

Texas Chefs Association General Session Meeting

August 8, 2022

8:00 am

Choctaw Casino - Durant, OK



I. Administrative

- a. **Call to Order:** President Len Pawelek, CCE called the General Session to order at 8:12 am.
- b. **Invocation:** Len Pawelek, CEC performed the invocation.
- c. **Roll Call, Sign In & Quorum:** Chairman Kelly Cook, CEC, AAC confirmed the presence of a quorum. Those in attendance were:

Jesse Adames
Jennifer Adams, CC, CPC
Lauren Aleman
Addison Allen
Kevin Artman
Jason Avelson, CCC, CCE
Matthew Axtell, CEC
Christopher Belanger
Michelle Blake
John Bogue
Sam Boisjoly
Sam Brewster
Maggie Bristow
Joanna Bryant, CCC, CCE
Bill Bush
Kelly Cook, CEC, AAC
Austin Cortez
Marka Dempsey
Steve DeShazo, CEC, FMP
Maggie Evans
Annie Greenslade
Robert Hale
Phillip Harris
Santiago Hernandez
Alison Hodges, CC, CPC
Devan Hoelscher
Carol Irwin

Tom McGrath
Kortney McMillian
Sergio Meraz
Caitlin Miorin
Patrick Mitchell, CEC, AAC
Whitley Mitchell
William Mosley
Rick Neal, CEC
Jesus Olivares
Alejandra Padron
Rajeeve Patgaonkar, CEC, AAC, HGT
Dieter Paul
Len Pawelek, CEC
Anthony Petrecca
Rebekah Pool
Jeff Potts
Tyler Ramey
Morris Salerno, HAAC
MaryJane Sampson
Michael Schuster
Michael Scott, CEC, AAC
Michael Smith, CEC, CEPC, CCA, WCEC
Andrew Snyder
Tina Sparger-Buice
Dean Sprague, CEC
Mandy Stephens
Caroline Taylor

Richie Jones
Brett Keckeisen
Carrie Kelley
Michael Kirchman
Tobie Kvale
Larry Matson, CEC, CCE, AAC

Israel Villanueva, MS, CC, CEC
Katrina Warner
Sabin Warrick
Rusty Weatherly
Julie Wilkinson

- d. **Sergeant at Arms:** Morris Salerno, HAAC was appointed as Sergeant at Arms.
- e. **Review of Minutes:** President Pawelek, CEC referenced the minutes from the 2021 General Session. Patrick Mitchell, CEC, AAC presented a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Belanger and approved by the membership.
- f. **Agenda Approval:** Carol Irwin presented a motion to approve the 2022 General Session meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Caroline Taylor and approved by the membership.

II. Report of the Officers

- a. **Chairman of the Board:** Kelly Cook, CEC reported no grievances and expressed his pleasure in serving as Chairman of the Board of the Texas Chefs Association.
- b. **President:** President Pawelek welcomed everyone to the State Convention and acknowledge the attendance of ACF National President, Kimberly Brock Brown, CEPC, CCA, AAC and ACF Central Region Vice President, Rajeeve Patgaonkar, CEC, AAC, HGT. He called forward chefs Joanna Bryant and Rusty Weatherly and presented them with knives containing the TCA Convention “Crossing Borders” logo. President Pawelek referenced the recent ACF National Convention in Las Vegas, NV. He described the pleasure of walking into a room full of Chefs and the excitement to see such great representation from Texas Chefs. Pawelek complimented those who competed, including Chef Rick Neal, CEC for ACF National Chef of the Year, the Grayson College Student Culinary Team and Sergio Meraz, who competed for National Student Chef of the Year. Chef Pawelek addressed some compliance issues that were brought to his attention by the ACF, regarding the use of the ACF/TCA logo as it relates to the TCA’s membership structure. Pawelek stated that the issues have been resolved and stressed the importance of communicating member benefits for ACF/TCA “dual” members versus TCA-only members. In conclusion, Pawelek recognized Chefs in the room who had been inspirations over the years and he encouraged the membership to get involved, support their local Chapters, hold each other accountable and mentor others.
- c. **1st Vice President:** Chef Mark Schneider, CEC, AAC was absent due to participation at an international competition.
- d. **2nd Vice President:** Rick Neal, CEC thanked Joanna Bryant, Rusty Weatherly and the Red River Chapter for hosting the State Convention. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as 2nd Vice President and for the relationships he’s built. He concluded by expressing excitement to welcoming everyone to East Texas for the 2023 State Convention.

- e. **Secretary/Treasurer:** Larry Matson, CEC, CCE, AAC stated that the association is financially stable. Matson addressed the balance sheet and restricted accounts, which had balances as follows:
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| Bernard Urban & Patrick Mitchell, CEC, AAC Competition Fund | \$9,968.00 |
| Certification Reimbursement | \$5,000.00 |
| Chef Relief | \$46,212.27 |
| Jack Bretzke Education Fund | \$15,000.00 |
| State Convention Scholarship | \$4,726.00 |
| Willy Rossel Marketing Fuds | \$28,409.61 |
- Matson continued to address the income statement activity.

III. Nominations & Elections

- a. **State Officer Elections:** President Cook announced two uncontested candidates for the offices of 2nd Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. By acclamation, Dean Sprague was approved as 2nd Vice President of the Texas Chefs Association for the 2022 - 2024 term. By acclamation, Larry Matson, CEC, AAC was approved as Secretary/Treasurer of the Texas Chefs Association for the 2022 - 2024 term.
- b. **Ratify Chapter Directors:** The following new Chapter Directors were ratified:
- Austin Chapter – Robert Hale
 - Brazos Valley Chapter – Mark Torres
 - Chefs of the Coastal Bend Chapter – Michael Smith, CEC, CEPC, CCA, WCEC
 - Concho Valley Chapter – Chad Lowry
 - Dallas Chapter – Cassondra Armstrong
 - East Texas Chapter – Anthony Petrecca
 - Fort Worth Chapter – Caroline Taylor
 - Golden Triangle Chapter – Charles Duit, CEC, AAC
 - Heart of Texas Chapter – Reannon Ruark
 - Houston Chapter – Paul Newman
 - Red River Chapter – Rusty Weatherly
 - Rio Grande Valley Chapter - Omar Duran
 - San Antonio Chapter – Sam Boisjoly
- Chris Belanger presented a motion to ratify the Chapter Directors. The motion was seconded by Kelly Cook, CEC, AAC and approved by the membership.
- c. **Site of Future Conventions:** President Pawelek announced the following hosts for future TCA Convention:
- 2023 - East Texas Chapter
 - 2024 - Austin/San Antonio Chapters

- IV. **Closing & Adjournment:** In closing, President Pawelek thanked the Red River Chapter for hosting the State Convention and thanked the TCA membership for attending. Anthony Petrecca presented a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dean Sprague, CEC. The General Session was adjourned at 8:45 am.