



# The Society of Flavor Chemists, Inc.

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## Minutes of the Society of Flavor Chemists Business Meeting Holiday Inn North, Newark, New Jersey October 16, 2008

The 377<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting of the Society of Flavor Chemists, Inc. was held at the Holiday Inn in Newark, NJ, and was called to order by President Ken Kraut at **5:04 PM**.

### 1. Acceptance of the minutes of the September meeting:

- Approved.

### 2. Secretary's Report: Aaron Graham (Jack Fastag reporting)

- Received a generous \$50,000 donation from Dr. and Mrs. Dattu Sastry.
- They are invited to our November meeting to present our appreciation in person.

### 3. Treasurer's Report: Steve Ruocco

- The current Treasurer's Report was presented and is attached (Attachment A):

Opening balance: Checking Account	\$ 24,540.90
Savings Account	\$ 6,786.50
	\$ 31,327.40
Total Income	\$ 55,377.49
Total Expenses	\$ 5,217.91
Closing Balance:	\$ 81,486.98

### 4. President's Report: Ken Kraut

- We are looking for creative ways to finance our budget, such as looking for sponsorships, or holding lunch meetings (like we did in Chicago last month). We are also considering establishing a new committee to oversee fundraising, sponsorships, scholarships, etc.
- We are in the process of creating a new Liaison Committee to work together with allied organizations, such as the British Society of Flavourists, CSA, NAFFS, WFFC, etc.
- We also need to find ways to encourage new members and young flavor chemists to get more involved in the running of the Society.

### 5. Vice President Report: Jack Fastag

- Started looking at meeting dates for next year.

### 6. Chairperson's Report: Joan Harvey (Ken Kraut reporting)

- Joan will attend the upcoming British Society of Flavourists meeting and dinner and will also try to get together with their team.
- Considering candidates for this year's Golden Blotter award.

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## 7. Committee Reports:

### 7.1. Arrangements Committee: *Paul Ricciardi*

- 69 people registered for dinner tonight.
- Free parking passes available for today.
- Next meeting scheduled for November 20 at the Holiday Inn in Newark.
- Monell meeting is set-up for February 5, at the Sheraton University City Hotel in Philadelphia. Check our website for more details.

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

- No report.

### 7.3. By-laws Committee: *Eileen Brady*, not in attendance

- No report.

### 7.4. Employment Committee: *Eugene Buday*, not in attendance

- Five new job postings added to the website in September and October.

### 7.5. History Committee: *Dolf DeRovira* and *Ronnie McBurnie*

- Started scanning old newsletters, some of which include meeting minutes from back then.

### 7.6. Library Committee: *Al Goossens* and *Paul Ricciardi*

- Most books in our collection at Monell are now catalogued.
- The Committee has been receiving requests for information, which means people are accessing the library's website.

### 7.7. Membership Committee: *Mike Bloom*

- Welcomed the 5 new members that were voted in at the last meeting:
  - Stephanie Bloom, Apprentice
  - Janice Bryl, Apprentice
  - Cristalle Keane, upgrade to Certified
  - Walter Rabinovich, direct to Certified
  - Dale Streit, Apprentice
- Candidates have been asking for feedback sooner after their test and interview. We will start notifying them whether the Committee will be recommending them, with the clear understanding that the final say will not come until after the membership vote.
- Streamlining the test to make the written portion more time-efficient.
- We are reviewing the Syllabus and ask the membership to send suggestions to keep it updated.
- 4 candidates were tested at the previous meeting and the Committee recommends them for a vote:
  - Shane McDonald, direct to Certified
  - Justin Kozlowski, Apprentice
  - Lisa Spurlock, Apprentice
  - Jody Emmel, ApprenticeAll were approved by the membership.
- Discussion about candidates involved in processed flavors and the need for them to have broader knowledge of flavor chemistry.

### 7.8. Media Communication Committee: *Mary Foster*, not attending (*Ken Kraut* reporting)

- Please send articles, puzzles, etc. to Mary for the newsletter.

7.9. Program Committee:

a) East Coast: *Hedy Kulka*

- Today's speakers:
  - Robert Cannon, *IFF*, "The Key Odorants of Coffee from Various Geographical Locations"
  - Neil C. Da Costa, Ph.D., *IFF*, "The Analysis of Volatiles and Non-Volatiles in Yerba Maté Tea (*Ilex paraguariensis*)"
  - Terry E. Acree, Ph.D., *Cornell Institute of Food Science, Food Science and Technology, Geneva*, "Predicting flavor perception from mixture composition"

b) Midwest: *Sam Tharpe*, not attending

- Meeting set up for April 15, 2009.

c) Chicago: *Menzie Tabora*, not attending

- Very successful meeting: 70 people attended, with a higher proportion of SFC members than usual, and even had to turn some people away.
- Tested having a lunch meeting instead of dinner, with very good response.

d) West Coast: *Philip Barone*, not in attendance

- Date confirmed for March 5, 2009, coinciding with the local IFT Suppliers Night and the Natural Products Expo West.

7.10. Symposium Committee: *Mike Fasano*, not attending, *Hedy Kulka* reporting

- The Committee is pulling together to get the Symposium planning up and running.
- Will take place in October 8-9, 2009, at the Forestal Village in Princeton.
- Ideas for breakout sessions are welcome.

7.11. Website Committee: *Jack Fastag*

- Purchased new software (MS Expression Web 2) to edit the website.
- Website calendar, job postings, etc. are up to date.
- Description of the new testing procedure was added to the syllabus page.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

- None.

**9. New Business:**

- None.

President Ken Kraut adjourned the meeting at **5:41 PM**.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Fastag

SFC Vice-President 2008-2009

for Aaron Graham

SFC Secretary 2008-2010

**ATTACHMENT A**

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
10/14/08**

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<b><u>OPENING BALANCE 9/24/08</u></b>		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$24,540.90	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 6,786.50</u>	
		<b>\$31,327.40</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 2.49	
SAVINGS DEPOSIT	\$50,000.00	
MEETING CHICAGO 9/24/2008	<u>\$ 5,375.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$55,377.49</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF LAW	\$ 50.00	
CHICAGO MEETING 9/24/2008	\$ 5,135.41	
BANK FEES	\$ 32.50	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 5,217.91</b>
<b><u>CLOSING BALANCE 10/14/08</u></b>		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$24,697.99	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$56,788.99	
<b>RECONCILED</b>		<b>\$81,486.98</b>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY STEVE RUOCCO, TREASURER-SFC 10/14/08