



Canadian Spice Association
Association Canadienne des Épices



May 9, 2015

Below are Minutes of the Canadian Spice Association (CSA) Annual General Meeting held at The Waring House, Prince Edward County, Picton, Ontario. May 7-9, 2015.

In attendance:

Frank Dobson	Acana Mercantile Ltd.
Cheryl Deem	American Spice Trade Association (ASTA)
Gaspare Colletti	Les Aliments Cell Foods Inc.
Brian Nickerson	Continental Ingredients Canada
Brian Petracek	Dandilee Spice Co
Colby Busche	Dandilee Spice Co
Luis Rivas	G.S. Dunn, Limited
Andrew Mansfield	G.S. Dunn, Limited
Donna Nicholson	Griffith Laboratories
Wendy Burggraf	Halford-Lewis Ltd
Linda Iorio	Halford-Lewis Ltd.
Lisa Gay	Hela Spice Canada
Crista Grant	Hela Spice Canada
Doris Valade	Malabar Super Spice Company
Brenda Mizzan	Malabar Super Spice Company
Tiina Henkusens	McCormick Canada
Wayne Farrell	Newlyweds Foods
Linda Wilson	Newlyweds Foods
Timm Zheng	Newlyweds Foods



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Robert LeGuillou	Sensient Dehydrated Flavors Canada
Stephen Zener	Spice (Canada) Inc.
Francine St. Pierre	The Ingredient Company
Karen Bright	Werner Phillips Int'l Corp.
Nancy Post	Executive Director, CSA

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Tiina Henkusens welcomed all CSA members present to the 74th Annual General Meeting. She noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order, as duly constituted.

Tiina began the meeting by asking all members present to introduce themselves and to mention the company they represent. Welcome to new attendees Andrew Mansfield from GS Dunn and to Colby Busche, new owner of Dandilee Spice in Saskatchewan. Tiina then thanked the Convention Committee for their hard work at putting the meeting together (Francine St-Pierre, Steve Zener and Nancy Post). She remarked that as her 2 year term comes to a close CSA has provided leadership in the Canadian Spice business over the last 2 years. She talked about the new website launch and commented that the new look and info from the website is working well. Tiina also commented on securing the role for a new Executive Director. Nancy Post accepted the position and started in July 2014. She also remarked that we have increased industry visibility through the Food and Beverage Ontario Industry Advisory Council. We have had continued collaboration with Health Canada/CFIA on key topics including Division 7 communications and also meetings and discussions on allergens. Lastly we have reaffirmed our role in IOSTA, ASTA and WSO.

Tiina also mentioned that we had some changes in our membership, with some companies resigning and Dr Oetker joining us and Anthony Gene representing that company. We will be discussing a new board of directors and also leadership renewal at this General Meeting. Also discussed was the fact that as an Association our financials are stable.

Lastly, Tiina commented on the high level of activity from the Technical Committee. The group is actively monitoring the cumin and paprika allergen issue and in contact with Health Canada and ASTA. We had an in person meeting with CFIA and Health Canada to discuss allergen concerns and gluten free claims. We also were in communication with them to discuss food irradiation. As member companies and as the CSA we are participating in Regulatory Modernization Activities and lastly, we are involved with the Codex Committee on spices and culinary herbs.

Tiina concluded that we are positioned for growth and that as we all work hard for our consumers and customers we can make Canadian Spice Association an integral part of our activities.



2. Review of Minutes of the May 2014 Annual Meeting held at the Hyatt Regency in Toronto, Ontario

Tiina asked all members present to review the minutes of the 73rd Annual Meeting. She asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions. None were noted by the members present. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Brian Petracek and seconded by Gaspare Colletti. **All in favour, motion passed.**

3. Officer's and Committee Reports

i. Treasurer's Report

Linda Iorio took the group through the current financial situation. She is confident that the current membership fees will cover all anticipated expenditures for the coming year. Despite the extraordinary expenses noted this year (website re-do, logo change etc) financials remain strong. The report as presented at the meeting is attached to these minutes. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Linda Iorio and seconded by Gaspare Colletti. **All in favour, motion carried.**

We further discussed membership and it was recommended that CSA broaden its outlook to include Manitoba and both Canada's East and West coast membership, potentially through CIFST activities such as table top. It was decided that we needed a strategy to help increase membership and a membership committee was formed with Luis Rivas and Nancy Post.

ii. Technical Committee Report

Donna Nicholson presented the report on behalf of the Technical Committee. Donna presented on a vast number of topics. A copy of her presentation is included as an attachment with these minutes. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Linda Iorio, seconded by Tiina Henkusens. **All in favour, motion carried.**

It was raised by Doris Valade that FCPC has a coalition to address COOL, Country of Origin Labelling. As of May 18th of this year there is a ruling for a tariff increase of 100%. Doris agreed to get a summary of the coalition's activities and direction on what they hope they can do. We will support their efforts by drafting a letter. Motioned by Steve Zener and seconded by Karen Bright. **All in favour, motion carried.**

Also discussed was our need to have an industry wide roundtable education day and Industry update. Groups selected are IE Canada, FCPC, CMC OFB, OFPA Colleen Barners or designate, Steve Taylor from FARRP or designate, Food Processors of Canada, OIMP and flavour Manufacturers as well as key manufacturing groups and retail groups. Recommended that Keith Mussar be the moderator with some solid guidelines on where to focus his energy and efforts during this event. Motion to provide a budget of maximum \$10,000 to organize this event and cover costs of speakers/moderators was moved by Tiina and seconded by Gaspare. **All in favour, carried.** Tiina to organize a conference call to discuss and finalize details.



iii. **Technical Presentation – Special report on Allergens.**

A review and presentation, parts I through IV was prepared and presented by Gaspare Colletti. There has been a lot of activity including discussions and face to face meetings with Health Canada surrounding allergens and thresholds. A CFIA meeting with a focus on the cross-contamination of wheat with mustard was another meeting where CSA had representatives attending. As a side note, gluten diets are becoming popular, not just for medical reasons but for health reasons. As promised, here is a clip from Jimmy Kimmel's Pedestrian Question.....what is gluten? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdJFE1sp4Fw>

4. Slate of Nominees for CSA Director's 2014/15

Gaspare Colletti presented the slate of nominees for Director's in 2015/16. He asked for any additional nominations from the group, and none were received. The slate of nominees is included as an attachment to this report. Gaspare Colletti then made a motion to accept the slate of nominees as presented, seconded by Wayne Farrell. **All in favour, motion carried.**

5. ASTA update

Cheryl Deem attended our conference and gave us an update on activities of the American Spice Trade Association. Presentation attached with these minutes.

6. New Business

No new business was raised.

Today's meeting also included one notable guest speaker, Bryce Wylde. Signed copies of his new book Power Plants was provided to the group and Bryce took some time to meet our members in the hospitality room following his presentation

7. Meeting Adjournment

Tiina Henkusens thanked everyone present for a successful meeting, then motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. This was seconded by Steve Zener. **Motion carried unanimously.**