



**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE 2013 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SPICE TRADE ASSOCIATION, INC. HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013, AT THE RITZ CARLTON PALM BEACH IN PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.**

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**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

President Roger Clarke called the 2013 Annual Business Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

**SUSAN L ABBOTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Representing the Scholarship Committee, Alan Milroy, Jupiter Commodities, described the scholarship process and announced the four winners of the Susan L. Abbott Memorial Scholarship award:

- Jill Schauer, daughter of Judy Schauer with Adams Extract and Spice
- Madeline Saunders, daughter of Lynn Saunders with Griffith Laboratories
- Eva Brotslaw, daughter of Daniel Brotslaw with Sensient Technologies
- Erika Velasquez, daughter of Candida Granados with Olam Spices and Vegetables

Attendees were invited to contribute to the scholarship to fund next year's award.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Kirk Bewley**

K. Bewley reviewed the audit and the current financial state of the association. He also discussed ASTA's current investments. The audit, annual report and the financial policies and procedures can be found on the ASTA Web site.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roger Clarke**

R. Clarke provided an overview of ASTA's accomplishments and activities of the past year, focusing primarily on food safety and the upcoming FSMA rules, and Codex activities on spices. He also noted upcoming ASTA education opportunities for members and non members, and the Association's international activities.

**ELECTIONS**

Nominating Committee Member David Solomon, BDS Natural Products, presented the slate for the Board of Directors.

**DIRECTORS**

**To serve one year**

**Kirk Bewley**

Culinary Farms, Inc.

**Roger Clarke**

Cannamela Divisione Di Bonomelli S.R.I.



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| <b>Gaspare Colletti</b> | Cell Foods Inc.                                |
| <b>Dan Crabbe,</b>      | A. A. Sayia & Co., Inc.                        |
| <b>Ann Davis</b>        | Continental Seasonings, Inc.                   |
| <b>Paul J. Kurpe</b>    | Elite Spice, Inc.                              |
| <b>Roger Lawrence</b>   | McCormick & Company, Inc.                      |
| <b>David Lessans</b>    | Chesapeake Spice Co. LLC                       |
| <b>Greg Lightfoot</b>   | ConAgra Foods                                  |
| <b>Matt Meilander</b>   | Tone Brothers, Div of ACH Food Companies, Inc. |
| <b>Vinayak Narain</b>   | Olam Spices and Vegetables, Inc.               |

Marty Mitchell of Certified Laboratories, Inc. will serve the first year of a two year term as the non-voting representative of Associate Group as the Member of the Board of Directors.

**Motion made and seconded** to elect the Board of Directors.

**Motion Carried**

Nominating Committee Member David Solomon presented the slate for the Arbitration Board.

**ARBITRATION BOARD**

**Chair**

**To serve the second year of a two year term because of the resignation of Dan Crabbe**

Neil Caplan

Ludwig Mueller, Inc. Co.



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**Board Members**

**To serve two year terms.**

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| <b>Peter Landes</b>   | K.H.L. Flavors, Inc.       |
| <b>Fletcher Sayia</b> | A.A. Sayia & Company, Inc. |

**ALTERNATES**

**To serve one year term.**

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| <b>Ron Elton</b>    | J.H. Elton, Inc.    |
| <b>Alan Millroy</b> | Jupiter Commodities |
| <b>Ed Sands</b>     | Max Van Pels, Inc.  |
| <b>Frank Wells</b>  | Wynstarr            |

**Motion made and seconded** to elect the Arbitration Board.

**Motion Carried**

ASTA President Roger Clarke announced that in accordance with the Bylaws, the ASTA Board of Directors will elect officers at their next meeting. He introduced Gaspare Colletti as the incoming President of ASTA.

G. Colletti unveiled the amended mission statement and new strategic plan. He recognized outgoing board members and arbitration board members for their service and dedication to ASTA.

G. Colletti presented outgoing President Roger Clarke with a gift and thanked him for his service as president.

**NEW BUSINESS**

FDA Contract – will be discussed at a future Board meeting.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

The 2013 Annual Business Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.