

**Minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting  
Orchard Pest & Disease Management Conference  
Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon  
January 10-12, 2018**

**I. Call to Order**

The opening business meeting of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual OPDMC Meeting was called to order by Chair Harvey Yoshida at 9:00 am on January 10, 2018. Chair Yoshida welcomed approx. 200 attendees to the entomology session who presented 49 papers and posters, three featured talks, and one keynote address. Chair Yoshida asked for each attendee to make a brief self-introduction, and then introduced the session moderators. They were:

Biology/Phenology	Louis Nottingham
Mating Disruption/SIR	Chris Adams
Implementation	Larry Gut
Thresholds/Monitoring	Chuck Burkes
Biological Control	Peter Shearer
Invasive Species	Alix Whitener
Chemical Control/New Products	Barat Bisabri

**II. Old Business**

- A. Approval of the 2017 Minutes: Secretary Alston announced that the 2017 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 2017 minutes.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nik Wiman presented the 2017 Treasurer's Report (see Treasurer's Report posted at the end of the minutes). There was a call for questions; there were none. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the 2017 treasurer's report.

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

**III. New Business**

- A. Executive Director Peter McGhee provided an update on the OPDMC contract with the Hilton Hotel: room prices will increase by \$10 next year, AV Technical Services costs have increased significantly, OPDMC registration prices were increased in 2018 to increase our carry-forward balance to catch up on paying Betsy Beers/Chris Sater for meeting support.
- B. Committee Assignments:
  - a. Nominations: Alan Knight (Chair), Rick Hilton, and Bob Van Steenwyk
  - b. Audit: Betsy Beers (Chair), Tim Ksander, and Randy Hansen
  - c. Resolutions: Alix Whitener (Chair), Louis Nottingham, and Adrian Marshall
- C. Chair Yoshida called for the names of any members that had passed away during the last year.
  - a. Lerry Lacey with USDA ARS, Wapato, WA passed in 2017. A moment of silence was given in recognition of Dr. Lerry Lacey.

- D. Chair Yoshida provided conference announcements:
- a. Keynote speaker Harvey Reissig, Professor Emeritus, Cornell University will speak at 3:30 pm today, followed by a mixer in the lobby at 5:00 pm.
  - b. The poster session will be held during the coffee break on Thursday at 9:45 am.
  - c. The featured presentations will be on codling moth control in the Canadian Okanagan Valley by Melissa Tesche today at 11:30 am, and on the food narrative project by Larry Gut today at 2:15 pm. An entomology for fun presentation on state insects and fruits will be given by Rick Hilton on Thursday at 11:30 am.
  - d. The disease conference session will be held in Broadway I and II today and tomorrow.
- E. Chair Yoshida asked audience members to turn cell phones to the silent mode, and to take conversations into the lobby. He then provided presentation instructions to speakers: presentation length guideline is 15 min; the session moderators will manage talk lengths to allow flexibility for high levels of interest and discussion as needed. Chair Yoshida reminded the speakers of the looming Rubber Chicken Award 😊.

Chair Yoshida called for a motion to close the opening business meeting. It was moved, seconded, and voted to close the opening business meeting.

- F. Because the opening business meeting concluded ahead of schedule, Executive Director McGhee took the opportunity to present a summary of results from the member survey conducted in 2017. The major findings included:
- a. A 2-day meeting length was preferred with preferences split between meeting on W-Th vs Th-F. For the next two years, the meeting length will be 2.5 days as this is duration negotiated with the current hotel contract.
  - b. Preference to begin the meeting at 9:00 am on the first day, and end in the afternoon or mid-morning of the final day (depending on meeting length).
  - c. The most common modes of travel to attend the meeting were airline and vehicle.
  - d. Attendees were split on whether or not they like to arrive early/stay late to enjoy the Portland venue.
  - e. The Hilton Hotel was rated at 8-9 on a scale of 10 by the majority of attendees.
  - f. The AV equipment is considered adequate with the request for a second projection screen in the room to improve ease of viewing (the audience was then requested to rotate our necks to the right, and then to the left to get the kinks out).
  - g. Hotel price: \$140-150 was deemed the tipping point for seeking a lower cost venue. The hotel rate will be \$130 per night in 2019.
  - h. There was strong support for free student registration to increase student participation.
- G. Other comments/announcements by Director McGhee:
- a. Industry members have requested a way to support the meeting through a donation. This year snacks have been provided at the registration desk.
  - b. Some attendees find a conflict between concurrent sessions for entomology and plant pathology. We could speak to the pathology group about formally joining the entomology group, and consider some mixed sessions.

- c. The Rubber Chicken Award will continue. We've added a new award this year, the Golden Apple Award, to recognize novel research and an excellent presentation.
- d. Director McGhee said he would work on getting a second screen set up.

Chair Yoshida introduced the first session moderator.

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

Chair Yoshida called the closing business meeting to order on January 12, 2017, at 10:03 am.

##### **A. Old Business**

- a. Secretary Alston gave a summary report of discussions and decisions from the 2018 Board of Directors' meeting held on January 10 at noon:
  - i. The contract with Hilton hotel was renewed for two more years (2019 and 2020). There will be an increase in the room rate of \$10 per night (\$120 in 2018 increasing to \$130 in 2019 and 2020).
  - ii. Treasurer Wiman presented the updated budget report. OPDMC is in a good financial position after increasing registration fees. We were low on funds at the close of last year.
  - iii. The board discussed instituting a firm cut-off date for abstracts of December 5 in 2019 to allow Chris Sater adequate time to prepare and print the proceedings.
  - iv. The board discussed ideas of future keynote speakers. If you have a suggestion, please pass it along to a board member.
  - v. The board discussed meeting duration. Director McGhee negotiated the same meeting length for 2019 and 2020: 2.5 days starting Wednesday am and ending Friday late morning. A shorter meeting length will be considered for the next hotel contract period: 2.0 days. The number of papers submitted will dictate the meeting duration needed.
  - vi. Student registration was free in 2018; OPDMC will continue with this policy. The board is pleased with the positive response of greater student attendance. Director McGhee will try to add a \$0 student registration option in the PayPal registration site next year. The printed proceedings cost will remain the same for all attendees, \$10.
- b. Treasurer Wiman presented the final treasurer's report (see report posted at the end of the minutes).

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

- a. Executive Director McGhee discussed the request by industry members to develop ways for them to be more directly involved, participate and contribute to the meeting. A student travel scholarship fund was suggested as a way for industry donations to help support student participation in the meeting. Director McGhee called for a vote on two separate questions:
  - i. Accept industry funds to support a student travel scholarship. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

- ii. Establish a committee to create the scholarship fund guidelines and oversee dispersal of funds based on an application review process. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.

A committee was set up to establish the travel scholarship guidelines. The committee will develop the fund management and selection process, they will create a member survey to approve the process, and determine term length of committee members. Volunteers for the committee are:

Melissa Tesche (Chair), Barat Bisabri, Alix Whitener, Betsy Beers, Allison Walston, Teah Smith, and Bob Van Steenwyk.

Chair Yoshida called for any other new business.

Peter Shearer commented that text on slides projected in the wide screen format was small in size and difficult to read. He suggested that OPDMC develop presenter guidelines for PowerPoint slides.

C. Committee Reports:

- a. Nominations: Alan Knight, Chair, gave the report. Rodney Cooper, USDA ARS, Wapato, WA, was nominated as Chair-Elect for 2019, Diane Alston as Secretary, Nik Wiman as Treasurer, Peter McGhee as Executive Director, and Betsy Beers as Program Chair. Call for motions and vote to approve the nominations; all officers were voted in.
- b. Audit: Betsy Beers, Chair, gave the report. The Audit Committee reviewed and accepted the financial report, and report that the OPDMC financial records are in good order. There was a motion, second and vote to approve the Audit Report.
- c. Resolutions: Alix Whitener, Chair, gave the report (but alas, no rapping☺). Jeanine Lowrimore and Tina Phelps were thanked for their service in covering the registration desk. Chris Sater was acknowledged for all of her meeting support (proceedings, maintaining OPDMC website, and arranging for pesticide credits). Bruce Greenfield was acknowledged for his annual support in transporting projection equipment, setting up meeting displays and poster boards, and for assisting with the registration desk. There was a motion, second and vote to accept the resolutions.

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

- a. Broc Zoller nominated Lucia Varela for claiming that she had not seen the slides prior to the presentation; however, she was second author on the presentation; for making personal statements without supporting data; for claiming to have visited every backyard in Chile to see that all had grapevines; and she requested to the audience - "shoot me".
- b. Peter McGhee nominated Nik Wiman for fumbling his Mac-produced slideshow even after switching to the Mac computer to show it.
- c. Alan Knight nominated Peter McGhee for always starting the meeting with boring business.

- E. Chair Yoshida called for nominations for the Golden Apple Award.
  - a. Betsy Beers nominated Brianna Price, OSU (Walton Lab) for an engaging and eloquent presentation that showed video of parasitoids feeding.
  - b. Barat Bisabri nominated Alex Whitener, WSU (Beers Lab) for an excellent talk.
  - c. Pete McGhee nominated Bob Van Steenwyk for being associated with more talks post-retirement than before retirement.
  - d. Chris Adams nominated Chuck Burks for being 2<sup>nd</sup> author on more talks than anyone.

Chair Yoshida 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 Lucia Varela. Lucia had already departed the meeting. Bob Van Steenwyk will deliver the rubber chicken to her. Chair Yoshida called for a vote on the Golden Apple Award. Brianna Price was a strong winner.

- F. Chair Yoshida thanked all of the session leaders, Chris Sater, Bruce Greenfield, registration desk volunteers, and all of the executive committee members for making the conference run smoothly.
- G. Chair Yoshida announced next year's meeting dates: January 9-11, 2019 at the Downtown Hilton, Portland.
- H. Chair Yoshida passed the gavel to the in-coming Chair Art Agnello, who closed the meeting with the pounding of the gavel at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Alston, Secretary

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OPDMC 2018 Meeting, Jan 10-12, 2018			Treasurers Report				Nik Wiman, OPDMC Treasurer	
	Date	Post Date	Check No./Trans ID	Vendor/Sender	Type	Item	Description	Ammount
<b>Income</b>	2/17/17	2/17/17	ID:4CP22A2J2G8WW	PayPal	deposit	2017 meeting	2017 dues and abstra	\$11,886.11
	1/13/17	1/13/17	n/a	opdmc	cash deposi	2017 meeting	2017 cash box, Regisi	\$920.00
<b>Total Income</b>								<b>\$12,806.11</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	5/22/17	6/6/17	997	Elizabeth Beers	check	Meeting expense	Website and abstracts	\$4,826.75
	4/16/17	4/28/17	996	Oregon Department of Justice	check	Fee	Revenue fee	\$20.00
	4/16/17	4/21/17	995	Oregon Secretary of State	check	Fee	Annual nonprofit fee	\$50.00
	2/20/17	3/20/17	100000	Hilton Management Portland	E-check	Meeting expense	Audio visual, coffee, s	\$7,529.90
	1/19/17	1/25/17	993	Jim Miller	check	Meeting expense	Keynote travel reimbu	\$552.20
	1/13/17	1/13/17	5812 4635521001619253	Jake's Grill	check card	Meeting expense	Board of directors met	\$510.44
<b>Total expenses</b>								<b>\$13,489.29</b>
<b>Bank Cash Balance</b>	12/31/17							\$4,401.40
<b>PayPal Cash Balance</b>	1/10/18							\$20,632.00
<b>Total Balance</b>	1/10/18							<b>\$25,033.40</b>