

**Minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Orchard Pest & Disease Management Conference  
Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon  
January 8 -10, 2014**

**I. Call to Order**

The 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was called to order by the Chair Lucia Varela at 9:00 am on January 8, 2014. Chair Varela welcomed attendees, asked for each attendee to introduce themselves, and introduced session leaders. They were:

Thresholds/Monitoring	- Walt Bentley
Biological Control	- Mike Devencenzi
Invasive Species	- Larry Gut
Chemical Control	- Peter Shearer
Biology/Phenology	- Bob Van Steenwyk
Mating Disruption/SIR	- Jack Jenkins
Implementation	- Janet Caprile

**II. Old Business**

**A. Approval of 2013 Minutes:** Secretary Alston announced that the 2013 minutes are posted on the OPDMC website and printed in the back of the abstract booklet. Betsy Beers proposed an amendment to the 2013 minutes to recognize Chris Sater for assisting the conference with obtaining pesticide credits and preparing the abstracts. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the amended 2013 minutes.

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

**III. New Business and Conference Information**

**A. Call for New Business**

Chair Varela called for new business.

- Betsy Beers called for a volunteer to manage Oregon pesticide credits (it is more complex than for other states). Peter Shearer, OSU, volunteered as liaison to Oregon Dept. of Ag. to arrange for pesticide credits for OR at next year's meeting.
- Diane Alston thanked Don Thomson for negotiating with the Hilton staff to include wifi in lodging room rate.

**B. Meeting Information**

General meeting information was presented by Executive Director Thomson:

- Over 200 pre-registrations for the conference with more on-site registrations.
- Coffee will be served at 3:00 pm today and 10:00 am tomorrow.
- The keynote address will be presented by Dr. Stephen Welter at 3:30 today; Steve's abstract is in the program.
- Social mixer in the foyer today at 5:00 pm following the keynote address.
- Poster session at 10:00 am Thursday in the foyer.
- Concurrent disease session Wed and Thurs.
- Pollinator presentation will be moved to Thursday; there is a pollinator questionnaire by the poster in the foyer that you are requested to fill out.

Chair Varela provided speaker instructions:

- 15 min per talk; at 13 min the moderator will give a signal to the speaker; help the conference stay on schedule.

### **C. Call for Volunteers for Committee Positions**

Chair Varela called for volunteers for committee positions. The following committee assignments were made:

**Audit:** Bob Van Steenwyk (Chair), Chuck Ingels, and Barat Bisabri

**Nominations:** Larry Gut (Chair), Jay Brunner, and Becky Ela

**Resolutions:** Dave Epstein (Chair), Peter McGhee, and Rick Hilton

### **D. In Memoriam**

Chair Varela called for names of conference participants who passed away in the last year. There were none.

Chair Varela called for a motion, second, and vote to adjourn the opening business meeting, which was concluded until the closing business meeting on Friday.

## **IV. Closing Business Meeting**

The closing business meeting was called to order by Chair Varela at 10:25 am on January 10, 2014.

### **A. Board Meeting Report**

Secretary Alston provided a summary of the 2014 Board of Directors' Meeting which was held on January 10, 2014 at 6:45 am. The following information items were presented:

- Pre-registration through PayPal worked well; pre-registration is highly encouraged. Conference registration fees will be the same for 2015: 1) pre-registration online \$40 and \$10 for the printed abstract booklet, and 2) registration on-site \$50 and \$10 for the abstract booklet. The board voted to keep the \$10 increase for on-site registration to encourage pre-registration.
- The board approved the purchase of a new PC computer with a faster processor to facilitate quicker loading of slideshow presentations during the conference.
- The board agreed to try to better coordinate conference communications with the Plant Disease Session and Pacific Northwest Crops Conference. The board will attempt to post agendas from the other meetings on the website and have printed copies of the agenda at the registration desk.
- Pre-loading slideshows using AirDropper worked very well and will continue to be used. Presenters are encouraged to submit their slideshows by the deadline to make it easier for Don and program co-chairs.
- Request to drop off name tags at registration desk to be re-used next year.

### **B. Further New Business**

Chair Varela called for further new business:

- A request to include affiliations on nametags.
- A request to revise pre-registration format on the PayPal website so that names and affiliations of all attendees could be entered.

### **C. Committee Reports**

Chair Varela called for the committee reports.

#### **1. Nominations**

Chair Larry Gut made the following nominations:

President-Elect: Steve Ela (Ela Family Farms, CO)

Secretary: Diane Alston (Utah State University)

Treasurer: Nancy Hays (Pacific Biocontrol Corp.)  
Executive Director: Donald Thomson (Pacific Biocontrol Corp.)  
Program Co-Chairs: Betsy Beers (Washington State University) and John Dunley (Wilbur Ellis)  
Jack Jenkins (Pacific Biocontrol Corp.) will serve as Chair in 2015  
A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the nominations committee. The motion was passed.

## **2. Audit**

Chair Bob Van Steenwyk 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 Dave Epstein proposed the following 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, the Past Chair Dave Epstein, Chair Lucia Varela, Chair-Elect Jack Jenkins, Secretary Diane Alston, Treasurer Nancy Hays, and Program Co-Chairs John Dunley and Betsy Beers for their leadership and dedication in organizing the 2014 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, Chris Sater, for applying for pesticide applicator credits from participating states and preparing the meeting abstracts, and Jerry Tangren for maintaining the OPDMC website.
4. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the session leaders: Walt Bentley, Mike Devencenzi, Larry Gut, Peter Shearer, Bob Van Steenwyk, Jack Jenkins, and Janet Caprile for ably overseeing the entomology sessions of the 2014 conference.
5. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to Tamla Blunt, Colorado State University, for ably overseeing the disease management session of the 2014 conference.

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

## **D. Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Hays gave the Treasurer Report

Beginning cash balance	\$1,727.26
Income	\$26,052.70
Expenses	\$14,288.78
Total cash & PayPal balance as of 12/31/13	\$13,491.18

## **E. Call for Nominations for the Rubber Chicken Award**

Chair Varela called for nominations:

1. Larry Gut nominated Doug Light for blatantly promoting his own product during his presentation.
2. Lucia Varela nominated John Dunley for answering the phone during his presentation and not editing down his lengthy presentation even though he said he would several times during the presentation.
3. Peter Shearer nominated Alan Knight for soliciting an invitation for his keynote address.
4. Steve Ela nominated Chelsea Eby for including a graphic video of maggots eating a mouse caught in an insect trap during her presentation.

Chair Varela called for a vote from the membership by a show of hands. It was competitive vote, but Doug Light won his second rubber chicken award.

Chair Varela presented Executive Director Thomson with two bottles of wine for his meritorious service

to the conference: one bottle from Argentina (a neighbor to her native country of Uruguay), and one from her current home in Sonoma Valley.

Chair Varela passed the gavel to the 2015 Chair Jack Jenkins, who adjourned the meeting.

Conference dates for next year are January 7-9, 2015. It will be held once again at the Portland Hilton.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Alston  
Secretary  
2014 Orchard Pest and Disease Management Conference