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Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting (#480) Minutes May 7, 2026

The General Business Meeting (#480) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott in Newark, NJ and virtually on the ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order by President Scott Michaluk @ 4:06 p.m. Eastern time.

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Approval of meeting minutes – Scott Michaluk

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 16th, 2026, General Business Meeting

- a. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 16th, 2026, Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and minutes approved.

II. Presentation of Candidates for voting - Membership Committee

- a. 1 candidate was presented for membership.
 - b. Richelle Yacon, Upgrade to Certified – Embassy Ingredients
 - i. Angel Wong spoke on their behalf.
2. Vote was tallied and the candidate was voted in.

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III. In Silent Tribute

1. In Silent Tribute:

- Dr. Sindhi Dattu Sastry, Frank Fischetti, and Alfred Goossens were honored with a moment of silence.

IV. Board of Directors' Reports

1. Assistant Secretary: Elsa Howerth

- No Report

2. Secretary: Jennifer Tartaglia

- Today we are testing out a new camera system to be used going forward.

3. Treasurer: Terry Miesle

- Financial Details Report –

Balance sheet	April	Year-End Balances	
BoA Checking	\$368,594.74	BoA Checking	\$ 338,714.79 Start of Fiscal Year
BoA Savings	\$111,309.16	BoA Savings	\$ 12,300.01
Paypal	\$13,831.90	Paypal	\$ 1,905.68
Total	\$493,735.80	Sum	\$ 352,920.48
Total Income	\$18,478.64	BoA Checking	\$ 378,851.23 End of Fiscal Year
Total Expenses	-\$6,521.52	BoA Savings	\$111,310.08
Ending Balance	\$505,692.92	Paypal	\$ 13,831.90
		Sum	\$ 503,993.21

- Terry will create a categorized budget for the year. He noted that our operating budget is steady. The savings increase shown is due to the generous donation for the Jogue, now Sastry scholarship, for students.

4. Vice President: Marissa Piazza

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a. No Report

5. President: *Scott Michaluk*

- a. Scott thanked the group for everything and is honored to have worked with the different committees and all the members.
- b. Scott thanks Justin for his time and commitment. Justin's work and collaboration will be missed.

6. Chairman: *Justin Kozlowski*

a. No Report

V. 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: *Scott Michaluk on behalf of Sam Tharpe (not in attendance)*

- a. Dues are no longer required by the Science History Institute but as an affiliate SFC is encouraged to make annual donations.

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- b. Alred Goossens oral history is complete. SHI is waiting for the family to review the transcript before it is released.
- c. Donations to begin cataloging the Society of Flavor Chemists archives stored at the Science History Institute is encouraged.
- d. The Science History Institute is looking to build a stronger relationship with the SFC through media support, making contributions to our newsletter. This could also an opportunity for the SFC to make contributions to the SHI publications.
- e. Any questions please reach out.

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

- a. Alison spoke about the joint meeting with the BSF on chemosensory research. Link to register and information will go out. Meeting is virtual June 10th.
- b. BSF Beer event in Germany coming up and Alison is promoting it on LinkedIn.
- c. Scott shared that Survey Monkey will go out soon on location information for upcoming symposium.

7. Membership Committee: *Ashley Rizzo & Jacque Finner*

- a. Today we had all in-person panelists.
- b. Thank you to everyone who participated in the panel. Members with 3 years can participate in panelists you have 3 years certified.

8. Nominating Committee: *Justin Kozlowski*

- a. Nomination committee's objectives were met. The new secretary and golden blotter award recipients are here today.

9. Program Committees

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- a. **Chicago Program:** *Lauren Hammerschmidt (not in attendance) & Greg Griffin (Zoom)*
 - i. No Report
- b. **Midwest Program:** *Scott Michaluk on behalf of Katie Crowley*
 - i. A great April meeting was held at the Oasis golf course. Thank you to everyone who participated
- c. **East Coast Program:** *Kim Bendickson & Tara Strober*
 - i. Thank you to everyone for coming in person.
 - ii. The next East Coast meeting is September 30th the day before the WFFC gala. The program will focus on learning and education from some students.
- d. **West Coast Program:** *Alex Scott (Zoom) & Flor Fausto (Zoom)*
 - i. January meeting will be on January 19th back at Chapman University. More details to follow.

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: *Alex Amann (Zoom)*

- a. Alex will be new Scholarship Committee Chair.
- b. Katie Beaver thanks everyone who helps evaluate scholarship candidates.

13. Symposium Committee: Shelley Kung

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- a. Shelley asks that we start thinking about what kind of content we might like to see.
- b. If you would like to participate in the planning, please reach out to Shelley Kung.

14. Website Committee: Elsa Howerth

- a. We have a new webmaster and the transition to the new provider is complete. Over the summer hiatus, website committee will be organizing the back office with newsletters, minutes, photos, and other documents. Volunteers are welcome if you would like to help.
- b. We are working on the spring newsletter which will be out soon. If you would like to contribute an article to the newsletter, please reach out to Elsa.
- c. 8 members were dropped because of delinquency of dues.

VI. Unfinished Business – Scott Michaluk

- a. None

VII. New Business – Scott Michaluk

- a. Slate of officers:
 - i. Chairperson: Scott Michaluk
 - ii. President: Marissa Pasky
 - iii. Vice President: Jennifer Tartaglia
 - iv. Treasurer (2nd Term): Terry Miesle
 - v. Secretary (1st Term): Katie Beaver
- b. Votes were tallied and slate of offices was confirmed.

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- c. Outgoing Chairman, Justin Kozlowski, thanks everyone for allowing him to participate in the board and is honored at all that was accomplished. He urges clear and open communication about what is happening as a society. He thanks all the committee chairs, including John Baughman for the successful symposium, as well as the membership chairs for all the hard work. Justin thanks Scott for his presidency. Please share ideas for pushing us forward into the next decade. Justin then presented the gavel plaque to Scott.
- d. President's Annual Report: Scott sends his appreciation to the board members and the past board members as they have set him up for success. Elsa has been a consistent board member who helps guide the new members and brings context to our discussions. We really encourage apprentices and trainees to come to the meetings so please let us know what would be beneficial. He shared how he met so many different people he would not have otherwise met.
- e. Passing of the Gavel to the new President: Scott Michaluk passes the gavel to the new president, Marissa Piazza.
- f. Incoming President's address: Marissa discusses how this position is such an honor and the day she was inducted into the SFC. She spoke about her passion for the industry and learning from past presidents. The meetings should be fun, educational, and varied. Our industry is so much fun and we do what we can we do to make it fun. We have lots of freedom to shape these meetings. February's meeting will be in Florida this year. The room is full of experience and greatness. The financial health of the organization is a very good place so we can be strategic about spending going forward and do what is necessary. She is very grateful to being here and looks forward to a fun year ahead. This is the best job that we get to do every day.

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VIII. Adjournment

- a. President Marissa Piazza thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 4:46 P.M. Eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tartaglia
SFC Secretary 2024 – 2026

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