



RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE 2019 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SPICE TRADE ASSOCIATION, INC. HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019, AT THE OMNI SHORHAMN RESORT IN AMELIA ISLAND, FLORIDA.

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1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

President Simone Cormier, Allegro Coffee Co., called the Annual Business Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. SUSAN L ABBOTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Task Force member Kirk Bewley, Culinary Farms, described the scholarship process and announced the winners of the Susan L. Abbott Memorial Scholarship award:

- Stephanie Hill, daughter of Grason Hill, B&G Foods.
- Jane Meilander, daughter of Matt Meilander, B&G Foods.
- Stephanie Rosenberger, daughter of Ranee Rosenberger, McCormick & Co.
- Rohin Walia, son of Jaspreet Singh Walia, Certified Laboratories.

Attendees were encouraged to contribute to the scholarship to fund next year's awards.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry Lichter, McCormick & Co., reviewed the audit of the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the current financial state of the association, which is financially healthy. The audit, annual report and the financial policies and procedures can be found on the ASTA website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Simone Cormier, Allegro Coffee Company, provided an overview of ASTA's accomplishments and activities of the past year, including the work of the ASTA Standing Committees. The members of each of the committees were recognized.

4. ELECTIONS

Nominating Committee Chair David Lessans, Chesapeake Spice, presented the slate for the Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors to serve one year:

Mostafa Bedair, Giza Seeds and Herbs

Simone Cormier, Allegro Coffee Company

Greg Hanks, Advanced Spice and Trading

Larry Lichter, McCormick and Company



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Pontus Mattsson, Silva International
Jill Russell, Olam Spices and Vegetable Ingredients
Peter Sayia, AA Sayia.
Peter Shah, Harris Spice Company
Suvan Sharma, Jain Farm Fresh
David Solomon, BDS Natural Products
Greg Sommerville, Frontier Co-op

Sebnam Karasu will serve the first year of her term as the non-voting representative of the Associate Membership.

Motion made and seconded to elect the Board of Directors. Motion Carried

ARBITRATION BOARD

David Lessans presented the slate for the Arbitration Board:

Stephen Bermingham, Polytrade International, Inc., is serving the second year of a two-year term as Arbitration Board Chair.

Dan Crabbe of A.A. Sayia & Co., Inc. is nominated to serve a two-year term as Board member. Spencer Martin, Wm. E. Martin & Sons Co., Inc. is serving the second year of a two-year term as Board member.

Alternates to serve one-year terms:

Paul Chowla of Ludwig Mueller
Avi Golombeck of Morris J Golombeck
J.C. Solazzo of Jain Farm Fresh DBA Cascade Specialties
Terry Sutton of Advanced Spice & Trading

Motion made and seconded to elect the Arbitration Board. Motion Carried.

6. PRESIDENT DAVID SOLOMON

Simone Cormier announced that in accordance with the Bylaws, the ASTA Board of Directors will elect officers at their next meeting. She introduced David Solomon, BDS Naturals, as the incoming President of ASTA. David Solomon gave brief remarks and recognized the outgoing members of the Board of Directors.



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7. RECOGNIZING OUTGOING LEADERSHIP

David Solomon presented outgoing President Simone Cormier with a gift and thanked her for her service as president.

8. ASSOCIATION/MEMBER UPDATE

Laura Shumow, ASTA's new Executive Director, was introduced. Laura recognized outgoing Executive Director Cheryl Deem for her service to ASTA. Laura provided an update for members on several key ASTA initiatives, including the ASTA pesticide project to secure tolerances for the spice industry and ASTA's surrogate work for validation studies.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was a question asked about how each pesticide was chosen for the pesticide project. A question was asked about the young professionals network and the Spice Integrity Council that ASTA created. A question was asked about the ASTA reserve funds and whether any of those reserve funds should be spent on additional projects.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements regarding the remainder of the ASTA Annual Program were presented by David Solomon.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The 2019 Annual Business Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.