



Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting (#472) Minutes February 20, 2025

The General Business Meeting (#472) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held at the Yards Brewing Company in Philadelphia, PA and virtually on the ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order by President Justin Kozlowski @ 1:01 p.m. Eastern time.

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Approval of meeting minutes – Justin Kozlowski

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2025 General Business Meeting

- a. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2025 Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and minutes approved.

II. Presentation of Candidates for voting - Membership Committee

- a. 3 candidates were being presented for membership.
- b. Derek Rathjen – Lucta, Apprentice
 - i. Glenn Mangarelli and Shamira Fernandes spoke on their behalf.
- c. Lauren Wachenfeld – ADM, Direct to Certified
 - i. A note from Jennifer White was read and Marie Wright spoke on their behalf.
- d. Helen Ho – Doehler, Apprentice
 - i. Alpa Roman and Doug Eisenhoffer confirmed that she was very knowledgeable and well deserving of membership. Mentor, Dolf DeRovira was unable to attend.

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- e. Vote was tallied and all 3 candidates voted in.
- f. QR code or link will be emailed to membership for questions.

III. Board of Directors Reports

1. Secretary: Jennifer Tartaglia

- a. No Report

2. Treasurer: Marissa Pasky

- a. Report for January to February
 - \$ 230,455.32 Checking balance
 - \$ 13,057.28 Savings
 - \$ 45,376.37 PayPal
 - TOTAL STARTING BALANCE = \$ 288,888.97
 - TOTAL NET INCOME: \$ 70,537.16
 - TOTAL EXPENSES \$14,195.99
 - CLOSING FINAL TOTAL = \$ 345,230.14
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3. Vice President: Scott Michaluk

- a. No Report

4. President: Justin Kozlowski

- a. Thank you for attending today's meeting. The turnout for today's is good. Please check out the Science History Institute here in Philadelphia.

5. Chairman: Bill Aslanides

- a. No Report

IV. Committee Reports

1. Arrangements Committee: Chris Williams

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- a. No Report
- 2. **Audit Committee:** *Paul Ricciardi*
 - a. Tax documents will be submitted to Treasurer next week.
- 3. **By-Laws Committee:** *Mariano Gascon (not in attendance)*
 - a. No Report
- 4. **History Committee:** *Sharon Tortola (via Zoom)*
 - a. Please send any information for the Flavor Industry Family Tree to Dolf.
- 5. **Library Committee:** *Sam Tharpe (Zoom)*
 - a. SHI will have an event coming shortly. Sam will send out information shortly. SHI is very food centric. Please keep an eye out for these food history events.
- 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. No Report
 - b. **Midwest Program:** *Katie Crowley (via Zoom)*
 - i. Everything is on track for the Loveland, OH meeting on April 10th. Our CSA speaker has backed out so please reach out if there are any leads on additional speaker.
 - c. **East Coast Program:** *Kim Bendickson & Tara Strober*
 - i. Please welcome Tara Strober for joining the committee.
 - ii. Today we have around 75 people joining which is a terrific turnout.

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- iii. Next meeting will be the SFC dinner after the CSA roundtable on May 8th.
- iv. The September date is in the work.
- d. **West Coast Program:** *Alex Scott (not in attendance)*
 - i. A successful West Coast meeting was held in January.
 - ii. Look for meeting notification and information to be sent out shortly.
- 8. **Membership Committee:** *Aparna Oak & Ashley Rizzo (not in attendance)*
 - a. No Testing in March
 - b. April and May will have 6 candidates each.
- 9. **Nominating Committee:** *Bill Aslanides*
 - a. Invitations for treasurer interviews will be coming out soon.
- 10. **Sponsorship Committee:** *Alpa Roman*
 - a. This committee is gearing up with more coming soon.
- 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:** OPEN
- 14. **Website Committee:** *Elsa Howerth*
 - a. Currently, there are only 15 members who have not paid yet.
 - b. Three reminders to pay dues are required before a member is dropped.

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V. Unfinished Business – Justin Kozlowski

- a. None

VI. New Business – Justin Kozlowski

- a. Ari Gasman raised a new business item regarding the next SFC symposium in 2019. The timing of the symposium has continued to be in conflict with the FEMA fall symposium. It is proposed that SFC should check the timing for the FEMA fall symposium before scheduling. FEMA Fall Symposium is usually the Monday-Wednesday the second to last week in October. Some questions raised about T&E budgets, travel, weather and school vacations. The location will be chosen shortly and then the chairperson.

VII. Adjournment

- a. President Justin Kozlowski thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 1:37 P.M. EST

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tartaglia
SFC Secretary 2024 – 2026

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