

# Minutes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

Orchard Pest & Disease Management Conference  
Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon  
January 9-11, 2019

## I. Call to Order

The opening business meeting of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual OPDMC Meeting was called to order by Chair Art Agnello at 9:06 am (PST) on January 9, 2019. Chair Agnello welcomed approx. 200 attendees to the joint entomology and plant pathology session who presented 47 papers and posters. Chair Agnello asked for each attendee to make a brief self-introduction. Chair Agnello announced that this year was our first time to merge the insect and plant disease sessions, and gave a warm welcome to our plant pathology colleagues. The sessions and moderators:

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| Mating Disruption/SIR Implementation | Alix Whitener    |
| Thresholds/Monitoring                | Chris Adams      |
| Biological Control                   | Houston Wilson   |
| Pathology/Diseases                   | Jhalendra Rijal  |
| Invasive Species                     | Broc Zoller      |
| Chemical Control/New Products        | Rick Hilton      |
| Biology/Phenology                    | Louie Nottingham |
|                                      | Betsey Miller    |

## II. Old Business

- A. Approval of the 2018 Minutes: Secretary Alston announced that the 2018 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 2018 minutes.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nik Wiman presented the 2018 Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Wiman reported that we were in arrears on paying for website management and program/abstract development to WSU, and that we caught up this past year. Therefore, our balance carried forward will likely be less than \$100 in the coming year.

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| Total Cash & PayPal Balance as of 1/1/2018  | \$4,401  |
| Total Income                                | \$19,980 |
| Total Expenses                              | \$23,890 |
| Total Cash & PayPal Balance as of 12/2/2018 | \$491    |

There was a call for questions; there were none. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the 2018 treasurer's report.

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

## III. New Business

- A. Executive Director Peter McGhee made some general announcements: 1) the stage flooring is uneven, approach the podium with care; 2) let him know about any hotel issues; and 3) there

will be no USDA ARS talks, including the keynote address, because of the U.S. government shutdown.

- B. Committee Assignments:
  - a. Nominations: Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris (Chair), Charles Costlor, and Bob Van Steenwyk
  - b. Audit: Betsy Beers (Chair), Rick Hilton, and Betsey Miller
  - c. Resolutions: Robert Orpet (Chair), Alix Whitener, and Broc Zoller
- C. Chair Agnello called for the names of any members that had passed away during the last year.
  - a. Chuck Engles with UC Cooperative Extension, Sacramento, CA
  - b. Doug Gubler with UC Davis, CA
  - c. A moment of silence was given in their recognition
- D. Chair Agnello provided conference announcements:
  - a. Although there are missing presentations as our ARS colleagues are unable to be here, please keep your talk to about 15 min with time for Q&A.
  - b. No keynote speaker due to the government shutdown. The mixer will begin at 5 pm this evening (Wed).
  - c. No featured presentations.
  - d. The poster session will be held during the coffee break on Thursday at 10:00 am.
  - e. After the Pathology/Diseases session on Thursday there will be a brief discussion about member preferences for incorporating the pathology sessions into the general meeting sessions.
  - f. Reminder about the Rubber Chicken and Golden Apple Awards.
  - g. The Scholarship Committee should meet briefly near the podium at the start of the lunch break today (Wed) to receive their input on the recommended protocol going forward.
- E. Melissa Tesche, Scholarship Committee Chair, gave the Scholarship Committee Report. Industry donations included Corteva, FMC, and SIR (Gold Level); Arysta Life Sciences (Silver Level). 2019 student scholarship recipients:
  - a. Robert Orpet, Robert Curtiss, Adrian Marshall, Lauri Lutes, and James Hepler.
  - b. The Scholarship Development Committee will hand off to the ongoing Scholarship Committee
- F. Chair Agnello provided speaker instructions, and called for any other new business. There was none.

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

At the conclusion of the morning session, the Scholarship and Nominations Committee met to discuss development of the on-going Scholarship Committee. The following recommendations were stated:

- I. -Single committee composed of representatives: 2 industry, 2 academic, 2 field consultants, and 1 student. The student member will engage in the scholarship plan and call for nominations, but not in the student selection process.
- II. -Each member serves a 3-year term.
- III. 2 of 6 members replaced annually to stagger member tenure.
- IV. Student member replaced annually

#### IV. Closing Business Meeting

Exec Dir McGhee called the closing business meeting to order on January 11, 2019, at 10:49 am.

##### A. Old Business

- a. Representing Secretary Alston, Executive Director McGhee gave a summary report of discussions and decisions from the 2019 Board of Directors' meeting held on January 9 at noon:
  - i. 213 registered members in 2019
  - ii. Term limits for officers/board members - we discussed a 5-yr term with option for renewal
  - iii. Review and revise bylaws to reflect current protocols
  - iv. Develop and add a code of conduct for the organization to the bylaws and website
  - v. Include a pathology member on the Board
  - vi. Meeting duration will be 2.5 days in 2020
  - vii. Exec Dir McGhee will renegotiate hotel contract for 2021-22; will reassess meeting duration at that time, but we currently fill the full 2.5 days with the program
- b. Treasurer Wiman presented the final treasurer's report. OPDMC is in a more favorable position than originally reported at the opening business meeting, estimating the bank balance after paying 2019 invoiced will be approximately \$5k.

##### B. New Business

- a. Exec Dir McGhee called for any other new business.
- b. Larry Gut suggested that the Rubber Chicken Award might have lived its useful life, citing changing times and a desire to ensure that OPDMC remains a supportive and positive conference. It was moved and seconded that the Rubber Chicken be retired. Members discussed the motion, with many of the younger membership expressing support for keeping the award—with the belief that, with some friendly reminders, the nominations can and will be made good-spirits as originally intended. A vote was held and the motion failed by a considerable margin, and so the Rubber Chicken lives.

##### C. Committee Reports:

- a. Scholarships: Melissa Tesche, Chair, gave a report on the creation of the Student Travel Scholarship. The committee was tasked with the goal of turning industry contributions into travel funds for student scholarship. A survey was created to solicit membership input into the structure of the scholarship, and the results (39 responses) were used in the development of the Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR are now available on the website, and OPDMC membership was encouraged to review and provide comment.
- b. Nominations: Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Chair, gave the report.
  - i. Allison Walston was nominated as Chair-Elect for 2020
  - ii. Secretary: There were two nominations for Secretary—Alix Whitener and Chris Adams. A vote was held, and Alix Whitener was elected as Secretary.

- iii. Treasurer: Nik Wiman's nomination was unopposed and he was acclaimed as Treasurer.
  - iv. Program Chair: Betsy Beers nomination was unopposed, and she was acclaimed as Program Chair.
  - v. Scholarships Committee: Alix Whitener was nominated as Scholarship Chair, along with nominations for academic representatives Tobin Northfield and Emily Symmes, industry representative Melissa Tesche, Field Consultant Representatives Teah Smith and Travis Schoenwald, and student representative Adrian Marshall.
  - vi. Call for motions and vote to approve the nominations; all officers were voted in.
- c. 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.
- d. Resolutions: Robert Orpet, Chair, gave the report. 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. Executive Director McGhee called for nominations for the Rubber Chicken Award.
- a. Jim Hepler was nominated for having the largest frass pictures shown this year (and possibly ever)
  - b. Rick Hilton was nominated for false advertising because he signed up for BMSB talk in the Invasive Species section of the conference, but then proceeded to spend half of his presentation talking about codling moth. Betsy Beers gave an impassioned "Vote for Hilton" speech, noting that he had not yet received the award and it would be a real shame if Rick was able to retire before finding himself on the receiving end of the chicken.
  - c. Donald Trump was nominated for allowing a government shutdown that robbed us of our ARS colleagues and at least 7 presentations.
  - d. Nathan Moses-Gonzales was nominated for including 'epic' dance-club-techno music in his talk and then pretending it was an accident.
  - e. Tobin Northfield was nominated for not only punching the microphone in emphasis during his talk, but for starting the trend of emphatic microphone punches that followed.
  - f. Brock Zoller was nominated for using a color scheme so awful that it made Pete worry that the projectors had simultaneously gone on the fritz.

- g. Executive Director McGhee asked the award nominees to leave the room and called for a vote on the Rubber Chicken Award. Rick Hilton won in what can only be describes as a landslide victory. He graciously accepted his fowl award.
  
- E. Executive Director McGhee called for nominations for the Golden Apple Award.
  - c. Nathan Moses Gonzales was nominated for the award, as well as Best Soundtrack, Best Producer, and Best Steve Jobs impression for his techno-talk.
  - d. Tianna DuPont was nominated for giving excellent talks in both the pathology and the entomology sections of the meetings.
  - e. Erica Rudloph was nominated for her great presentation and her poise as an undergraduate inform of a large and occasionally intimidating bunch.
  - f. Executive Director McGhee asked the award nominees to leave the room and called for a vote on the Golden Apple Award. Tianna DuPont won the award and graciously accepted.
  
- F. Exec Dir McGhee 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. Exec Dir McGhee announced next year's meeting dates: January 8-10, 2020 at the Downtown Hilton, Portland.
  
- H. Executive Director McGhee asked Betsy Miller to accept the gavel on behalf of Chair-Elect Cooper, and Betsy closed the meeting with the pounding of the gavel at 11:57 AM (Incoming Chair Rodney Cooper was able to attend the 2019 meeting due to the government shutdown).

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Alston, Secretary

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Board Member Signatures



Peter McGhee, Executive Director

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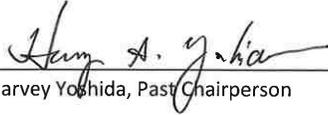
Date



Arthur Agnello, Chairperson

1/9/19

Date



Harvey Yoshida, Past Chairperson

1-9-19

Date

Rodney Cooper, Chairperson Elect

Date

*not present  
government  
shut-down*



Elizabeth Beers, Program Chair

1/9/19

Date



Nik Wiman, Treasurer

1/9/19

Date



Diane Alston, Secretary

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