



## **MINUTES OF THE FALL OFPA 2021 AGM**

**Nov 18, 2021**

**Hosted by:**

**Nadia Narine**

### **1. OFPA WELCOME**

Acting OFPA President 2021 Nadia Narine opened the annual general meeting (AGM) at 11:46am and welcomed everyone. She asked if there was any new business to be added to the current meeting agenda. The response was No, and Nadia moved to her President Message.

#### **New Business:**

No

### **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

Nadia discussed how she assumed the president role from VP in Sept 2021 after Joe Myatt's resignation.

This year has been another trying year with the association due to COVID19. The year started off very meek for the association with about \$2k in our pockets due to the lack of in person events. The primary source of revenue was halted in 2020, and OFPA only had one virtual event in that year.

She was happy to say OFPA have managed to stay afloat. OFPA had our Spring event on April 15th, 2021, which was led by our Treasurer Gwynne Sistker and planning committee BODs including myself, Aaron Aboud our video competition lead, BOD Megan Saunders, and Laurie Sawyer. Supported by our admin Denise Horsman. It was a huge success; OFPA had speakers: Debbie Bruce, – Angela O'Donovan, Julia Mitobe, Moses Akingbade, Doug Alexander, Jay Holmes, and Thomas Spengler. OFPA hope the members appreciated the efforts in planning the event.

OFPA had high hopes of having our first ever OFPA Social mixer, but it was cancelled by the President Joe Myatt, due to his concern with Covid19. The planning committee was led by myself, Aaron Aboud, Jessica Burke, and Megan Ruddy, supported by our admin Denise

Horseman. Despite being cancelled there was a lot of learning that will be put to good use for when OFPA launch the event in 2022.

One of Nadia's personal goals as president for 2022 is to increase membership by adding more value to being a member. The OFPA at one point was one of the highest memberships out of all affiliates with IAFP. Over the last decade this has dwindled. Unfortunately, COVID19 in 2020 and this year did not help. BOD Megan Saunders the lead for membership supported by me and by the BOD has revamped the benefits and is pleased to relaunch our membership with added features. In addition to the normal discounts to our 4 events (spring meeting, golf tournament, social mixer and fall event), and bi-annual newsletter, OFPA will be having monthly member webinars with feature speakers, and bi weekly OFPA NEWS and industry update emails. Take advantage today of the FOODSAFETY2021, 10% off code to receive a discount on your 2022 membership.

The association will be removing scholarships, which historically were funded by the schools in honour of the association. Over the years, the OFPA started funding this. Rather than supporting a select few students at a select few schools in Ontario, OFPA will be offering currently enrolled students in a food science program in any post-secondary Ontario school free membership to the association. This will increase the number of members and encourage membership to this new generation of FS professionals once they graduate.

If there is anything else you wish to see the association offer Nadia asked members to please find a BOD during the course of the day and let them know.

She mentioned that it was discussed that at our Spring event the financials for the fiscal year will now be done at our Spring event for the previous year. The OFPA members will vote on the proposed amendments to the constitution proposed by the board sent to members by email. There will be a quick summary of the finances for 2021 and introduction of the Officers for 2022 OFPA Board of Directors.

## **MINUTES OF THE 2020 MEETING**

**MOTION:** Anal Dave moved to accept the Minutes of the 2020 which was sent out on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> by email in lieu of OFPA 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and it was seconded by Laurie Sawyer. She then asked if there was any opposition to the motion. Having no opposition, the motion was carried.

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

This was led by BOD Andrew Clarke and Laurie Sawyer. They put forth motion for the proposed constitution that was send out to all members which there've been no amendments put forth.

Andrew and Laurie to put forth motion- All in favor of the constitution that was passed.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

With Joe Myatt's resignation in Sept 2021, Nadia will be moving from Acting president for 2021 to President 2022. She presented the proposed slate of OFPA Board of Directors for 2022 as listed below:

Gwynne Sistker has step down from the executive to a board of director at a large role. Paul Damaren has been voted in as the 2022 Treasurer. The VP, and Past President roles remain as vacant for 2022. Andrew Clarke has stepped down from the board. Denise Horseman remained the board administrator to the board in a non- voting role.

The following are the board of directors at large by seniority,

Laurie Sawyer,

Gwynne Sistker

Brett Dooley

Megan Saunders

Aaron Aboud

Jessica Burke

Anal Dave

just recently added

Loveline Tikum

Jacob Barber

Michael Byerley

Paul Valder

**MOTION:** Laurie Sawyer moved to accept the 2022 Slate of Officers for OFPA; Aaron Aboud seconded the motion; Motion carried.

**Other Business**

In closing the AGM, Nadia asked if there were other new business. With there being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm while asking the BOD for 2022 to please approach the podium, for a group picture after our diamond sponsor presentation.

Motion by the members to adjourn meeting... All in favor