



Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting (#464) Minutes October 19, 2023

The General Business Meeting (#464) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held virtually on the ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Aslanides @ 4:28 p.m. EST

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Approval of meeting minutes – Bill Aslanides

1. Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2023 General Business Meeting

- a. Bill Aslanides asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2023 General Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and Minutes approved.

II. Presentation of Candidates for voting - Membership Committee- Dave Gera, Ashley Rizzo

- a. Lee Bussinger- Pepsi Co- Upgrade to Certified
 - i. John Wright Spoke on his behalf.

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- b. Tara Strober-Phoenix Flavors- Upgrade to Certified
 - i. David Strauss is her sponsor
- c. Rebecca Mulholland- Glanbia- Upgrade to Certified
 - i. Michael Walsh and Migel Escareno spoke on her Behalf
- d. Atif Ahmed-DSM Firmenich- Upgrade to Certified
 - i. Marianne Maloney and Jennifer Tartaglia spoke on his Behalf.
- e. Wayne Lewis- Tastepoint- Upgrade to Certified
 - i. Karen Alexander spoke on his behalf.
- f. All Candidate were voted in. Welcome to our 5 new members!

III. Board of Directors Reports

1. Secretary: Scott Michaluk

- a. NO REPORT

2. Treasurer:

- a. Report for 8/31/23-9/30/23
 - \$22,316.39 Checking balance
 - \$18099.53 Savings
 - \$144.27 PayPal
 - TOTAL STARTING BALANCE = \$22939.96
 - TOTAL INCOME: \$19082.48
 - TOTAL EXPENSES \$14167.71
 - CLOSING FINAL TOTAL = \$27854.73

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- i. Marissa saw the numbers and wanted to take action.
- ii. We continued to push for the Friends of society program and were really please with the people the contributed.
- iii. Lots of additional costs are adding up since COVID and we were starting to fall short on funding.
- iv. We are an important part of the industry.
- v. Since last year and our last meeting we took in 15000 dollars and we are slowly started to improve.
- vi. We are not trying to make money and we know all costs are going up.
- vii. Looking into ways into how to get the sponsors names out there!
- viii. Situation has been stabilized but we are looking to improve further.

3. Vice President: *Justin Kozlowski*

- a. Looking into planning for 2024 and 2025 meetings and symposium Oct. 21-23, 2024.

4. President: *Bill Aslanides*

- a. Thanks everyone for understanding the need to move to virtual. Thanks for all the work that everyone does behind the scenes.
- b. November 1st the dues will be open.
- c. Chicago roundtable for CSA is November 1st before Chicago suppliers' night. Going to be a WFFC event as well right after that at the Gibson's.
- d. Working with BSF to continue partnership with virtual meetings.
- e. Symposium every 5 years. Save the date is coming!

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5. Chairman: *Cathianne Leonardi*

- a. No Report

IV. Committee Reports

1. Arrangements Committee: *Chris Williams*

- a. No Report

2. Assistant Secretary: *Elsa Howerth*

- a. Regarding dues. They are increasing to 200. Please do not go on until the notice comes out from the Treasurer.

3. Audit Committee: *Paul Ricciardi*

- a. Bill expecting the audit to be complete by middle of November.

4. By-Laws Committee: *Mariano Gascon*

- a. Bill reports the gender-neutral language will be updated and uploaded soon.

5. History Committee: *Sharon Tortola*

- a. Thanks everyone for such a lively conversation during the family tree.
- b. Bill attended an event at the SHI and is working with them on digitization and will house our articles of incorporation.
- c. There is a big GC there and now they are behind glass. Fun place to visit and be a part of. Thank Sharon and Sam for nurturing the relationship.

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6. Library Committee: *Sam Tharpe*

- a. Bill says Sam is actively involved in SHI and thanks him for that.

7. Media Committee: *Alison Freedman*

- a. Call to action. If you see communications come out share support and engage on those communications on social media

8. Meeting Committees

a. **Chicago Program:** *Lauren Hammerschmidt & Greg Griffin*

- i. Thanks to all for making the testing happen!

b. **Midwest Program:** *Michael Weller*

- i. Working on Oasis club as next venue as per Bill.

c. **East Coast Program:** *Kim Bendickson*

- i. Final number looked like 77 members joining for the virtual.
- ii. Next east coast meeting in NOLA on February 8th. Planned for the Sazerac house. Don't make travel arrangements just yet. Allison to present on wine. Christie Hartman from FEMA is giving a presentation. Ari Gasman will give a TTB presentation as well.
- iii. New Orleans will be NAFFS and CSA. Looks pretty clear that we can have it. 1 week or so before Mardi Gras starts. 1 more meeting with the heads to button it all down.

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d. **West Coast Program:** *Jay Harris*

- i. Thursday January 18th in Anaheim
- ii. GS Haley company will sponsor on tea. Treat on for extracts
- iii. Tour of the Yakult plant for probiotic yogurt drinks.

9. **Membership Committee:** *Aparna Oak & Ashley Rizzo*

- a. No Report

10. **Nominating Committee:** *Paul Ricciardi*

- a. No Report

11. **Sponsorship Committee:** *Cathianne Leonardi*

- a. No Report

12. **Recognition Committee:** *Mary Robertson*

- a. None

13. **Scholarship Committee:** *Megan Nolan*

- a. Bill stated we had a discussion about the Jogue and Jaggard scholarship and funding. We are planning to talk to Jogue about additional funding. Will be able to fund scholarships next year.

14. **Symposium Committee:** *John Baughman*

- a. Bill stated everything in process. Save the date to come soon and sponsorship appeals.

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15. Website Committee: *Elsa Howerth*

- a. No Report

V. Unfinished Business – *Bill Aslanides*

- a. NONE

VI. New Business – *Bill Aslanides*

- a. None

VII. Adjournment

- a. President Bill Aslanides thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 5:11 P.M. EST

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Michaluk
SFC Secretary 2022 – 2024

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