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**Minutes of the Society of Flavor Chemists
Business Meeting
Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort, Garden Grove, CA
March 8, 2012**

The 400th meeting of the Society of Flavor Chemists, Inc. General Membership Meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort, Garden Grove, CA, and was called to order by Vice-President Gary Raab at 1:00 PM.

Acceptance of the minutes of the February Business meeting:

- The minutes of the February Business Meeting were approved by the membership.

1. Secretary's Report: *Hedy Kulka*, in attendance.

1.1. No report.

2. Treasurer's Report: *Cyndie Lipka*, not in attendance.

2.1. Treasurer's Report for months February and March will be provided in April's meeting minutes.

3. President's Report: *Aaron Graham*, not in attendance.

3.1. Creation of Webcast Committee, with Webcast for this meeting in Illinois.

3.2. Planning of Mentor Committee; goal will be to engage and educate new members to the committees and programs within the Society, and introduce each candidate to key members of the Society.

4. Vice President Report: *Gary Raab*, in attendance.

4.1. Establishing meeting dates after Annual meeting. September 2012 meeting to be in NJ (to precede WFFC open dinner).

4.2. Ongoing discussions with WFFC, NAFFS, and CSA to discuss future collaborative meetings.

5. Chairperson's Report: *Steve Ruocco*, not in attendance.

5.1. No golden blotter award this year.

6. Old Business:

6.1. none

7. Committee Reports:

7.1 Arrangements Committee: *Paul Ricciardi*, not in attendance.

- No report.

7.2 Audit Committee: *Dieter Bauer*, not in attendance.

- No report.

7.3 By-laws Committee: *Dolf DiRovira*, not in attendance.

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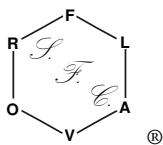
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- Sent to membership a proposition for new bylaw to extend meeting attendee quorum to members attending virtual meeting in other locations. Bylaw change to be sent to membership and voted on at April's business meeting. (see attachment A)

7.4 Development Committee: *Joan Harvey*, not in attendance.

- Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors who have generously contributed to this event: **ACS International, Advanced Biotech, Allen Flavors, Bontoux, CytoSport, Global Essence, Kerry, Medallion International, Metarom Neotech, Mission Flavors, Nexira, TIC Gums, Flavor Producers.**
- In process of evaluating scholarship applications with Chairperson.
- Planning sponsor appreciation awards for presentation at Annual meeting.

7.5 Employment Committee: *Eugene Buday*, not in attendance.

- Planning on using LinkedIn to assist with employment opportunities.

7.6 History Committee: *Dolf DeRovira*, not in attendance, and *Veronica McBurnie*, in attendance.

- No report.

7.7 Library Committee: *Jack Fastag and Alfred Goosens*, not in attendance.

- Loaning library transfer complete.
- Details on how members can access books from the loan library will be added to the website.

7.8 Membership Committee: *Karen Alexander*, in attendance

- Applicants who have interviewed at this meeting will be presented to the membership during April's meeting.

8.9 Media Communications Committee: *Mary Foster*, in attendance.

- Working on the next newsletter; goal is to publish in May.
- New member biographies and pictures have been received and will be incorporated into the newsletter.
- We will include pictures from the September and December 2011 and the West Coast 2012 meetings.
- Susie Bautista has authored a paper about Peppermint Oil that we will include.
- Recruiters are now included in our LinkedIn open group.
- We are working on an article about how the changes in the flavor industry have impacted flavor chemists through the years. The team working on this (Susie Bautista, Phil Kupper) is putting together a series of questions, and will send them out to SFC members who have been certified since (cutoff date to be determined).
- At this meeting, SFC members suggested that we strive to adapt Society communication to current technology. It was suggested that we increase our efforts to communicate more frequently through our Facebook and LinkedIn groups as well as through the SFC Website. This can better keep our members up to date on SFC news and activities.

8.10 Nominating Committee: *Steve Ruocco*, not in attendance.

- The nominating committee members are Joan Harvey, Dennis Kucharczyk, and Kent Zeller.

8.11 Program Committee:

- East Coast: *Deborah Osborne*, not in attendance.
 - No report.

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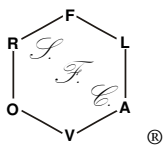
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- Midwest: *Sam Tharpe*, not in attendance
 - April meeting scheduled for April 18, 2012 at the Cincinnati Airport Marriott. Details for registration located on our website.
- Chicago: *Menzie Tabora*, not in attendance
 - No report
- West Coast: *Lisa Vaughn*, in attendance
 - Excellent coordination with NAFFS and CSA. Large attendance and were able to establish quorum for first time on West Coast!
- IFT: *Lisa Warren-Vaughn*, in attendance
 - No report.

8.11 Website Committee: *Jack Fastag and Tony Moore*, in attendance.

- Recognize that there have been *online meeting registration issues*, and project is underway to resolve and streamline process.
- Membership database information currently being reviewed by group of volunteers, following information transfer to new system. **Thank you to our volunteers.**
- Meetings being scheduled with individual committees to go over tutorials, and confirm responsibilities. Website designed to provide committees with ability to manage respective areas.

8.12 Webcast committee: *Lisa Dierbach*, in attendance.

- Today's webcast has 15 attendees.

9. New Business:

- Expand mailing list to industry insiders & other groups (NAFFS, WFFC). To be discussed at joint conference call in early March.

Vice-President Gary Raab adjourned the meeting at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Hedy Kulka
SFC Secretary 2010-2012

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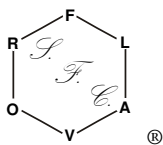
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Attachment A: Proposed bylaw changes: By-law **ARTICLE IV, Section 8: MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Present Wording:

A QUORUM at any annual or special meeting of the members shall consist of not less than 30 Certified members. If a quorum be not present at a properly called members meeting, the meeting may be adjourned by those present, and if a notice of such adjourned meeting, sent to all members contains a statement of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting and a statement of the purpose of the meeting and that the previous meeting failed for lack of a quorum, and that, under the provisions of this section, it is proposed to hold the adjourned meeting with a quorum of those Certified members present, than at such adjourned meeting.

Proposed Wording:

A QUORUM at any annual or special meeting of the members shall consist of not less than 30 Certified members. ***This will include any off-site members gathered at a board selected location officiated by a board appointed representative whose members are in contact electronically with the regular or special meeting site.*** If a quorum be not present at a properly called members meeting, the meeting may be adjourned by those present, and if a notice of such adjourned meeting, sent to all members contains a statement of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting and a statement of the purpose of the meeting and that the previous meeting failed for lack of a quorum, and that, under the provisions of this section, it is proposed to hold the adjourned meeting with a quorum of those Certified members present, than at such adjourned meeting.

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