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Society of Flavor Chemists
Business Meeting (481) Minutes
September 30, 2026

The General Business Meeting (481) of the Society of Flavor Chemists was held at the Renaissance Meadowlands in Rutherford, NJ and virtually on the ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order by President Marissa Piazza @ 4:38 p.m. Eastern time.

Quorum was satisfied.

I. Presentation of Candidates for voting - *Membership Committee*

1. 2 candidates were presented for membership.
2. Regan Doolin, Apprentice – Synergy Flavors
    a. Mary Miele spoke on their behalf.
3. Devon Pesce, Upgrade to Certified – PepsiCo
    a. John Wright spoke on their behalf.
4. Vote was tallied and the candidates were voted in.

II. Approval of meeting minutes – *Marissa Piazza*

1. *Approval of the minutes of the May 7th, 2026, General Business Meeting*
    a. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 7th, *2026,* Business Meeting as submitted. Motion seconded and minutes approved.

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III. Board of Directors' Reports

1. Assistant Secretary: *Elsa Howerth*

a. No Report

2. Treasurer: *Terry Miesle*

a. Financial Details Report

May-Aug combined	
Initial balances	
BoA Checking	378,851.23
BoA Savings	111,310.08
Paypal	15,531.64
Total	505,692.95
Income	
May	24,822.53
June	900.90
July	2,087.50
Aug	2,215.58
	30,026.51
Expenses	
May	-36,283.00
June	-21,568.34
July	-2,070.47
Aug	-1,003.47
	-60,925.28
Beginning Total	505,692.95
Total income	30,026.51
Total expenses	-60,925.28
Ending balance	474,794.18

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b. Not much income during summer months, but still have expenses.

c. Savings is the scholarship account and well funded by Sastry family.

d. The checking account is our operating budget.

e. Doing well overall.

f. Yearly expenses were pretty close to neutral.

3. **Secretary**: *Katie Beaver*

    a. No Report

4. **Vice President**: *Jennifer Tartaglia*

    a. Thanked Katie for computer role

    b. Already working on 2027/2028 year.

    c. Asked for ideas, or speaker topics or recommendations for speakers

5. **President**: *Marissa Piazza*

    a. Chicago meeting will be November 3

    b. January 19 is the West Coast meeting in California

    c. Feb 17-18 in Florida with business meeting on the 18th

6. **Chairman**: *Scott Michaluk*

    a. Today was an optional training session thanks to Kim and Tara and Tony for hosting in JD's place

    b. Please provide feedback to Tara/Kim or any board member

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c. Would like to have more sessions like this to give justification to junior members and to help with membership who provided areas of improvement

d. Asked emeritus members if they are interested in being a trainer

IV. Committee Reports

1. **Arrangements Committee:** *Chris Williams & Rex Jackson (not in attendance)*
    a. No Report
2. **Audit Committee:** *Terry Miesle on behalf of Paul Ricciardi (not in attendance)*
    a. Going through audit now will be done soon
3. **By-Laws Committee:** *Mariano Gascon (not in attendance)*
    a. No Report
4. **Media Committee:** *Alison Freedman (not in attendance)*
    a. No report
5. **Library Committee**: *Sam Tharpe*
    a. The Science History Institute has completed Afred Goossens oral history
    b. Barbara Taylor has added her experience as well.
    c. Sam welcomes members to visit the Science History Institute.
    d. The Science History Institute just acquired photo 51- which was the first evidence that DNA was a double helix representing high caliber of science collections at the Science History Institute.

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e. Sam is hoping to establish a fellowship in honor of Alfred Goossens for the study of the history of science.

6. **History Committee:** *Sharon Tortola (not in attendance)*

    a. No Report.

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

    a. No Report.

8. **Nominating Committee:** *Scott Michaluk*

    a. Talk to Scott if interested in becoming the next treasurer.

9. **Program Committees**

    a. **Chicago Program**: *Lauren Hammerschmidt & Greg Griffin*

        i. Ready to go. Emulsion stability presentation and panel on training

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

        i. No report

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

        i. February meeting is a two-day event in Tampa, Florida on February 17 and 18, 2027.

        ii. On the 17th there will be a Sugar cane farm tour and distillery tasting.

        iii. There will also be a Citrus grove tour.

        iv. Coordingating with WFFC Florida chapter for a networking event.

        v. On the 18th there will be a Cvista tour

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vi. May 6 will be the CSA roundtable and afterwards the rewards dinner.

vii. Thank you to Cathianne for help with September meeting speaker lineup.

viii. Let committee know if there are any suggestions for speakers.

d. **West Coast Program**: *Alex Scott (Zoom) & Flor Fausto*

i. January meeting will be on January 19, 2027 back at Chapman University.

ii. Title of the meeting is- Navigating Change: Supply, Citrus and Analytical Innovation.

iii. Meeting will include navigating supply changes and uncertainties; citrus industry challenges and analytical technologies.

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

a. No Report

11. Scholarship Committee: *Alex Amann*

a. No new updates right now.

b. Thanked Katie for the submission pathway. It provided a talent pool to pull speakers for today.

c. Looking forward to kicking off the season after the holidays.

d. Can use candidates as a pool for speakers in the future

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

a. No Report

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13. **Symposium Committee:** Shelley Kung (Zoom)

    a. Location in Princeton.

    b. Looking at hotels right now and also Princeton University campus.

    c. Goal to lock in location before the end of the year.

    d. Contact Shelley if interested in helping or any ideas for the symposium.

14. **Website Committee:** *Elsa Howerth*

    a. Organizing the back office- minutes, newsletters presentations, photos. Must be a member and log in to see documents

V. Unfinished Business – *Marissa Piazza*

1. None

VI. New Business – *Marissa Piazza*

1. None

VII. Adjournment

a. President Marissa Piazza thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 5:02 P.M. Eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Beaver
SFC Secretary 2026 – 2028

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