



Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting (#468) Minutes September 25, 2024

The General Business Meeting (#468) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held at the Hilton Newark Airport in Newark, NJ and virtually on the ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order by President Justin Kozlowski @ 4:55 p.m. EST.

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Approval of meeting minutes – Justin Kozlowski

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2024 General Business Meeting

- a. Justin Kozlowski asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2024 General Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and minutes approved.

II. Presentation of Candidates for voting - Membership Committee

- a. 5 candidates were tested and all 5 are being presented for membership.
- b. Thank you to all the panel members.
- c. Linda Farkas – Lucta, upgrade to Certified
 - i. Shamira Fernandez spoke on their behalf.
- d. Austin Doro – Sensient, Apprentice

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- i. A message from Susie Sadurol was read by Marcell Salonga. Marcell Salonga also spoke on their behalf.
- e. Francesca Gillio – Sapphire Flavors, Apprentice
 - i. A message from Veronica Marano was read on their behalf.
- f. Li Li – PepsiCo, Direct to Certified
 - i. A message from Dolf DeRovira was read on their behalf. John Wright also spoke on their behalf.
- g. Renee Walsh – Takasago, upgrade to Certified
 - i. Eliana Noguiera spoke on their behalf.
- h. Vote was tallied and all 5 candidates voted in.

III. Board of Directors Reports

1. Secretary: Jennifer Tartaglia

- a. No Report

2. Treasurer: Marissa Pasky

- a. Report for May 1 to August 31
Sponsorship for Symposium and the Friends of the Society is strong. There is still time to sponsor.
 - \$ 189,209.82 Checking balance
 - \$ 13,056.81 Savings
 - \$ 677.12 PayPal
 - TOTAL STARTING BALANCE = \$ 135,109.91
 - TOTAL NET INCOME: \$ 67,833.84
 - TOTAL EXPENSES \$42,118.89
 - CLOSING FINAL TOTAL = \$ 202,943.75

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3. Vice President: *Scott Michaluk*

- a. No Report

4. President: *Justin Kozlowski*

- a. Board is excited for the Fall slate of events including the Symposium meeting in October. There is still time to sign up.
- b. Summer newsletter is available on the website.

5. Chairman: *Bill Aslanides*

- a. Working with our partner, AFI, to renegotiate the contract.
- b. Bill will be reaching out to organize an IT committee to ensure continuity of IT information.

IV. Committee Reports

1. Arrangements Committee: *Justin Kozlowski for Chris Williams (not in attendance)*

- a. Chris has been planning many great events, including tonight's cocktail hour. Symposium

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

- a. The committee is working to finalize the Audit Report.

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

- a. No Report

4. History Committee: *Sharon Tortola*

- a. Digitization project for the SFC newsletters has now been complete in conjunction with the Science History Institute (SHI).

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- b. General Membership is willing to look for any missing issues. Please share any information which may not be captured with Sharon.
- c. Please keep sending in updates about the flavor industry history for the industry tree to Dolf DeRovira

5. Library Committee: *Sam Tharpe*

- a. Exciting times with the Library Committee. We have a digitization project with the SHI museum.
- b. The Legacy project underway and members are encouraged to go to the website to learn more about the Legacy project.
- c. SHI will be doing an oral history of our own, Alfred Goossens, helping to seal the society and industry legacy.

6. Media Committee: *Alison Freedman*

- a. No Report
- b. Please attend the symposium.

7. Meeting Committees

- a. **Chicago Program:** *Lauren Hammerschmidt & Greg Griffin (not in attendance)*
 - i. No Report
- b. **Midwest Program:** *Katie Crowley (not in attendance)*
 - i. No Report
- c. **East Coast Program:** *Kim Bendickson*
 - i. Almost at 80 participants both in person and virtual. Next east coast meeting with be February 20, 2025. Venue to be TBD.
- d. **West Coast Program:** *Justin Kozlowski for Jay Harris (not in attendance)*

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- i. Thursday January 16th, at Chapman University nearby previous Anaheim location. Chapman University is a university with a robust food science program that feeds into the CA food industry. They have recently opened new labs which will be toured.

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

- a. No Report

9. Nominating Committee: *Bill Aslanides*

- a. No Report

10. Sponsorship Committee: *Justin Kozlowski for Committee (no Chair)*

- a. Please reach out to Justin if you are interested in helping with this committee.

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

- a. Pins are on order for next year.

12. Scholarship Committee: *No Chairperson*

- a. No Report

13. Symposium Committee: *John Baughman*

- a. 6pm Happy Hour on Monday October 21st before the symposium.
- b. Log into your SCHED account to learn more about the speakers.

14. Website Committee: *Elsa Howerth*

- a. No Report

V. Unfinished Business – Justin Kozlowski

- a. None

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VI. New Business – Justin Kozlowski

- a. None

VII. Adjournment

- a. President Justin Kozlowski thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 5:25 P.M. EST

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tartaglia
SFC Secretary 2024 – 2026

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