



OPMA Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024
1:30 PM
OSU Marriott Columbus

In Attendance: BJ Gall, AJ Alonso, Cory Phillips, Molly Marsh, Cory Phillips, Dale Hodgson, Heather Alonso, David Johnson, Adrian Culpepper, Kacey Wyman, Jeremy Chester, Brian Alonso, Brad Sparks, Gary Wagner, Jerry McClain, Tony Bohnert, Jeff Teague, Kurt Scherzinger, Eric Scherzinger, Chris Wible, Ryle Franze and Carlita Skok

President's Report: William "BJ" Gall-The meeting was called to order 1:32 PM. Everyone is doing a wonderful job. This is the last report by BJ as President. Thank you for all your support.

Past President's Report: Molly Marsh-Thank you for mentoring her over the last several years. Phi Chi Omega will have a table this year at the Winter Meeting.

VP Report—Andrew Alonso-thanks to Molly for leadership over the years and for staying extra through Covid. Thank you to BJ for his work as President. Not an easy road. They set us up for success.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Cory Phillips-The budget was introduced by Cory and the Board looked it over. Jeremy Brown made a motion to approve, and Dale Hodgson seconded. The minutes from September 2024 were approved v=by a motion from Cory Phillips and seconded by Andrew Alonso. Financials were reviewed by Cory. Budget for 2025 is in the packet. We have a projected surplus of \$10k. We have been able to allocate money for more travel. Motion to accept the budget by Dave Ramsey and seconded by Dale Hodgson. All were in favor and none were opposed. We have an approved budget for 2025. There was a motion to accept the financials by Eric Scherzinger and seconded by Jeremy Chester. All were in favor and none were opposed.

Allied Council: AJ Alonso-been a challenging and rewarding year. AJ gave credit to the Allied Council and vendors for helping us to be sustainable.

Communications Committee: Brad Sparks- looking for cell numbers from the membership so that we can start texting important information.

Constitution/Bylaws: Jeff Teague- Nothing to report.

Education Committee: Heather Alonso-Dale ran the show this year. Two people took the class and not test. PWIPM scholarship woman took the test. One passed the PHE; none



passed the ACE. Consideration about doing on demand classes or one day of all three classes. High level lessons. Possibly we can use the ODA on occasion. In the spring we have no problem doing the webinar. Virtual class we usually have vendors that are in the area. Big change for Ohio to use a restricted use product, you must be licensed. Rodenticides may be restricted in use.

Executive Review Committee: AJ Alonso- Meeting between AJ, Carlita, and Ryle on Friday.

Legislative Committee: Kurt Scherzinger- OhioPLANT annual meeting was a few weeks ago. Green advocacy day is being moved to 2026. Leg Day is March 9-11, 2025. The fight for the House speaker has been going on. Preliminary election was held, and Matt Huffman received the nod. Kurt is the vice chair of OhioPLANT. ODA-the CNT plan has 3 major changes, not able to apply under direct supervision. Under 18 cannot handle restricted use pesticides. Also, people in the office handle the product. Could be up to interpretation. The farm bill was extended again for a while. Mandatory carcass removal in certain areas. Restrictions on bait placement. Has to do with the endangered species act. Prohibited use for foraging—NPMA is working with wildlife service to determine what that means. Respirators and gloves have been removed from restricted use. Motion to approve the presenting pesticide regulations to the NPMA. Chris made the motion to present the pesticide regulations to the NPMA. Eric Scherzinger seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed.

Long Range Planning: Andrew Alonso- Looking to expanding our education offerings. Budget and finances set us up for the future. New people are coming onto the board. We have a promising future.

Membership Committee: Dave Ramsey- we had a goal of 12 new members, and we had 20 as of October 28th. We are also doing lapsed members.

Nominating: Molly Marsh- Molly presented the 2025 slate of candidates: President AJ Alonso, VP, Cory Phillips, Secretary Chris Wible, and Immediate PP is BJ Gall. 1st year of a 3 year term is Brad Sparks and Kacey Wyman. 2nd year of a 3 year term is Eric Scherzinger and Dave Ramsey. 3rd Year of a 3 year term: Jeremy Chester and Rob Szczech. Eric Scherzinger made a motion to approve the slate. Dave Ramsey seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

PAC: Eric Scherzinger- There is \$7311.00 in the account. We sent money to several people in September. If members would like to attend an event, please let Eric know. We can fund attendance. We will have some fundraising opportunities during the winter meeting.



Past Presidents: Molly Marsh- The Past Presidents had a lunch today and discussed how to keep the past presidents involved after their service.

PestVets: Cory Phillips- There is a cocktail hour at this meeting on Thursday. The T shirts will be on sale for \$30 each.

PWIPM: Adrian Culpepper- There were twenty-eight members on PWIPM last meeting and we meet quarterly. There is a pen for sale for \$5. There are 5 shirts left. There are some handmade gnome ornaments to give away. \$1k scholarship to Destiny Stallings for the PWIPM event.

Scholarship-Molly March-we have \$13,795 in the bank and we awarded 2 this past year. Applications for scholarships are due at the end of February.

Summer Meeting -Rob Szczech-July 10-13 at Deer Creek. Renaissance theme.

Winter Meeting -Eric Scherzinger- thanked everyone for coming. Mini golf is tonight and from 6-11. Faye is the keynote, and she is fantastic. Rob and Cory are going to be the chairs. Brian and Rob are taking on the chairmanship of the summer meeting as well. The winter conference next year will be here or at the Hilton Columbus at Polaris.

New Business: William Kirchner brought up that there may be applicators out there that are applying a product without a commercial business license. If they do not have that they may not have insurance. Kurt is going to investigate it and let everyone know.

The meeting was ended at 3:46 PM by motion of Eric Scherzinger and seconded by Dale Hodgson.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Carlita Skok