

**Minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Western Orchard Pest and Disease Management Conference**  
**Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon**  
**January 11 - 13, 2006**

**I. Call to Order**

The 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was called to order by the Chair Vince Jones at 10:00 AM. Chair Jones extended an official welcome to everyone. Chair Jones then called for the participants to introduce themselves.

Chair Jones introduced section leaders. They were:

Mating Disruption/SIR	- Lukasz Stelinski
Implementation	- Walt Bentley
Thresholds/monitoring;	- Matt Grieshop
Biological Control	- Marshall Johnson
Resistance Management	- Rick Hilton
Chemical Control/New Products	- Harvey Yoshida
Biology/Phenology	- Diane Alston
Tree Fruit Diseases	-

Following the introductions, Chair Jones reminded the presenters to keep their talks to the 10 to 15 minute time limit.

**II. Old Business**

**A. Issues Arising from the Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Chair Jones announced that the Board of Directors held their annual meeting at 7:00 AM on Wednesday, January 11. The Board consisted of Past Chair Phil VanBuskirk, Chair Vince Jones, Chair Elect Walt Bentley and the Secretary/Treasurer Don Thomson. The Board of Directors approved the creation of a new position, Program Chair. The Program Chair would also be an officer of the Corporation as such would sit on the Board of Directors.

The Board appointed Don Thomson to the position of Executive Director. The Board of Directors also recommended to the membership that the position of Executive Director be compensated \$800 per year for his or her services. A motion was made to compensate the position of Executive Director the sum of \$800 per year. The motion was approved by the membership.

**B. Reading of 2005 Minutes:** It was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that the minutes be approved as written. Secretary Thomson indicated that the minutes would be posted at the registration desk and that members could also review them on the organization's web site.

**C. Miscellaneous**

Chair Jones called for a report of the officers. There were no reports.

Chair Jones called for any other old business. There was none.

### **III. New Business**

#### **A. Committee Assignments**

The following committee assignments were made:

**Nominations:** Nick Stephens, Mike Doerr, and John Dunley

**Audit:** Jay Brunner, Larry Gut and Peter McGhee

**Resolutions:** Dave Epstein, Art Agnello and Betsy Beers

#### **B. PCA Sign Up Sheets**

Sign up sheets will be available at the registration desk by afternoon coffee.

#### **C. Call for Further New Business**

There was no further new business. The business meeting was then adjourned until 11:00 AM, Friday, January 13.

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

The closing business meeting was called to order by Chair Jones at 10:30 AM on January 13.

Chair Jones called for further new business.

A member mentioned that not having water on for 3 days was a problem with the Hilton. Don will talk with the Hilton.

Another member asked for coffee to be served earlier. Don said it was brought in at 9:30 and 2:30. A member asked that we have 2 urns of coffee and skip the decaf. It was also suggested that we have a pitcher of water for the speakers.

A member mentioned that the abstracts were too rudimentary. He asked to have more reports. Don mentioned only 6 people submitted reports last year.

Secretary Thomson raised the issue of loading the presentations onto the computer. The meeting had to be interrupted several times to load talks. This created an unnecessary delay. A suggestion was made that WOPDMC purchase its own computer. The computer would be kept at the WSU facility in Wenatchee. Presenters would be asked (but not required) to email their presentations to WSU prior to the meeting to be pre-loaded onto the computer. Presenters who prefer to bring their presentations to the meeting could still do so. Presenters would be asked to submit their presentations on a stick drive (preferably) or CD to the registration desk. The registration desk would be opened starting at 8:00 AM to facilitate the loading of talks onto the computer. Another member suggested using two computers with a wireless connection. Chair Elect Walt Bentley motioned for WOPDMC to buy a computer. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

It was also suggested that the members put their power point presentations in "Show" mode to reduce the launch time. Chair Jones then called for the committee reports.

## **A. Committee Reports:**

### **1. Nominations:**

The nominating committee nominated Harvey Reissig, Cornell University, Geneva, New York, 14456 as Chair Elect, Nancy Hays, Pacific Biocontrol Corp, 16010 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ridgefield, WA, 98642 as Secretary/Treasurer and John Dunley, Washington State University, 1100 N. Western Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801 as Program Chair for the 2007 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the nominations committee. The motion passed unanimously. Walt Bentley, University of California, 9240 S. Riverbend Ave, Parlier, CA, 93648 will be the Chair for the 2007 meeting.

### **2. Audit**

Jay Brunner, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the committee had met with Treasurer Thomson to review the account. The committee reported that the books were in good order and recommended that the membership accept the report of the Treasurer. It was moved, seconded and approved.

Secretary Thomson then gave the Treasurers report. He reported that the balance forward from December 31, 2004 was \$3,328.08. The 2005 meeting took in \$3,370.00. Expenses in 2005 were approximately \$2,947.94 including coffee, audiovisual services and corporate fees and taxes. The balance as of December 31, 2005 was \$3,750.14.

### **3. Resolutions**

- a. Be it resolved that this conference extend written appreciation to the management and staff of the Hilton Hotel for the courteous service and the fine accommodations provided.
- b. Be it resolved that the members of the conference express their appreciation to Past Chairperson Phil VanBuskirk, Chairperson Vince Jones and Secretary/Treasurer Don Thompson for their leadership and dedication in organizing the 2004 meeting.
- c. 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 Bette Brattain for applying for pesticide applicator credits from the various states.
- d. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center, Washington State University, Wenatchee and in particular Bette Brattain and John Dunley, for preparing the research report abstracts.
- e. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center, Washington State University, Wenatchee and in particular, Jerry Tangren, Bette Brattain and John Dunley, for organizing and maintaining the WOPDMC web site.
- f. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the section leaders: Lukasz Stelinski, Walt Bentley, Matt Grieshop, Marshall Johnson, Rick Hilton, Harvey Yoshida and Diane Alston.
- g. Be it resolved that the Secretary write letters of condolences to the family of members who passed away the past year.

- h. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to Lukasz Stelinski for his willingness to provide computer technical support during the 2006 conference.

Chair Jones called for nominations for the Rubber Chicken Award. The membership voted to give the infamous Rubber Chicken Award to Alan Knight for not submitting a talk.

Chair Jones expressed thanks to the Section Leaders, Don Thomson, Secretary/Treasurer, Phil VanBuskirk, Past Chair, Bette Brattain, Washington State University, and Jerry Tangren, Washington State University.

The dates for the 2007 meeting will be January 10 to 12. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel.

Chair Jones introduced the 2005 Chair Elect Walt Bentley. Chair Jones turned over the gavel to Chair Elect Bentley who adjourned the meeting.