

WSCA Meeting

08/13/2018

Core Group

August Meeting called to order @4:10p.

Attendance – 8 members' present

Mr. President- Brandon LaVielle: Welcome, Interim Chef Roger Knapp called meeting to order.

Secretary- Review of the minutes-Approval June 2018 of minutes –JJ Meland 1st/Gary Fuller 2nd

Treasurer's report – Jeff Pratt: Financials electronically e-mailed for boards review. Passed and signed. Approval of Treasures report: JJ Meland 1st/Gary Fuller 2nd-Jeff Pratt to share details next meeting. Signed financials will be submitted in next meeting.

Apprentice report- Tony

- Tony Parker will follow up will details next meeting.

Competition Report

Pending information from possible previous notes and will be followed up.

- Start planning for next year's competition. Art Institute? Bellingham?
- Will need one more judge and add pastry category.
- Donation from sponsor's thank you letters distributed/signed/need addresses.
- Transportation needed for judges scheduled on calendar.
- Gary Fuller motioned to pay organizations \$205ea and driver \$100 with a total of \$700.
- Tony 2nd the motion. President discussion all in favor-agreed.

Certification Commission Report- JJ Meland

- August 20th CEC manual released in Spanish.
- Practice tests will be monitored by ACF to assist in the success of certification. ACF will send suggestions to assist chefs who are struggling to pass.
- C.C. will be changed to an annual review in order to motivate completion and increase communication with graduating students. 15 CEH & \$15 a year.
- Instructional videos for all practical exams will be coming out soon.
- Test sights merge creating 500 more test sights/PSI purchases Comira.
- Expired certification policies have changed as well as video submissions for changing the CCE exam.
- More detailed user manual for the CMC exam.
- Next CMC exam will be March 1 thru 10, 2019/Next certification meeting will be held March 1, 2019.
- Exams will be required for all exams for certification.
- New policy for retaking exams unlimited- 14 days instead of previous 30 day waiting period for all exams.
- Need contacts to reach out to large corporations. (ie. Microsoft, Boeing, Compass, College Chefs, Holland America, etc.

- JJ Meland assigned task to rewrite pastry exams/Chef Roger Knapp to contribute and possibly Chef Janet Waters (pending). 5 chefs needed to participate.
- CMS exam credited by 2020 through ISO and all levels will be accredited by 2022 except for PPC.
- ACF partnering with USPCA.
- Discussion pending to merge Retail Bakers Association (4 Certifications) with ACF.
- Lifes time certification will be changing at the beginning of the year. Four re-certifications and the fifth one you can apply for it, regardless of your age.

2018 National Convention Recap

- Highest turn out in 10 years (approximately 1500ppl) with many exciting venues.
- CMC test will be delivered in two segments starting in 2019.
- New apprenticeship portal is to roll out Fall of 2018.
- ACF recruitment is program has been rolled out with incentives.
- ACF website is being upgraded to become user-friendly.
- CCC practical exam will be the same criteria as the CEC exam (Market Basket)
- Culinary Classic and National Convention located in Orlando 2019.
- Carlton Brooks is completing his last year with Western Regional Vice President. Chef Robert Philips is the only one nominated to run for RVP.
- Barbara Walker is conducted into the American Culinary of Chefs (AAC). Chef John Fisher has expressed gratitude and interested in for what she has done funding the WSCA and suggests \$500 or more check donation.

Old Business:

- ChefConnect 2020 is coming! Need ideas for “Hands on Workshop” Ideas were discussed. (Taylor Shellfish, Beecher’s, Wine Tours etc.) Presenters, local talent, need a school to host the competitions.
- Next practical exam is scheduled for September 29th, 2018, will need more dates scheduled.
- Brandon will look into dates that will work-maybe Jan/Spring/September. He will send out an e-mail blast.
- WSCA New Facebook page is up and running with 71 real likes and previous account is discontinued.
- Brandon interested in looking for a photographer and videographer.
- Regional’s Minnesota-Go there in March to promote 2020.
- Members need to boost membership.
- Looking at cost for Rational Dinner at Tacoma considering proceedings going towards Barbara Walker. \$25 for non-members and approx 52 seats. Combi Oven Training. Dinner at 7p.
- Smithfield Demo at Bates October 8, 2018. Great for marketing and free to members.
- Discussion for next seminar. Review of previous survey results.
- New Educational Meeting. Suggestions? Thoughts?

New Business

- Educational seminar ideas: Unusual Northwest Fusion Cuisine.
- Geoduck clam, Spot Prawn Ceviche, Crab demo (Taylor Fish), Tastings, Dover Sole, Razor Glass, moons shell clams
- Roger Knapp looking into Smithfield demo for October 8th meeting.
- WSCA Web site needs to be updated with members contact numbers and photos.

Roundtable

- Gary Fuller: Hire an Administrative Assistant to help the President of WSCA and board members with scheduling and promoting agenda's to increase needs, increase participation and exposure, marketing, interpretation of ACF bylaw's and strong communication with national and regional chapters.
- Suggests a special dinner at the 2020 Seattle Hilton convention honoring Chef Walter Brunowitz Awards, Accomplishments and Contributions to the Apprenticeship program and overall success towards WSCA growth throughout the past 20 years plus.
- Daniel T Griffith: Suggesting that the Association of Nutrition and Food Professionals (ANFP) establish communication with the WSCA and create new ideas for educational seminars.
- Steve Steasman: Suggesting Chefs to reach out to your primary vendors and ask support for contribution of yearly accreditation dues for ACF as well as continuing education.

Upcoming Meetings – Brandon LaVielle

- September – Bargreen Ellingson Tacoma – Rational dinner
- October 8th- Meeting at Bates Technical College Downtown Tacoma
- November 12-Board Meeting and Dinner Auction – Clearwater Casino
- December – No meeting
- January 2019 – Café 186 Olympia -

Motion to adjourn JJ Meland 1st, Roger Knap 2nd all approved 5:18 p.m.

Members in attendance: Gary Fuller, Roger Knapp, J.J. Meland, Daniel Griffith, Mike Ventura, John Clark, Brent Hordness & Steve Steasman

