



American Culinary Federation
Long Island Chapter

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 11th, 2024

Attendance:

<u>Executive Board</u>		<u>Board of Directors</u>	
Nancy Kombert (President)	✓	Chris Palmer (Fundraising)	x
Paul Jensen (Chairman)	X	Rich Simon (Scholarship)	✓
Spiro Giannakouloupoulos (Vice)(Cert. & Comp.Chair)	✓	Roland Iadanza (Placement)	ZOOM
John Carr (Vice)(Sponsorship)	ZOOM	Chris LaVecchia (Program & Media)	ZOOM
Liz Franks (Treasurer)	zoom	Alain De Coster (Membership)	ZOOM
Chelsea Osiecki (Secretary)	✓	Martin Daniels (Trustee)	✓
Andrew Whitcomb (Srgt. in Arms)		Ed Daniels (Trustee)	x
Shannon Bourgeois (Website)	✓	Eric Pellizari (Trustee)	✓
		Anthony Muzia (Trustee)	ZOOM
		Anthony Digiantomasso (Trustee)	ZOOM

Award Nominations:

- o Vendor of the Year- Restaurant Depot
- o Member of the Year- Anthony Muzia
- o Chef Professionalism- George Wong
- o Culinary Excellence – Northwell Health
- o Hall Of Fame- Ralph Feracco
- o Chris J. Neary Memorial Award- Thomas Lavedire (Presented at the Gala)
- o Ready.Set.Cook- Chef Frank announces at the Gala—Monroe College
- o Sponsor of the year— Affinity Group
- o Student member of the year-
- o Distinguished Alumni- Andrew Green
- o Industry leader- Eastern Suffolk BOCES
- o Educator of the year- No Recipient this year
- o Pastry Chef of the Year- Chelsea Osiecki
- o Chef of the Year- Braun, Russ, Sam, Eric
- o ACFLI Lifetime Achievement- Paul Jensen, Gerard Malloy

Nancy Kombert (President):

- Website
 - Many updates please look at it if you have not yet
- National voting for officers
 - Nancy has signed up for some
- Board dinner holiday event at Monkey King
 - Sunday, December 8th, 2024 meeting at 5pm
- Moving forward any competition or event someone plans with Acfli backing must be brought to the board for approval and make sure we have back up and planned for the events

Spiro Giannakouloupolos (Vice President):

Chapter Involvement Activities Reminder

- If there are any events that we can be a part of to help charities and promote our local organization we need full transparency and communication throughout the entire board.
- This will allow a plan B if needed!

Finalizing New Chapter Logo

- Presenting 2 work ups to the board.
 - Thicker band motioned and approved
- Awards will be order by the end of January for the gala

Restaurant Depot ACFLI Educational Partnership with BOCES Program & Chapter Sponsorship

- 1st educational series went of great with presentation from Jurgielewicz & Son Duck Farms
- Presenter will like to do a duck presentation for the general membership with also chapter sponsorship
- Working on 2nd series that will consist of Pork

Certification Practical Exam

- Winter January 27th 3pm at Milliken Tech Center
- Spring Exam April 28th at Milliken Tech Center

Chapter Competitions

Ready Set Cook

- Spiro will provide the basket items for the BOCES students
- Restaurant depot & Jurgielewicz will provide basket protein items
- Chef Frank and Monroe University will judge & provide winning schools a heads up
- Student team sign up is \$85 per person (This will cover their gala ticket)
- Ready Set Cook will be hosted at Wilson Tech this year (5:00 pm arrival)
 - Gives teams time to collaborate with Industry Chef if needed.
- Competition format (mystery basket-10 min menu plan,60 min cook & plate)
- Chef Frank will inform winning schools prior to the gala

Chef/Pastry Chef of the Year Cook Off

- Spiro will provide guidelines that follow Culinary KC & Pastry KP-1
- Spiro will coordinate the tasting judges
- Email will go out to the nominees with rules and guidelines for the cook off

Chris Neary Culinary Challenge

- Email will be sent out on Tuesday to secure ACF judges for our chapter competition
- Will update all at December board meeting

Jetro Restaurant Depot Winter Classic

- Table this after the gala for the new year.
- Thoughts of swapping winter scholarships for cook offs?
- Student Teams or individuals
- Chapter medals and monetary winnings
- Local Chefs & Sponsor Judge

ACFLI Google Classroom

- Will present at January's Board Meeting
- You will need a google email account to join the classroom
- Will make documents easy to access

John Carr (Vice President):

- Vendors that have sponsored the ACFLI for FY25
 - Sysco - \$5,000
 - Adams Apple – \$750
 - Rational - \$2,500—awaiting invoice
 - Mas/ Weber – Donated a Weber traveler portable griddle worth \$250-\$300 – Possible raffle/ silent auction item for Annual BBQ
 - Marriott provides the complimentary room valued at \$7,000.
 - Blackfish will sponsor FY25

Waiting for:

- Mercer, Restaurant Depot & Ultimate Image

Liz Franks (Treasurer):

- Balance \$34,984.21
- Need committees to submit budget requests
 - Committee budgets

Alain De Coster(Membership)

- Met in person with Jonathan Moosemiller CMC, AAC, Executive Chef at the Glen Oaks Country Club.
- I proposed the idea of Chef Moose to present to our membership a synopsis regarding the journey and dedication it takes to become a ACF Certified Master Chef. I also asked him to join our chapter.
- Here is a list of facilities I visited:
 - C.W. Post, Cold Springs Country Club, Encore Luxury Living, Engineers Country Club, Farmingdale State College, Fox Hollow Country Club, Friends Academy, Locust Valley, Glen Head Country Club, Glen Oaks Country Club, Huntington Country Club, Meadowbrook Country Club, Mill River Country Club, Muttontown Country Club, North Hempstead Country Club, North Hills Country Club, North Shore Country Club, Oheka Castle, Old Westbury Country Club, Plandome Country Club, Prime Caterers, Sands Point Golf Club, SUNY Old Westbury, The Chef's Table, Locust Valley, The Country Club of Sands Point, The Garden City Golf Country Club, The Garden City Hotel, The Garden City Men's Club, The Mansion at Glen Cove, The Miller Ridge Inn, Webb Academy, Glen Cove, Wheatly Hills Country Club
- As stated in my previous report, I submit the General Meeting attendance sheets to ACF National Headquarters for approved credits, a maximum of 2 - 3 days after our meetings. Apparently, there is a huge backlog in the system; therefore, not all credits appear in a reasonable amount of time.
- The same situation pertains to our board meetings.

Chris LaVecchia (Social Media & Programing):

- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:**
 - **FB:** AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION OF LONG ISLAND / **WE CURRENTLY HAVE 2.9K FOLLOWERS ON FB**
 - **IG:** @LiChefs / **WE CURRENTLY HAVE 1,3012 FOLLOWERS ON IG**
 - **IG TAGS:** USE THE # ACFLI & LICHEFS / TAG @LiChefs IN YOUR POSTS
 - IF ANYONE HAS ANY POSTS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE ME TO SHARE PLEASE TEXT OR EMAIL ME PHOTOS, ALONG WITH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION, TITLES, HANDLES (@), ETC.
 - I CAN SHARE POSTS TO OUR STORY, ONLY IF THE PAGE IS SET TO "PUBLIC", not "PRIVATE"
- **PROGRAMMING & DEMOS:**
 - **December Meeting:**
 - Monday 12.02.24
 - **Location:** Empire Bakery Equipment / 1 C, 1 Enterprise Way / Hicksville, NY 11801
 - **Demo:** Cooking Making Demo/Ciabatta
 - SideBar: TBD
 - **January:**
 - **No Meeting**
 - Ready-Set-Cook
 - Location: Wilson Tech
 - Monday 01.13.25
 - **February Meeting:**
 - Monday 02.03.25
 - **Location:** wineUdesign / 156 Engineers Dr. / Hicksville, NY 11801
 - **Demo:** Winemaking & Sampling
 - Sidebar: TBD
 - **March Meeting:**
 - Monday 03.03.25
 - **Location:** T B D
 - **Demo:** Bake Me Healthy/ Kimberle Lau
 - SideBar: TBD
 - **ACFLI ANNUAL CULINARY EXCELLENCE AWARDS GALA:**
Monday, March 24, 2025
 - **April Meeting:**
 - Monday 04.07.25 (Possible Joint Meeting With ACFELI?)
 - **Location:** Homestead Farm / 5412 Sound Avenue / Riverhead, NY
 - **Demo:** Homestead Farm / Farm Chef Larry Kaiser
 - SideBar: TBD
 - **May Meeting:**
 - Monday 05.05.25
 - **Location:** Affinity Group
 - **Demo:** Restaurant Depot/ Waiting Confirmation
 - SideBar: TBD
 - **June:**
 - Monday 06.02.25
 - No Meeting
 - ACFLI BBQ
 - Location: T B D

Old Business:

- Gala
 - Venues:
 - Lessing's location; Stonebridge to host GALA.
 - Stonebridge \$86 a head with tax
 - Guarantee 150- \$13,000 with \$500 deposit
 - \$150 per plate charge
 - Going to speak to them about including dessert
 - Open bar
 - 1 hr cocktail hour
 - 3- course menu
 - Salad
 - Pasta
 - Duet
 - Veggie option
 - Bread
 - December board meeting, is deadline for gala nominees
 - Still need MC—Liz has a suggestion
 - Journal ads
 - \$350 front cover
 - \$250 back cover
 - \$100 journal ad
 - Sponsors get an ad in the journal depending on tier of sponsorship
 - Flyers for Journals at every meeting
 - Chris J Neary Competition
 - Date: Possible May 3rd, 2025?
 - Advertisement of Christopher J Neary Culinary Challenge patches (\$5) and pins (\$10)
 - Sell at meetings & competition, Venmo or cash
 - Sponsors who commit to Executive level sponsorship, present a \$500 scholarship at the Gala
 - We need to ask them if they want to pick the recipient or if they want to leave it up to us
 - Professional Scholarship or a student scholarship
 - Need to figure that out within the next month in order to give people time to apply and compete

New Business:

- Final board meeting at Marriott maybe we purchase food through Marriott as a give back