



Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting (#467) Minutes May 09, 2024

The Board of Directors meeting (#467) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott in Newark, NJ and virtually on the ZOOM platform with members participating remotely. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Aslanides @ 4:10 p.m. EST

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Approval of meeting minutes – Bill Aslanides

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2024 General Business Meeting

- a. Bill Aslanides asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2024 General Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and Minutes approved.

II. Presentation of Candidates for voting - Membership Committee

- a. 7 candidates were tested and all 7 are being presented for membership.
- b. Thanks to all the panelists. If you would like to present
- c. Karen (Haiqu) Xu – Sensient Technologies- Apprentice
 - i. Terry Miesle spoke on her behalf.

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- d. Nicholas Gidjunis – Tastepoint by IFF- Upgrade to Certified
 - i. Fred Triolo Spoke on his behalf.
- e. Lauren Muhlberger- Flavor Dynamics- Direct to certified.
 - i. Dolf DeRovia and Lindsay M. spoke on her behalf.
- f. Cynthia Esposito- ADM- Apprentice
 - i. Ken Kraut spoke on her behalf.
- g. Daniel Petry- Prinova- Direct to certified.
 - i. Ken Kraut spoke on his behalf.
- h. James Chronley- Tastepoint by IFF- Apprentice
 - i. Jay Harris spoke on his behalf.
- i. Kristin Fox- McCormick FONA- Upgrade to certified
 - i. Deborah Barber spoke on her behalf.
- j. Voting took place and all were welcomed and congratulated as new and upgraded members!

III. Board of Directors Reports

1. Secretary: Scott Michaluk

- a. Want to thank everyone for being patient over the last two years with all the technical difficulties!
- b. Zoom waiting room was taken off for past meetings, but had to be added back on due to someone getting into the zoom meeting at the April meeting.

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2. Treasurer:

a. Report for 4/1/24 – 4/30/24

- i. In a good position. Symposium sponsorships have helped and please help us to keep up the good work with sponsorships.
- ii. Please be active in the society to help keep it going.
 - \$ 116,622.56 Checking balance
 - \$ 18,102.29 Savings
 - \$ 227.74 PayPal
 - \$ 29,462 in Scholarship Fund
 - TOTAL STARTING BALANCE = \$ 89,307.79
 - TOTAL INCOME: \$ 48,481.18
 - TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 2,671.62
 - CLOSING FINAL TOTAL = \$ 135,117.35

3. Vice President: *Justin Kozlowski*

- a. The next meeting is September 25th, the Wednesday before the Gala.
- b. Great attendance today over 100 attending today. Look forward to seeing you in September.

4. President: *Bill Aslanides*

- a. Financial responsibility.
 - i. Meeting models have changed, and attendance has changed.
 - ii. Ticket prices have needed to be increased and changes to spending has been adjusted.
- b. Formalized the SHI arrangement Sam and Sharon have been critical.
- c. Midwest roundtable for first time in Chicago with CSA. Went really well!

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- d. Meeting in CA with Yakult tour, Sazerac house in New Orleans, symposium is in full swing and moving along nicely.
- e. Sponsorship has picked up and Cathianne was instrumental.
- f. Went back to in person testing. Testing in person was most important.
- g. Legacy project Dolf and Sharon are really working hard on that.
- h. BSF we will resume next year for that joint meeting.
- i. Institutional Memory. Need to train others to have backup.
- j. Regionality- smaller regional specific support.
- k. Talent recruitment. If your good at other talents, we want your support to help build.
- l. Refill committees- demystify and get younger members to help out.
- m. Membership testing 20 of 26 passed. 37 total for the year.
- n. Thanks to the board! Keep moving the needle a little every year.
- o. Influence the companies we work for to express the importance of this Society.
- p. Passing the Gavel to Justin. Thanks to Bill and congrats to Justin.

5. New President- Justin

- a. Thank Bill for all the catchup and support.
- b. 5 years ago symposium chair, was VP, and now president. Symposium was a great experience. Started about 20 years ago. Offers new and old an opportunity to learn. Oct 20-23. Please attend.
- c. Committee Chair Slate for 2024-2025

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- i. Please talk to Katie Crowley to support Midwest meeting.
- ii. Sponsorship please reach out to Justin if you're interested to chair that one. It is a big committee to keep funding going.

6. Chairman: *Cathianne Leonardi*

- a. Welcome our new secretary, Jennifer Tartaglia. Thanks to the nominating committee for helping out!

IV. Committee Reports

1. Arrangements Committee: *Chris Williams*

- a. Hotel accommodation are being worked on and save the dates sometime this summer.
- b. Thanks to Chris for everything you do!

2. Audit Committee: *Paul Ricciardi*

- a. No Report

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

- a. No Report

4. History Committee: *Sharon Tortola*

- a. NO REPORT

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

- a. Picking up books from a 95-year-old flavorist to get them to the SHI.

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6. Media Committee: *Alison Freedman*

- a. Please interact with LinkedIn. Please consider sending people to Symposium.

7. Meeting Committees

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

- i. NO REPORT

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

- i. No Report

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

- i. Great meeting today. Jogue presentation later. Join us for September meeting!

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

- i. NO REPORT

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

- a. No Report

9. Nominating Committee: *Cathianne Leonardi*

- a. Welcome Jennifer

b. Slate of Officers

- i. Bill Chair, Justin president, Scott Vice President, Marissa Treasurer (2nd year), Jennifer Secretary (1st year)

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c. Chair to outgoing President.

- i. You have used the gavel outside of the society and in the workplace.
- ii. Should we give you the award that has the gavel on it. JK please accept this award. Thanks Bill for your term as President

10. Sponsorship Committee: Open

- a. No Report

11. Recognition Committee: *Mary Robertson(not in attendance)*

- a. None

12. Scholarship Committee: *Megan Nolan(not in attendance)*

- a. Presentation tonight from Michigan state University on Vanilla

13. Symposium Committee: *John Baughman (not in attendance)*

- a. Very much underway. Early bird open by June 1. Don't wait please sign up!

14. Website Committee: *Elsa Howerth*

- a. Track membership dues. Sending reminders for dues payment.
 - i. Sending 3 notifications and then 30 days and your membership will be dropped. We have 10 people that we are trying to connect. We went to digital last year. Please mind the notifications and inbox. Please pay dues.
 - ii. New members today will get a welcome new member from the website and will need to pay your dues. Will get that notification in the next two weeks or so.

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V. Unfinished Business – Bill Aslanides

- a. NONE

VI. New Business – Bill Aslanides

- a. None

VII. Adjournment

- a. President Justin Kozlowski thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 5:14 P.M. EST

VIII. Addendum:

- a. At 6:58 P.M. President Bill Aslanides called for a vote to approve the slate of officers. Quorum of members was satisfied, and all voted in favor of approving the 2024-2025 slate of officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Michaluk
SFC Secretary 2022 – 2024

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