



2019 OFPA 61st Annual General Meeting Report

November 20, 2019

FINAL MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Current OFPA President 2019 Angela Bernoski opened the annual general meeting (AGM) at 11:10am and welcomed everyone. She asked if there was any new business to be added to the current meeting agenda. Hearing none, Angela moved on to her President's message.

2. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Angela Bernoski talked about the projects that the OFPA Board of Directors is working on in 2019. Angela thanked all the Directors for helping to put together the Letters of Commitment which lists the responsibilities of a Director of the OFPA Board and also lists the specific duties of a Director as it relates to the committees that they chair. She thanked Shirley, the OFPA administrator for leading this project. The Letters of Commitment will soon be completed and will be posted on the website.

Another big project that OFPA Board is working on is upgrading the OFPA Website. A Website Committee made up of the President, administrator and some Directors was formed to work with the website designer, Mad Hatter to move the website to an updated platform and to better organize the website and refresh it with new information. The website committee's work is guided by the results of a recent survey that asked OFPA Members what they use the OFPA website for. Survey results showed that Members use the website to learn about OFPA events throughout the year; to learn of any job opportunities in the food industry; and to access food safety resources. The new website should be launched in Fall 2020. OFPA is also working with Mad Hatter to create new pull-up banners to use at our own events and other industry events to showcase OFPA and what we do.

Angela talked about the Spring event and how we used a completely different venue this time – Centennial College located in Scarborough instead of the usual Mississauga Convention Centre. Although feedback indicated that most really liked the venue, most did not like the location. Those travelling from Guelph, Mississauga and other west locations found the venue difficult to get to. OFPA hopes to try the Corporate Event Centre in Mississauga for our 2020 events.

OFPA Golf Tournament held in June at the Crosswinds Golf and Country Club was a lot of fun. We had a really great Technical Session conducted by one of our partners, NSF International. We had big success with our Sponsorship levels including the Hole signs. And even the weather cooperated giving us a glorious sunny day.

OFPA continues to work on reducing expenses, on ideas to grow the OFPA membership; connecting with students at Universities & Colleges; and driving awareness of OFPA through social media and the newsletter.

Angela closed her presentation by thanking our Past President, Ananth Kasic for his work on the OFPA Board and by thanking all of the OFPA Directors and Executive for their unique contributions.

Last but not least OFPA is grateful for the support of its members, partner, event registrants, exhibitors, and sponsors.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2018 MEETING

Angela Bernoski presented the Minutes of the 2018 OFPA 60th Annual General Meeting by doing a short recap.

MOTION: Rupali Sanas moved to accept as presented the minutes of the 2018 OFPA 60th Annual General Meeting; Greg Vallee seconded the motion; Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rocio Morales, 2019 Treasurer presented the 2018 Accountant's Financial Report and compared it to the 2018 forecasted budget that was presented at the AGM the year before. She also presented the 2020 forecasted budget.

OFPA is on track with income and expenses. The Board continues to look for ways to reduce expenses especially because it has taken on the big project of upgrading the website.

MOTION: Joe Myatt moved to accept the 2018 Accountant's Year End Financial Report as presented; Steve Boloudakis seconded the motion; Motion carried.

MOTION: Joe Myatt moved to accept the 2020 forecasted budget as presented; Steve Boloudakis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rocio concluded her report with presenting the planned student scholarships:

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

5. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Angela Bernoski indicated that the OFPA Constitution and By-Laws were reviewed and there were no changes for this year.

6. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Rupali Sanas, Chair of the Awards Committee presented the 2019 OFPA Sanitarian and Food Safety Professional of the Year Award to Chris Chanas, Account Manager, Food & Beverage, Diversy Canada This award is given to the Member of the OFPA deemed to have contributed outstanding service to the Food Industry of Ontario.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Angela Bernoski welcomed the new Director for 2020 – Gwynne Sitsker. She then presented the proposed slate of OFPA Board of Directors for 2020 as listed below:

Past President:	Angela Bernoski
President:	Joseph Myatt
Vice President:	Rocio Morales-Rayas
Treasurer:	Nadia Narine
Directors-at-large:	Kristen Green Rupali Sanas Laurie Sawyer Greg Vallee
New Director:	Gwynne Sitsker
Newsletter Editor:	Steve Boloudakis

The slate was nominated by the Board of Directors.

MOTION: Rupali Sanas moved to accept the 2020 Slate of Officers for OFPA; Andrew Gould seconded the motion; Motion carried.

8. PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO THE NEW PRESIDENT

Angela Bernoski presented the President’s Plaque and Gavel to the 2020 incoming President, Joseph Myatt.

Joe thanked Angela for her leadership and guidance and stated that he is looking forward to the challenges of the year ahead.

Joe mentioned that OFPA is always looking for new directors for the board, especially to chair the new website committee. He also indicated that the presentation of the OFPA financial review and report will be moved from the Fall to the Spring event. Reporting finances as early in the year as possible means that budgets can be adjusted if needed to ensure fiscal responsibility.

In closing, Joe said that he was looking forward to working with all of the Directors and that the Board would continue their work on controlling costs, increasing membership, and the new website.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

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

MOTION: Rupali Sanas moved to adjourn the meeting; Greg Vallee seconded the motion; Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.