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Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting (#478) Minutes February 12, 2026

The General Business Meeting (#478) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held at Atlanta, GA and virtually on the ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order by President Scott Michaluk @ 11:34 a.m. Eastern time.

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Approval of meeting minutes – Scott Michaluk

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 20, 2026 General Business Meeting

- a. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the *January 20, 2026* Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and minutes approved.

II. Presentation of Candidates for voting - Membership Committee

- a. 3 candidates were presented for membership.
- b. David Phillips, Apprentice – The Coca-Cola Company
 - i. Scott Michaluk spoke on their behalf.
- c. Bridget Bryant, Apprentice – Sensient Flavor & Extracts
 - i. Jacqueline Finner read words from Susie Sadural spoke on their behalf.
- d. Karen Xu, Upgrade to Certified – Sensient Flavors & Extracts
 - i. Terry Miesle spoke on their behalf.
- e. Vote was tallied and the candidate was voted in.

III. Board of Directors' Reports

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1. Assistant Secretary: Elsa Howerth

- No Report

2. Secretary: Jennifer Tartaglia (via Zoom)

- Calendar committee is looking to see if there are any other organizations we should be aware of for planning purposes. Please email secretary with suggestions.

3. Treasurer: Terry Miesle

Jan-26	
Initial balances	
BoA Checking	\$295,610.10
BoA Savings	\$111,306.43
Paypal	\$29,968.16
Total	\$436,884.69
Total Income	\$76,919.67
Total Expenses	-\$8,701.78
Ending Balance	\$505,102.58

4. Vice President: Scott Michaluk on behalf of Marissa Pasky (not in attendance)

- Marissa is looking to set the next year's schedule by late February or early March.

5. President: Scott Michaluk

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- a. Scott thanks Kim for setting up this experiential meeting for the Society this year. Many people attended the World of Coke tour today. 100 registrations today with the attendance reaching the hotel maximum.
- b. We will be looking at setting up September and October meeting in New Jersey and Chicago, respectively.

6. Chairman: Scott Michaluk on behalf of *Justin Kozlowski (not in attendance)*

- a. Looking currently for candidates for the secretary position. Justin encourages people to volunteer for this exciting position. We are also looking for a symposium chair

IV. Committee Reports

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

- a. *No Report*

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 (Zoom)*

- a. No Report

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. Membership Committee: *Aparna Oak (not in attendance) & Ashley Rizzo (not in attendance) & Jacque Finner*

- a. The syllabus is updated and test questions will be related to that.
- b. Actively looking for new members for the membership committee.
- c. Scott thanks the committee for getting the queue down to a handful.

8. Nominating Committee: *Justin Kozlowski*

- a. Secretary candidates are being interviewed.

9. Program 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 & Tara Strober (not in attendance)*

- i. Thank you for coming today. One hundred people is a record for the number of people attending in February.
- ii. Big thanks to Kim and Tara Strober and Stephanie Russell for getting this set up.

d. **West Coast Program:** *Alex Scott*

- i. Scott recognized the great work putting together the January meeting and mentioned that everyone had a wonderful time

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

- a. No Report

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

- a. No Report

12. Scholarship Committee: *Scott Michaluk on behalf of Katie Beaver (not in attendance)*

- a. Katie and Scott met with the Sastry family and the flyer for that scholarship will be updated and posted shortly.

13. Symposium Committee: *OPEN (to be filled next year)*

- a. We still have an open seat if you are interested in co-leading. Currently, there is one person interested in co-leading.

14. Website Committee: *Elsa Howerth*

- a. Thank you for making your dues payments. Please pay attention to the deadline but you can still log in and pay.
- b. We are in the process of switching providers for the website. As part of this, the website committee is looking for new members to work on website projects.

V. Unfinished Business – Scott Michaluk

- a. None

VI. New Business – Scott Michaluk

- a. None

VII. Adjournment

- a. President Scott Michaluk thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 11:56 A.M. Eastern time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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