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Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting (479) Minutes April 16, 2026

The General Business Meeting (479) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, OH and virtually on the ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order by President Scott Michaluk @ 4:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Approval of meeting minutes – Scott Michaluk

1. Approval of the minutes of February 12, 2026 General Business Meeting

- a. A motion was made to accept the minutes of February 12, 2026 Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and minutes approved.

II. Presentation of Candidates for voting - Membership Committee

- a. 2 candidates were presented for membership.
- b. Jonathan Colon, Apprentice – Virginia Dare
 - i. Ashley Rizzo read comments from Jeanine Soto on their behalf.
- c. Austin Doro, Upgrade to Certified – Sensient Flavor & Extracts
 - i. Jacqueline Finner spoke on their behalf.
- d. Vote was tallied and the candidates were voted in.

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III. Board of Directors' Reports

1. Assistant Secretary: Elsa Howerth

- a. No Report

2. Secretary: Jennifer Tartaglia

- a. Our camera and speaker set up are no longer functioning. We will be purchasing an option shortly.

3. Treasurer: Terry Miesle

- a. Financial Details Report –

Meeting 479 Treasurer report

February and March 2026

Balance sheet	February and March
BoA Checking	\$295,106.02
BoA Savings	\$111,307.38
Paypal	\$98,689.18
Total	\$505,102.58
Total Income	\$9,137.92
Total Expenses	-\$20,403.41
Ending Balance	\$493,837.09

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4. Vice President: *Marissa Piazza*

- a. Please plan to attend the May meeting.
- b. Mark your calendar for September 30th for the New Jersey meeting which will be the day before the WFFC gala. The meeting will be close to both the airport and the gala.
- c. November 3rd is tentative for the Chicago meeting. Upcoming meetings which will have confirmed dates shortly are January in California and late February/early March in Florida in coordination with NAFFS and/or WFFC.
- d. Our Cincinnati committee is still coordinating the 2026 location. Please contact Katie Crowley with any ideas for speakers/locations or to volunteer.

5. President: *Scott Michaluk*

- a. There will be a joint meeting with the British Society of Flavorist held virtually in June.
- b. For the May meeting, please register early so we can plan for the dinner. The more accurate the headcount the better. Elsa also noted that this is one of the largest class of 25-year award recipients.
- c. Scott announced that Aparna Oak has stepped down from the Membership committee after 5 years of hard work and dedication. During her time, she worked through a backlog of applicants, recruited our current chairs, and worked with a team to revise the syllabus. Thank you, Aparna, for your service!

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- d. Please ask your companies what topics would be relevant to you or your company and let the board know so we can look for speakers that are of interest. If you like certain aspects of meetings, please let us know.

6. Chairman: *Justin Kozlowski*

- a. Justin announced that the nominating committee has selected Katie Beaver as the next secretary. Her work around structuring the scholarship committee was recognized. Congratulations!

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 (not in attendance)*

- 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: *Ashley Rizzo & Jacque Finner*

- a. No additional Report

8. Nominating Committee: *Justin Kozlowski*

- a. Katie Beaver will be the new incoming secretary.

9. Program Committees

- a. **Chicago Program:** *Lauren Hammerschmidt (not in attendance) & Greg Griffin (not in attendance)*

- i. No Report

- b. **Midwest Program:** *Katie Crowley*

- i. Thank you all for coming today. Please consider bringing friends and colleagues to the next meeting. If you would like to help plan the Cincinnati meetings, please reach out to Katie via the Midwest

- c. **East Coast Program:** *Kim Bendickson & Tara Strober (not in attendance)*

- i. Don't forget to register for the May meeting.

- d. **West Coast Program:** *Scott Michaluk on behalf of Alex Scott (not in attendance) & Flor Fausto (Zoom)*

- 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

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

- a. No Report

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

- a. A big thank you to all the scholarship evaluators. It was a big group that reviewed many applications.

13. Symposium Committee: *Shelley Kung*

- a. Scott announces that Shelley Kung will be heading our Symposium committee.

14. Website Committee: *Elsa Howerth*

- a. There was a smooth transition to the new web master.
- b. There are 22 current members which are not current on their dues. They will receive reminder letters to get them current. If you are logging in and not completing the process, please be mindful that you need to complete it.

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 4:50 P.M. Eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tartaglia
SFC Secretary 2024 – 2026

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