



**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE 2014 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SPICE TRADE ASSOCIATION, INC. HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014, AT THE ST. REGIS MONARCH BEACH IN DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA.**

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**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

President Gaspare Colletti called the 2014 Annual Business Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. A quorum was present.

**SUSAN L ABBOTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Representing the Scholarship Committee Kerri Goad, Kalustyan, described the scholarship process and announced the three winners of the Susan L. Abbott Memorial Scholarship award:

- Mason Brown, son of Leeann Veach Brown with ACH Food Companies with ACH
- Sara Carter, daughter of Jeff Carter with McCormick & Co.
- Jenna DiGiacinto, daughter of John DiGiacinto with Symrise

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Greg Lightfoot**

G. Lightfoot reviewed the audit and the current financial state of the association. He also discussed financial commitments the Board made this year to fund major projects in line with the strategic plan. The audit, annual report and the financial policies and procedures can be found on the ASTA Web site.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Gaspare Colletti**

G. Colletti provided an overview of ASTA's accomplishments and activities of the past year. He reviewed the progress made on achieving the goals of ASTA's strategic plan and noted that participation at this year's annual meeting was a record with over 300 attendees. Accomplishments this year included strengthening the association by growing membership, improving the ASTA website, identifying increased resources including realignment of committees to better reflect the strategic plan and the work done on behalf of membership.

**ELECTIONS**

Nominating Committee Chair Roger Clarke presented the slate for the Board of Directors.



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**DIRECTORS**

**To serve one year**

<b>Kirk Bewley</b>	Culinary Farms, Inc.
<b>Gaspare Colletti</b>	Cell Foods Inc.
<b>Simone Cormier</b>	Allegro Coffee Company
<b>Dan Crabbe</b>	A. A. Sayia & Co., Inc.
<b>Kent DeVries</b>	Silva International, Inc.
<b>David Lessans</b>	Chesapeake Spice Co. LLC
<b>Greg Lightfoot</b>	ConAgra Foods
<b>Matt Meilander</b>	ACH Food Companies, Inc.
<b>Vinayak Narain</b>	Olam Spices and Vegetables, Inc.
<b>Bev Tschirhart</b>	McCormick & Company, Inc.
<b>Sushama Srikandath</b>	AVT McCormick Ingredients Pvt., Ltd.

Martin Mitchell of Certified Laboratories will serve the second year of a two year term as the non-voting representative of the Associate Group as the Member of the Board of Directors.

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

**Motion Carried**

R. Clarke presented the slate of candidates for the Arbitration Board:



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**Chair**

**To serve two year term as Chair:**

**Neil Caplan**

Ludwig Mueller, Inc. Co.

**Board Members**

**To serve second year of two year term.**

**Peter Landes**

K.H.L. Flavors, Inc.

**Fletcher Sayia**

A.A. Sayia & Company, Inc.

**ALTERNATES**

**To serve one year terms:**

**Ron Elton**

J.H. Elton, Inc.

**Alan Millroy**

Jupiter Commodities

**Ed Sands**

Max Van Pels, Inc.

**Frank Wells**

Culinary Farms

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

**Motion Carried**

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

K. Bewley discussed the financial soundness of the association, growing membership, and ASTA's increased recognition as a technical expert. He noted the accomplishments of ASTA and the work ahead over the next year, focusing on the needs of the



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organization including continued work on the draft risk profile and the FDA retail testing program. He recognized outgoing Board members and Arbitration Board members for their service and dedication to ASTA.

K. Bewley presented outgoing President Gaspare Colletti with a gift and thanked him for his service as president.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The 2014 Annual Business Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.