

**Minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Orchard Pest & Disease Management Conference**  
**Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon**  
**January 9 -11, 2013**

**I. Call to Order**

The 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was called to order by the President David Epstein at 9:00 am on January 9, 2013. President Epstein welcomed everyone, asked speakers to not exceed 15 min per presentation to maintain the meeting schedule, asked for each attendee to introduce themselves, and introduced session leaders. They were:

Implementation	- David Epstein
Thresholds/Monitoring	- Alan Knight
Biological Control	- John Wise
Invasive Species	- Peter Shearer
Chemical Control	- Don Thomson and Harvey Reissig
Biology/Phenology	- Jack Jenkins
Mating Disruption/SIR	- Peter McGhee

**II. Old Business**

**A. Approval of 2012 Minutes:** Secretary Alston announced that the 2012 minutes are posted on the OPDMC website and printed in the back of the abstract booklet. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the 2012 minutes.

President Epstein called for any other old business. There was none.

**III. New and Miscellaneous Business**

**A. Call for New Business**

President Epstein called for new business.

- A request to include WiFi in the room rates for next year to avoid an additional charge to use WiFi in the lodging rooms. Don Thomson agreed to speak to the hotel staff about this.
- Betsy Beers introduced “Peter’s Tree” as the new logo for OPDMC. The board had previously voted to adopt the new logo. Betty LaDuke Westigard, Peter’s wife, created the pear tree after Peter passed.

**B. Call for Volunteers for Committee Positions**

President Epstein called for volunteers for committee positions. The following committee assignments were made:

- Nominations:** Larry Gut (Chair), Pete McGhee, and Bob Van Steenwyk
- Audit:** Rick Hilton (Chair), Ute Chambers, and Keith Granger
- Resolutions:** Art Agnello (Chair), Peter Shearer, and Andrew Hubbard

**C. Meeting Information**

General meeting information was presented by Don Thomson.

- The keynote address will be presented by Dr. Camille Parmesan at 3:30 today; her abstract is in the program.
- Social mixer in the foyer today at 5:00 pm.
- Poster session at 10:00 am Thursday in the foyer.
- Concurrent disease session in Broadway 4 Wed and Thurs.

#### **IV. In Memoriam**

Tom Unruh presented an in memoriam for Dr. Frank Howell, who passed in 2012. Frank worked for USDA ARS from 1965-95, studied insect biology of loopers and codling moth, conducted early studies with codling moth mating disruption, developed codling moth diet and rearing methods, conducted research in a number of foreign countries, including Tunisia, help found a boy scout camp in the mountains of WA, and will be greatly missed by many.

The opening business meeting was then adjourned until 10:30 am, Friday, January 11, 2013.

#### **V. Closing Business Meeting**

The closing business meeting was called to order by President Epstein on January 11.

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

President Epstein called upon Secretary Alston for a report on the 2013 Board of Directors' Meeting which was held on January 9, 2013 at 12:00 pm. The following information items were presented:

- Pre-registration for the conference is highly encouraged. Conference registration fees: 1) pre-registration online cost \$40 for registration and \$10 for the abstract booklet, and 2) registration on-site cost \$50 for registration and \$10 for the abstract booklet. The board voted to keep the \$10 increase for on-site registration to encourage pre-registration.
- Pre-loading slideshows using AirDropper worked very well and will continue to be used. Encourage everyone to submit their slideshows by the deadline to make it easier for Don and program co-chairs.
- Please submit suggestions for future key-note speakers.
- Request to drop off name tags at registration desk to be re-used next year.

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

President Epstein called for further new business. There was none.

- Don Thomson reported that WiFi service will be provided in the rooms next year and included in the room price.
- Marion Murray asked if a larger meeting room could be reserved for the disease session next year; attendees had to stand in the doorway because the room wasn't large enough.
- Don said that he would send out a map of nearby parking lots before next year's meeting.
- The meeting co-chairs, Betsy Beers and John Dunley, were acknowledged for their excellent service to the conference.

##### **C. Committee Reports**

President Epstein called for the committee reports.

###### **1. Nominations**

Chair Larry Gut made the following nominations:

President-Elect: Jack Jenkins (Pacific Biocontrol Corp.)

Secretary: Diane Alston (Utah State University)

Treasurer: Nancy Hays (Pacific Biocontrol Corp.)

Executive Director: Donald Thomson (DJS Consulting Services)

Program Co-Chairs: Betsy Beers (Washington State University) and John Dunley (Wilbur Ellis)

Lucia Varela (University of California) will serve as President in 2014

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the nominations committee. The motion was passed unanimously.

###### **2. Audit**

Chair Rick Hilton 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 DJ Art A (aka Art Agnello) and committee members rapped the proposed 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 (who served his 14<sup>th</sup> year as ED and was presented with a bottle of wine by President Epstein), the Past President Tom Unruh, President David Epstein, President-Elect Lucia Varela, Secretary Diane Alston, Treasurer Nancy Hays, and Program Co-Chairs John Dunley and Betsy Beers for their leadership and dedication in organizing the 2013 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, Jerry Tangren for maintaining the OPDMC website.
4. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the session leaders: David Epstein, Alan Knight, John Wise, Peter Shearer, Don Thomson, Harvey Reissig, Jack Jenkins, and Peter McGhee for ably overseeing the entomology sessions of the 2013 conference.
5. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to Tamala Blunt, Colorado State University, for ably overseeing the disease management session of the 2013 conference.
6. Be it resolved that the Secretary send a letter of condolence to the family of Frank Howell who passed away during the past year.

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

\*It should be noted that the Resolutions Committee is to be acknowledged for a most entertaining rap report, the most interesting committee report in memory.

### D. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Hays gave the Treasurer Report

Beginning cash balance	\$7,379.29
Income	\$1,830.00
Expenses	\$7,482.03
Ending cash balance	\$1,727.26
Total cash & approx. accounts receivable balance as of 12/31/12	\$10,537.26

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

President Epstein called for nominations:

1. Larry Gut nominated Don Thomson for delivering the keynote speaker's address in his introduction of Camille before she had a chance to deliver her own presentation. Also, Don temporarily lost the rubber chicken in the foyer, but he did later recover it. Don was the only nominee.

President Epstein called for a vote from the membership by a showing of hands. Don received unanimous support for his first time to receive the rubber chicken award.

President Epstein passed the gavel to the New President Lucia Varela, who adjourned the meeting.

Conference dates for next year are January 8-10, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Alston

Secretary

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