



# The Society of Flavor Chemists, Inc.

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## Minutes of the Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting The Sheraton Hotel Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey May 15, 2008

The 375<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting of the Society of Flavor Chemists, Inc. was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Newark, NJ, and was called to order by President Joan Harvey at **4:45 PM**.

### 1. Acceptance of the minutes of the April meeting:

- Approved.

### 2. Secretary's Report: *Jack Fastag*

- No report.

### 3. Treasurer's Report: *Steve Ruocco*, not attending, *Joan Harvey* reporting

- The current Treasurer's Report was presented and is attached (Attachment A):

Opening balance: Checking Account	\$ 31,523.29
Savings Account	<u>\$ 6,764.39</u>
	\$ 38,287.68
Total Income	\$ 11,744.22
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 12,232.89</u>
Closing Balance:	\$ 37,799.01

### 4. President's Report: *Joan Harvey*

- Moment of silence for members that passed away this year:
  - Earl Merwin
  - Stanley Aronowitz
  - Constantine (Connie) Apostle
- During dinner we will hand out pins for 25-year anniversaries, which this year includes:
  - Diane Barrera
  - Patrick S. Imburgia
  - Pablo V. Krawec
  - Veronica McBurnie
  - Judith Lux Michalski
  - Audrey Morrison
  - Shelley Netherwood
  - Joseph Peragine
  - Robert Peterson
  - John Randazzi Jr.
  - Bonita Meyer Scire
  - Cynthia Stern
  - Robert L. Swaine Jr.
  - David Swift

### 5. Vice President Report: *Ken Kraut*

- No report.

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## 6. Chairperson's Report: *Mariano Gascon*

- No report.

## 7. Committee Reports:

### 7.1. Arrangements Committee: *Paul Ricciardi*

- 73 people registered so far today.
- Parking is free.

### 7.2. Audit Committee: *Dieter Bauer*, not in attendance

- Dieter will be auditing our books again this year.

### 7.3. By-laws Committee: *Eileen Brady*

- No report.

### 7.4. Employment Committee: *Eugene Buday*, not in attendance

- Will be posting resumes in the Jobs page of the website, without the candidates' identifying information (using a code number instead).

### 7.5. History Committee: *Dolf DeRovira* and *Ronnie McBurnie*

- Dolf has compiled a timeline of flavor chemistry that FEMA will incorporate into their book that they are publishing for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. It will also be posted on our website. Additions and input are welcome (contact Dolf).
- Re-scanned and proofread Earl Merwin's book, to be posted on the website.
- Working with a consultant to create more user-friendly photo albums on the website.

### 7.6. Library Committee: *Al Goossens*

- Our website now contains a new Library section, with much information, including the Master List of all the publications currently in our Library.
- Book donations are always welcome.

### 7.7. Membership Committee: *Mike Bloom*

- Sponsors need to be conscious of the responsibility involved and should not sponsor somebody that is not prepared.
- We want to establish Testing Subcommittees in each region of the country, under the Membership Committee, to organize and help locally with testing and interviews. Volunteers are always welcome.
- Two candidates were tested and interviewed at our previous meeting and the Committee recommends them for a vote:
  - Robin Prazak, direct to Certified
  - Scott Ulrich, upgrade to Certified
  - Both were approved by the membership.

### 7.8. Media Communication Committee: *Mary Foster*, not attending

- No report.

### 7.9. Program Committee:

#### a) East Coast: *Aaron Graham*

- Today's speaker: Jeffrey Hurst, The Hershey Company, "Phenolics in Cacao"

#### b) Midwest: *Sam Tharpe*, not attending

- Speakers at last month's Midwest meeting: John Urbanski on "Chocolate", Tracy May Adare on "Coffee", and Grace S. Yek on "Molecular Gastronomy".
- Six books and two 10-lb bars of chocolate were raffled during dinner.

#### c) Chicago: *Menzie Tabora*

- No report.

- d) West Coast: *Philip Barone*, not in attendance
  - o For the second year in a row we had enough members at the West Coast meeting, so we are strongly considering holding an official Business Meeting there next year. Also considering an educational program with Frank Fischetti.
- e) IFT Breakfast:
  - o IFT Breakfast Meeting will be held on Monday June 30, 2008, at 7:30 AM, at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans.
  - o Speaker: Charles Ray Jr, Corporate Chef, Diversified Foods and Seasonings. Topic: "Creole vs. Cajun". Check website for latest details.

7.10. Symposium Committee: *Mike Fasano*

- Will take place in October 2009, probably at the Forestal Village in Princeton.
- Several speakers have already agreed to participate.
- Monell is also interested in participating.

7.11. Website Committee: *Jack Fastag*

- New Library pages are now ready.
- Check "What's New" for other upcoming updates.

7.12. Nomination Committee:

- See below.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

- None.

**9. New Business:**

- None.

**10. Election of Officers and Directors:**

- Nomination Committee: Mariano Gascon (Chair), Mike Fasano, Ronnie McBurnie, and Eileen Brady.
- Election Officers: Dolf DeRovira and Alfred Goossens.
- Slate for the 2008-2009 Board of Directors:
  - Ken Kraut for President
  - Jack Fastag for Vice-President
  - Aaron Graham for Secretary
  - Steve Ruocco serves second term as Treasurer
  - Joan Harvey automatically becomes Chairperson of the Board
- The slate was unanimously approved by the membership.
- Joan Harvey thanked everyone on the Board and Committees that helped out this past year, including Mike Bloom for his contributions to the Membership Committee. She also encouraged new members to participate in committees.
- Ken Kraut remarked that he is honored and humbled to be the new President. His goals include further building communication with other organizations, both domestically and internationally, including possible joint meetings with the BSF; our upcoming Flavor Symposium; and instead of a dais, his Board will sit with the meeting's new members to encourage more participation.

President Ken Kraut adjourned the meeting at **5:30 PM**.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Fastag, SFC Secretary 2006-2008

**ATTACHMENT A**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**5/8/08**

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**OPENING BALANCE - 4/15/08**

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$31,523.29
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 6,764.39</u>

**\$38,287.68**

**INCOME**

SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 1.72
DUES 2008	\$ 4,750.00
4/17/08 MEETING RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 7,022.50</u>

**TOTAL INCOME**

**\$11,744.22**

**EXPENSES**

4/17/08 MEETING EXPENSES	\$ 7,632.66
POSTAGE	\$ 347.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 253.23
AFI	\$ 3,500.00
SFC LIBRARY	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$12,232.89**

**CLOSING BALANCE - 5/8/08**

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$31,032.90
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 6,766.11</u>

**RECONCILED**

**\$37,799.01**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY STEVE RUOCCO, TREASURER-SFC 5/8/08