



Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting (#471) Minutes January 16, 2025

The General Business Meeting (#471) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held at the Chapman University in Orange, CA and virtually on the ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order by President Justin Kozlowski @ 4:02 p.m. Pacific standard time.

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Approval of meeting minutes – Justin Kozlowski

1. Approval of the minutes of the November 6, 2024, General Business Meeting

- a. Justin Kozlowski asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2024, General Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and minutes approved.

II. Presentation of Candidates for voting - Membership Committee

- a. 4 candidates were being presented for membership.
- b. Hunter Pickett– Flavor Insights, Upgrade to Certified
 - i. Doug Eisenhoffer spoke on their behalf.
- c. Rob Calez – Bell Flavors and Fragrances, Upgrade to Certified
 - i. Christina Hook spoke on their behalf.
- d. Andrew Pugh – Flavorchem, Upgrade to Certified
 - i. Lindsay Mahon on behalf of Lauren Hammerschmidt spoke on their behalf.

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- e. Emily Ferraro – HB Taylor, Upgrade to Certified
- i. Rosanne Erdal spoke on their behalf via Zoom.
- f. Vote was tallied and all 4 candidates voted in.

III. Board of Directors Reports

1. Secretary: Jennifer Tartaglia (via Zoom)

- a. No Report

2. Treasurer: Marissa Pasky (via Zoom)

- a. The SFC did well with the Symposium. That combined with some cost cutting and fiscal responsibility the society's finances are in a good place for the next 5 years.
- b. Membership dues are starting to come in. We are currently at about 70% paid with a goal of 90-100% by the end of January.
- c. Financial Details Report
 - \$ 349,764.30 Starting Checking balance (from November 1, 2024)
 - \$ 13,057.28 Savings
 - \$ 45,376.37 PayPal
 - TOTAL STARTING BALANCE = \$ 364,978.69
 - TOTAL NET INCOME: \$ 53,606.92
 - TOTAL EXPENSES \$129,696.64
 - CLOSING FINAL TOTAL = \$ 288,888.97

3. Vice President: Scott Michaluk (via Zoom)

- a. No Report

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4. President: *Justin Kozlowski*

- a. Justin Kozlowski thanked everyone for coming out to SFC events as it stresses the importance of socializing with our flavorist peers.

5. Chairman: *Bill Aslanides (via Zoom)*

- a. The Golden Blotter award recipient has been chosen and informed. Award preparations are underway.

IV. Committee Reports

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

- a. No Report

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

- a. Taxes have been submitted.

3. By-Laws Committee: *Mariano Gascon*

- a. No Report

4. History Committee: *Sharon Tortola (via Zoom)*

- a. No Report
- b. Additionally, Justin Kozlowski shared the digital collections webpage through Science History Institute.

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

- a. No Report

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

- a. No Report

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7. Meeting Committees

- a. **Chicago Program:** *Lauren Hammerschmidt (via Zoom) & Greg Griffin (not in attendance)*
 - i. No Report
- b. **Midwest Program:** Justin Kozlowski for *Katie Crowley (not in attendance)*
 - i. The next Midwest meeting will be April 10th, 2025, in Loveland, OH. Katie Crowley is looking for volunteers to help chair the committee and help with meetings. Please email Justin Kozlowski at president@flavorchemist.org or Midwest program committee at midwest-committee@flavorchemist.org
- c. **East Coast Program:** Justin Kozlowski for *Kim Bendickson (not in attendance)*
 - i. Next meeting will be February 20, 2025, at Yards Brewery. Topics will include the history of Campbell's soup, TTB and Bitter taste.
- d. **West Coast Program:** *Jay Harris*
 - i. Next year Alex Scott has volunteered to chair the committee next year. Please reach to Alex or other committee members if you are interested in joining.

8. Membership Committee: *Aparna Oak (via Zoom), Ashley Rizzo (via Zoom), Jacqueline Finner*

- a. No Report

9. Nominating Committee: *Bill Aslanides (via Zoom)*

- a. Applications for the next treasurer are being taken. The nominating committee will be meeting soon. Anyone interested in Treasurer, please reach to Bill Aslanides.

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10. Sponsorship Committee: *Alpa Roman (not in attendance)*

- a. No Report

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

- a. No Report

12. Scholarship Committee: *Katie Beaver (not in attendance)*

- a. No Report

13. Symposium Committee: Justin Kozlowski for *John Baughman*

- a. The symposium brought in just under \$200,000 which gives the society some funding for the next 5 years.

14. Website Committee: *Elsa Howerth*

- a. New website has been going smoothly.
- b. At this time of year, there are a lot of messages about resetting passwords. The password link on the website is not working, please email the website committee to get a temporary password.

V. Unfinished Business – Justin Kozlowski

- a. None

VI. New Business – Justin Kozlowski

- a. None

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VII. Adjournment

- a. President Justin Kozlowski thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 1:26 P.M. PST

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tartaglia
SFC Secretary 2024 – 2026

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