



Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting (#465) Minutes January 19, 2024

The General Business Meeting (#466) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held at the Sheraton Park Anaheim in Anaheim, CA and virtually on the ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Aslanides @ 12:42 p.m. PST

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Approval of meeting minutes – Bill Aslanides

1. Approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2023 General Business Meeting

- a. Bill Aslanides asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2023, General Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and Minutes approved.

II. Presentation of Candidates for voting - Membership Committee

- a. Quorum was made.
- b. Jackie Finer is a new member of the membership committee.
- c. There were 6 members that tested.
- d. Teng Zhao- **ABV**- Upgrade to certified.
 - i. Monir was unable to speak on her behalf.

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- e. Kyle Bloecker- **Tastepoint by IFF**- Upgrade to certified
 - i. Fred Triolo mentor was unable to speak. Jay Harris spoke on his behalf.
- f. Beth Harden- **Flavor Producers LLC**- Upgrade to Certified
 - i. Karin O'Bryan spoke on her behalf.
- g. Rachel Odoski- **The Coca-Cola Company**- Apprentice
 - i. Scott Michaluk spoke on her behalf and read a note from Cathianne Leonardi and Cyndie Lipka.
- h. Alexander Amann- **Prinova**- Upgrade to certified
 - i. Ray Hartman Spoke on his behalf.
- i. 33 candidates processed and new panelist onboarded 2023.
- j. Moving back to in person for testing. Virtual testing can be used periodically as needed and for ADA accommodations.
- k. Congratulations to all our new members!

III. Board of Directors Reports

1. Secretary: Scott Michaluk

- a. NO REPORT

2. Treasurer: Marissa Pasky

- a. Financial Details Report 10/1/23 – 12/31/23

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- \$22,316.39 Checking balance
- \$18099.53 Savings
- \$144.27 PayPal
- TOTAL STARTING BALANCE = \$27854.73
- TOTAL INCOME: \$44,308.80
- TOTAL EXPENSES \$19,373.85
- CLOSING FINAL TOTAL = \$52,789.68
- Over 200 members have paid dues, please continue.

b. Symposium feeds the coffers for the society. Ask for sponsorship. Increase of dues. Other activities have occurred to shore up the society.

- i. To keep working and going we are trying to get to 150,000 going into this next year.
- ii. Things may change to allow us to keep functioning. We are losing money every meeting.
- iii. We have friends of society. Shout out to Doug at Flavor insights for donating after the last meeting.
- iv. Think of everything the society has done to support you.
- v. Know that if things change or costs go up, it is for the betterment of the society.
- vi. We have a plan. We plan to get sponsorship for symposium more than the 80k we brought in 5 years ago. Dues are coming in and we are starting to get back to where we need to be.

3. Vice President: *Justin Kozlowski*

- a. Upcoming symposium. John will speak about it. Oct 22, 23. Put in your calendar.
 - i. Will have an event a day earlier if you can get in.
 - ii. 1100 dollars early bird by June 1st. 1300 dollars after that.
 - iii. Different sponsorship levels. Silver, Gold, Platinum. 2500, 5000, and 10,000

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- b. September meeting in NJ and Chicago meeting in November.

4. President: *Bill Aslanides*

- a. The board approved the updated Code of ethics to include modern inclusivity terms.
- b. Discussion about membership and how we might better share testing the day of and logistic as well. Looking for a local committee to take care of day of testing needs.
 - i. If any interest, please contact the membership committee to support.
 - ii. Proctors at local sites will be asked for additional help.
- c. SHI will house the articles of incorporation.
- d. Feb meeting with NAFFS upcoming. More to come.
- e. Scholarships are ongoing and applications are being taken.

5. Chairman: *Cathianne Leonardi*

- a. If interested in joining the board, we are looking for the next secretary. The new members would be presented in May. Nomination committee is formed. Nominate at nominations@flavorchemist.org

IV. Committee Reports

1. Arrangements Committee: *Chris Williams*

- a. No report

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2. Audit Committee: *Paul Ricciardi (not in attendance)*

- a. No Report

3. By-Laws Committee: *Mariano Gascon (not in attendance)*

- a. No Report

4. History Committee: *Sharon Tortola*

- a. Document ready to complete and sing for old society news and docs of incorporation to be transferred to SHI.
- b. New Family tree update is on the website. Alfred Goossens reached out to support with previous information.

5. Library Committee: *Sam Tharpe (not in attendance)*

- a. NO REPORT

6. Media Committee: *Alison Freedman (not in attendance)*

- a. NO REPORT

7. Meeting Committees

a. Chicago Program: *Lauren Hammerschmidt & Greg Griffin (not in attendance)*

- i. Bill said they are starting to sort out dates for next year's calendar.

b. Midwest Program: *David Wolfenberger*

- i. Looking for members to step up to help out.

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- ii. Marissa said she would be assistant to the assistant.
- 6. **East Coast Program:** ~~Kim Bendickson~~ (not in attendance)
 - i. Bill said she is helping with NOLA meeting and planning on September meeting along with WFFC Gala.
- d. **West Coast Program:** Jay Harris
 - i. NO REPORT
- 8. **Membership Committee:** Aparna Oak & Ashley Rizzo
 - a. No Report
- 9. **Nominating Committee:** Paul Ricciardi (not in attendance)
 - a. No Report
- 10. **Sponsorship Committee:** Cathianne Leonardi
 - a. No Report
- 11. **Recognition Committee:** Mary Robertson
 - a. None
- 12. **Scholarship Committee:** ~~Megan Nolan~~ (not in attendance)
 - a. No Report
- 13. **Symposium Committee:** ~~John Baughman~~ (not in attendance)
 - a. Bill said the committee meets every other week to finalize and get items on the website.

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14. 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 1:28 P.M. PST

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Michaluk
SFC Secretary 2022 – 2024

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