston announced that the 2011 minutes are posted on the OPDMC website and printed in the back of the abstract booklet. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the 2011 minutes.

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

III. New and Miscellaneous Business

A. Call for New Business

President Unruh called for new business. There was none.

B. Call for Volunteers for Committee Positions

President Unruh called for volunteers for committee positions. The following committee assignments were made:

Nominations: Larry Gut (Chair), Walt Bentley, and Peter Shearer

Audit: David Epstein (Chair), Peter McGhee, and Bob Van Steenywyk

Resolutions: Elizabeth Beers (Chair), Rick Hilton, and Tom Unruh

C. Pesticide License Credit Sign Up Sheets

Sign up sheets will be available at the registration desk.

The business meeting was then adjourned until 11:00 am, Friday, January 13.

IV. In Memoriam

Two prominent members died in the past year and memoriam presentations on their lives and contributions to tree fruit entomology were given.

- A. Peter Westigard – presentation by Rick Hilton
- B. Dick Rice – presentation by Walt Bentley
- C. Sympathy cards to the families are on the registration desk and members were asked to leave a note.
- D. A moment of silence for Peter and Dick was observed

V. Closing Business Meeting

The closing business meeting was called to order by President Unruh on January 13.

A. Board Meeting Report

President Unruh called upon Secretary Alston for a report on the 2012 Board of Directors' Meeting which was held on January 11, 2012 at 7:00 am. The following information items were presented:

- The board revisited the conference name and confirmed that they would follow their previous vote to retain “Disease” in the conference name, but drop “Western” to reflect the national and international scope of the meeting. The website manager will be contacted and a request submitted to revise the conference name on the website.
- Conference registration fees: 1) pre-registration online cost \$40 for registration and \$10 for the abstract booklet, and 2) registration on-site cost \$50 for registration and \$10 for the abstract booklet. The board voted to keep the \$10 increase for on-site registration to encourage pre-registration.
- Pre-loading slideshows using AirDropper worked very well; only four talks were not submitted by the deadline.
- There has been a concern expressed about the workload for Christina Mayer, WSU employee, who graciously manages the meeting abstracts and prepares the abstract booklet. This has been done gratis in the past because the conference is unable to compensate Christina because she is a WSU employee. The board is exploring the option of identifying someone else to prepare the abstracts and to compensate them for their time.
- Please submit suggestions for future conference key-note speakers; Camille Parmesan, Texas A&M, has been contacted to be the 2013 key-note speaker; she isn't confirmed yet; her topic would be on the effect of climate change on insects and agriculture.
- Two announcements were made:
 - Reminder to drop off name tags at registration desk to be re-used next year
 - Requested a copy of the three committee reports from the committee chairs

B. Further New Business

President Unruh called for further new business including comments about the hotel, conference format, etc.

- WiFi in the hotel rooms cost \$10 per day; it was requested to negotiate free WiFi in the meeting contract.
- Request for screen to be placed higher to make it more visible from the back of the room.
- Request to keep meeting room more open for the Friday morning session; closing the side walls crowded the seating area.

- Request for 2 cordless mics to facilitate hearing questions from the audience.
- Request for a more user-friendly laser pointer
- Don Thomson commented that we need to balance the wishes with costs.
- Scott Ockey suggested that the conference could seek industry support to cover some meeting costs; Don responded that the board has felt that corporate sponsorship was not appropriate and that we want all attendees to be equal and pay the same fees.
- Request for a larger meeting room for the disease session; it was very crowded this year.
- Chris Nobbs asked about interest in hosting a photo salon during the conference, perhaps during the Wed evening mixer; he offered to organize it. There was some interest expressed by the members.
- Request to avoid concurrent tree fruit entomology and disease sessions; it was mentioned that this may be difficult to do because the tree fruit disease session would have to be placed before the vegetable and field crop disease session and so it might have to be on Tues or Wed morning.

C. Committee Reports

President Unruh called for the committee reports.

1. Nominations

Chair Larry Gut made the following recommendations:

President-Elect: Lucia Varela (University of California)

Secretary: Diane Alston (Utah State University)

Treasurer: Nancy Hays (Pacific Biocontrol Corp.)

Executive Director: Donald Thomson (DJS Consulting Services)

Program Co-Chairs: Betsy Beers (Washington State University) and John Dunley (Wilbur Ellis)

David Epstein will serve as President in 2013

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the nominations committee. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Audit

Chair David Epstein reported that the committee examined the Report of the Treasurer and recommended that the membership accept the report. It was moved, seconded, and approved.

3. Resolutions

Chair Betsy Beers read the proposed resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that this conference extend written appreciation to the management and staff of the Hilton Hotel for the courteous service and fine accommodations provided.

2. Be it resolved that the members of the conference express their appreciation to Executive Director Don Thomson (who served his 13th year as ED and was presented with a bottle of wine by President Unruh), the Past President Peter Shearer, President Tom Unruh, President-Elect David Epstein, Secretary Diane Alston, Treasurer Nancy Hays, and Program Co-Chairs John Dunley and Betsy Beers for their leadership and dedication in organizing the 2012 meeting.

3. 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, Christina Mayer, for applying for pesticide applicator credits from participating states and preparing the meeting abstracts, Jerry Tangren for maintaining the OPDMC website, and Bruce Greenfield for transporting the poster boards.

4. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the session leaders: Alan Knight, Rick Hilton, Don Thomson, Tom Unruh, Angela Gadino, and Ron Britt for ably overseeing the entomology sessions of the 2012 conference.
5. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to Tamala Blunt, Colorado State University, and Jay Pscheidt, Oregon State University, for ably overseeing the disease management session of the 2012 conference.
6. Be it resolved that the Secretary send the signed sympathy cards to the families of Dick Rice and Peter Westigard, recently deceased members.

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

D. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Hays gave the Treasurer Report

Beginning balance	\$4,875.65
Income	\$10,442.59
Expenses	\$7,938.95
Net cash inflow	\$2,503.64
Ending balance	\$7,379.29

E. Call for Nominations for the Rubber Chicken Award

President Unruh called for nominations:

1. Brad Higbee nominated Tom Unruh for taking phone calls while presiding over the meeting.
2. Dave Epstein nominated Doug Light for the busiest title slide ever.
3. Larry Gut nominated Walt Bentley for answering a question that suggested a toilet paper roll as the solution.
4. Harvey Reissig nominated Larry Gut for now researching Puffers after pooh-poohing them for many years.
5. Tom Unruh nominated Harvey Reissig for saying “you just have to believe me” two times during his presentation without backing it up with data.

President Unruh called for a vote from the membership based on loudness of applause for each name. There was tie between Tom Unruh and Larry Gut. A vote by a show of hands was taken for the two finalists. Larry received 23 votes to Tom’s 21 votes. President Unruh awarded Larry Gut the rubber chicken. Larry commented that this was his 34th year to attend this conference and in 33 years he had never received the rubber chicken, but he wasn’t so lucky in his 34th year.

President Unruh passed the gavel to the New President, Dave Epstein who adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Alston

Secretary

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