



OPMA Board Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023
OSU Marriott, Columbus
Meeting called to order at 1:51

Those in attendance were: Adrian Culpepper, Carlita Skok, Tony Bohnert, Dale Hodgson, Jeremy Chester, Gary Wagner, Brad Sparks, Heather Alonso, Brian Beining, Molly Marsh, William Gall, AJ Alonso, Cory Phillips, Eric Scherzinger, Kurt Scherzinger, Jay Neff, Bill Kirchner, Brian Alonso, Dave Ramsey, Rob Szczech, Kacey Wyman, Scott Underwood and Jeff Teague.

President's Report—NTR

Immediate Past President's Report—NTR

VP: NTR

Minutes: Jeremy Chester 1st, Chris Wible, 2nd

Treasurer's Report: Cory Phillips-proposed budget is in the Board Packet. Budget is \$16, 725.00 in the positive.

Approve Budget: Eric Scherzinger 1st; Dale Hodgson, seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Allied Council—looking to get new allied members. Clear path to sign up for events and be a partner. What are the discounts/benefits to partnership. AJ and Dale H starting an exploratory committee to talk this through. Targeted emails would be helpful.

Communications Committee: Newsletter will come out after winter meeting. Will come out quarterly.

Constitution/Bylaws: NTR

Education/Training: Roadshows are in February/March. We are having an online meeting in September. Looking for hands on training. Pelsis is willing to do a hands on training at the September meeting. **Get a date set for September training.** ACE training was yesterday. Every other year, we will have a PHE and CIT. Even years, PHE and CIT. 7 took the ACE and 2 passed. There was a positive review.

Executive Review Committee: AJ will meet with JMBS to discuss any issues—annual review.

Legislative Update: Kurt would like member feedback regarding fundraisers that we can attend as a membership. OhioPLANT-Annual Meeting November 20, 2023 and we learned about green industry presentations. Bexley-we got that taken care of in 2 weeks. ODA---C & T materials have to be ordered from OSU. Ryan King is now the certification manager. NPMA-preemption is trying to get into the farm bill. Congress voted to extend the bill. NPMA is working hard to get preemption inserted into the farm bill. Vulnerable Species Act-NPMA has worked to remove structures from that bill. SPAR had a bootcamp

December 1, 2023. Several members of committees spoke about rodenticides. EPA published a review on rodenticides yesterday. Legislative Day is March 10-12, 2024. ODA is asking here and there to do ride alongs with some companies.

Long Range planning: Need to make some plans for the future now that Scott has stepped down.

Membership: Dave Ramsey. We have taken a list from ODA of all license holders. We sent a postcard to all of them. Now we are calling. We have attained 4 new members. Ask Becky to track the number of website visits.

Nominating Committee: There was a merger so we cannot have 2 people from the same company on the Board. We have to change our slate. Motion to approve the slate with the change of Dale Hodgson as 2nd year of a 3 year term. Tony Bohnert first, Rob Szczech seconded. Need to make a slide for that. Double check with Molly.

PAC: We need to spend money on these candidates. Would like Tony to come to the next Board Meeting. \$8011.00 in the PAC account.

Past President's Council: Group of 6 had lunch today.

PestVets: partnering with PWIPM on Thursday. They ordered some shirts and they are selling them. There will be pins at the table?

PWIPM: Adrian. Now that they are started, and they are now beginning to form great relationships and providing a value add for OPMA. Social Hour is tomorrow. Lots of plans for 2024. Registration for a woman to take the ACE exam and class next year. Women's forum May 7-9.

Scholarship: \$7452.45. Fundraiser is during the winter meeting Selling raffle tickets. Application went out this week. Doing 2 \$2500 scholarships.

Summer Meeting: Rob and Brian, July 12-14, 2024.

Winter Meeting: AJ welcomed the group. Mini golf tonight at 6. Dinner. Tomorrow is management day and minute to win it.

Old Business: Outstanding letter to Melinda to get her off of the credit card account. Also, got the taxes waived.

New Business: Mike Grace should receive a lifetime membership. AJ made a motion to approve Mike Grace a lifetime member and Eric Scherzinger seconded. Brian asked for everyone to pay attention to NPMA member elections. AJ is nominated for a regional role.

AJ made a motion to adjourn and Rob Szczech. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM