



2018 OFPA 60th Annual General Meeting Report

November 22, 2018

FINAL MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Current OFPA President Ananth Kasic opened the annual general meeting (AGM) at 11:35am and welcomed everyone. He asked if there was any new business to be added to the current meeting agenda. Hearing none, Ananth moved on to his President's message.

2. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Ananth Kasic thanked all the Directors for their leadership in activities such as saving on expenses; working on ideas to grow the OFPA membership; connecting with students at Universities & Colleges; driving awareness of OFPA through social media & the newsletter; working on awards, scholarships, & sponsorships; and maintaining the website.

Ananth thanked our Past President, Katherine Di Tommaso for her work on the OFPA Board.

Ananth also thanked Angela Bernoski, incoming President, and her Planning Team for organizing this Fall Event that is also celebrating OFPA's 60th anniversary. He thanked Shirley May Chalouh for her support as Executive Assistant over the past year.

Ananth mentioned the partnerships we had over the past year – for instance, NSF International and Strategy Institute have been very supportive. In 2018, we partnered with Food and Beverage Ontario so that OFPA members could attend their Golf Tournament instead of us holding our own Golf event. This helped us to save a bit of money this year.

Ananth described his participation in the IAFP Annual Meeting and encouraged those interested to join in on this worthwhile event. OFPA received two IAFP awards in 2018 and Ananth accepted them on their behalf. The 2018 awards are Affiliate Communication Materials Award and Affiliate Membership Achievement Award.

Ananth closed his address with a big thank you to everyone who supports the OFPA – this meeting alone welcomed record-breaking numbers of registrants (124); exhibitors (27); and sponsorships (19).

3. MINUTES OF THE 2017 MEETING

Ananth Kasic presented the Minutes of the 2017 OFPA 59th Annual General Meeting.

MOTION: Angela Bernoski moved to accept as presented the minutes of the 2017 OFPA 59th Annual General Meeting; Joseph Myatt seconded the motion; Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Joseph Myatt presented the 2017 Accountant's Financial Report and compared it to the 2017 forecasted budget that was presented at the AGM the year before. He also presented the 2019 forecasted budget.

Key Points:

- The Board continues to find ways to reduce our expenses.
- Our expenses were 5% more than our income in 2017. The accountant indicated that this was an acceptable shortfall.
- We continue to have acceptable profits for the Spring and Fall events. However, we do not do well in the Golf Tournament. In 2018, we partnered with Food and Beverage Ontario for the Golf Tournament. The Board will have to consider whether to have the Tournament in 2019.
- We continue to look for ways to reduce expenses and increase membership.

MOTION: Angela Bernoski moved to accept the 2017 Accountant's Financial Report as presented; Kristen Green seconded the motion; Motion carried.

MOTION: Angela Bernoski moved to accept the 2019 forecasted budget as presented; Jeff Farber seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Joseph concluded his report with presenting the planned student scholarships:

University of Guelph	\$2000
Centennial College	\$1000
George Brown College	\$1000
Durham College	\$1000
Conestoga College	\$1000
Spring Clive Kingsbury	
Poster Competition	\$600

5. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Ananth Kasic presented the revised Constitution and By-Laws that were sent to the OFPA Members for comments before the AGM. There was only one change suggested for the document and that was to make sure that it is recorded that all the Executive Directors (President, Vice-President, Treasure/Secretary and Past President) have voting rights on the OFPA Board of Directors. No comments were received by the OFPA members.

MOTION: Jeff Hall motioned to accept the revised Constitution and By-laws as presented; Seconded by Joseph Myatt; Motion carried.

6. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Rupali Sanas, Chair of the Awards Committee presented the 2018 OFPA Sanitarian and Food Safety Professional of the Year Award to Jessica Burke, Senior Manager, Compliance & Technical Services, Allergen Control Group. This award is given to the Member of the OFPA deemed to have contributed outstanding service to the Food Industry of Ontario.

Rupali presented the 2018 The Award of Merit to Joseph Myatt, Field Microbiologist Diversey Canada Inc. The Award of Merit is presented to a professional, honorary, sustaining or retired member of the Association deemed to have contributed outstanding service to the OFPA.

Then Ananth Kasic presented to Joseph Myatt the 2018 IAFP Affiliate Communication Materials Award because of Joe’s outstanding work as 2017 Newsletter Editor and for his continuous efforts to inject new ideas into the Newsletter.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ananth Kasic welcomed the three new Directors for 2019 - Steve Boloudakis, Laurie Sawyer, and Greg Vallee. He then presented the proposed slate of OFPA Board of Directors for 2019 as listed below:

- Past President: Ananth Kasic
- President: Angela Bernoski
- Vice President: Joseph Myatt
- Treasurer: Rocio Morales Rayas
- Directors-at-large: Steve Boloudakis
Kristen Green
Nadia Narine
Rupali Sanas
Laurie Sawyer
Greg Vallee
Peck Yap
- Newsletter Editor: Hanie Ahmadi

The slate was nominated by the Board of Directors.

MOTION: Jeff Farber moved to accept the 2019 Slate of Officers for OFPA; Wayne Sprung seconded the motion; Motion carried.

8. PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO THE NEW PRESIDENT

Ananth Kasic presented the President’s Plaque and Gavel to the 2019 incoming President, Angela Bernoski.

Angela thanked Ananth for his leadership and guidance and stated that she is looking forward to the challenges of the year ahead.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Angela Bernoski asked for any other new business. There being no other new business, Angela asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Kristen Green moved to adjourn the meeting; Steve Boloudakis seconded the motion; Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.