

**Minutes of the 90th Annual Meeting
Orchard Pest & Disease Management Conference
Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon
January 13-15, 2016**

I. Call to Order

The 90th Annual Meeting was called to order by the Chair Steve Ela at 9:00 am on January 13, 2016. Chair Ela welcomed approx. 200 attendees who will present 45 papers and posters, and three featured and two keynote presentations. Chair Ela asked for each attendee to make a brief self-introduction, and then introduced the session moderators. They were:

Invasive Species	Peter McGhee
Chemical Control/New Products	Tim Ksander
Biology/Phenology	Mike Devencenzi
Mating Disruption/SIR	Alan Knight
Implementation	Glenn Thayer
Thresholds/Monitoring	Glenn Thayer
Biological Control	Betsy Beers

II. Old Business

- A. Approval of 2015 Minutes: Secretary Alston announced that the 2015 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 2015 minutes.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nancy Hays read the 2015 Treasurer's Report. There was a call for questions; there were none. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the 2015 treasurer's report.

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

III. New Business

- A. Retirements of Officers: Don Thomson has served as Executive Director for 18 years. Nancy Hays has served as Treasurer for many years. Both Don and Nancy are retiring as OPDMC officers. Betsy Beers, John Dunley, and Jay Brunner gave acknowledgements to Don and Nancy, and thanked them for their long-term service. Appreciation gifts were presented to Don and Nancy.
- B. Discussion of changing the meeting start and ending times: fewer talks were submitted this year; therefore, we may want to consider shortening the meeting length. Larry Gut gave support for starting on Wed morning and ending on Thursday evening. This would allow East coast attendees to fly out Friday morning. There was a call for a vote. Members voted to meet all day Wednesday and all day Thursday. The timing of the keynote speaker will remain on Wed. pm with the social afterwards.
- C. Discussion of allowing commercial displays: commercial displays would have to fit on the same tables as used by the posters. The board doesn't want a trade show. Comments from the

members were to keep the poster session as it is (research-based posters) and not allow commercial displays. Betsy Beers spoke in favor of revitalizing the poster session by adding commercial displays that are no larger than the current poster tables. A vote was taken and the suggestion to add commercial displays was rejected.

- D. Those willing to be nominated to the position of Executive Director and Treasurer were announced: Peter McGhee as Executive Director, and Nik Wiman as Treasurer.
- E. This year, two featured speaker presentations were invited to the program. A vote of members was in favor of including featured presentations on the program. The number of featured presentations (Entomology for the Fun of It) will be selected based on the number of research papers submitted and available time on the meeting program.
- F. Chair Ela announced that there will be an earlier deadline for presentation titles in 2017: November 1. Abstracts will be due December 1. The earlier title deadline will allow the board to invite the appropriate number of keynote and featured speakers to fill out the program.
- G. OPDMC website: Chris Sater set up a new website due to the loss of a server at WSU that hosted the old website. The old website content will be migrated to the new site.
- H. PCA and OR Pesticide Applicator credits are available. Sign up after each session on sheets kept at the registration table.
- I. Committee Assignments:
 - a. Audit: Broc Zoller (Chair), Bruce Greenfield, and Chuck Ingles
 - b. Nominations: Larry Gut (Chair), Vaughn Walton, and Bob Van Steenwyk
 - c. Resolutions: Art Agnello (Chair), Rick Hilton, and Betsy Beers
- J. Call for the names of any members that passed away during the last year. There were no deceased members this year.
- K. Steve provided presentation tips for using the meeting computer and mouse pointer.
- L. There will be two keynote addresses: Steve Sheppard on Wed pm and Tom Baker on Thurs pm

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

IV. Closing Business Meeting

Chair Ela called to order the closing business meeting to order on January 15, 2016, at 11:18 am. Chair Ela called for any new business. Peter Shearer asked the board to consider not shortening the meeting length since the 2016 program used the full allotted time. Don Thomson said that an additional keynote and two featured talks were added this year to fill out the program. The meeting could have adjourned by approx. 5:30 pm on Thurs if the additional talks were not added. There was a vote to keep the featured talks and end the conference on Friday morning as per usual.

- A. Committee Reports:
 - a. Nominations: Chair Gut announced that the nominations committee nominated Harvey Yoshida as Chair-Elect, Diane Alston as Secretary, Nik Wiman as Treasurer, Peter McGhee as Executive Director, and Betsy Beers and John Dunley as Program Co-Chairs. Call for motions and vote to approve the nominations; all officers were voted in.

- b. Audit: Chair Zoller reported that the Audit Committee reviewed and accepted the financial report, and that the OPDMC financial records were in good order. There was a vote to approve the Audit Report.
- c. Resolutions: Betsy Beers presented the Resolutions Report in the absence of Chair Agnello who had to depart to catch his flight. The resolutions were accepted by vote.
- B. Chair Ela called for nominations for the Rubber Chicken Award.
 - a. Pete McGhee nominated Don Thomson for retiring from the Executive Director position.
 - b. Don Thomson nominated Pete McGhee for having the audacity to take over as Exec. Dir.
 - c. Diane Alston nominated Betsy Beers for the incompatibility of the slideshows presented by herself and her students despite the fact that she keeps the meeting computer. She could have easily tested their talks on the meeting computer. Her group was the only one who had trouble with slide incompatibility.
 - d. The award nominees were asked to leave the room and Chair Ela called for a vote on the Rubber Chicken Award nominees. The vote was unanimous for Betsy Beers. Betsy gave a rebuttal: "Guilty as charged. I not only screwed up my own presentation, but those of two of my students, thus scoring a rare OPDMC 'Trifecta'. When you have been around this organization as long as I have, there are three things that you need to do: 1) serve as OPDMC Chair, 2) receive the rubber chicken award, and 3) give the keynote address upon your retirement. I am now two for three."
- C. Chair Ela announced next year's meeting dates: January 11-13, 2017 at the Hilton, Portland.
- D. Chair Ela handed over the gavel to next year's chair Janet Caprile (absent), and called the meeting closed with the pounding of the gavel.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Alston, Secretary

2016 Orchard Pest and Disease Management Conference