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# **Texas Chefs Association Chapter Meeting**

## **Minutes**

*Dallas, TX*

**Meeting Date:** *September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017*  
**Meeting Time:** *3:07pm CST to 4:35pm CST*  
**Meeting Place:** *Le Meridian Dallas, The Stoneleigh  
2729 Maple Ave, Dallas, TX 75201*

**Meeting Called to Order by:** Chef Pete Nolasco

**Recognize Host:** Chef Wade Burch of Le Meridian Dallas  
**Insure Roster/Quorum:** Retired Chef Dieter Paul confirmed we have a quorum

**Introduce Guest:** Al DeBerry/CEO/The Hotel Association  
Pam Stanley/Project Admin/Northside

**Recognize the Excused:** *Chef Michael Scott, CEC, AAC*

### **Call for the Past Meeting Minutes to be accepted –**

Past minutes for May, June and July have not been posted as of this date so the members were unable to vote. Pushed voting until October's meeting.

**Motion from the floor made by:** N/A  
**Motion seconded by:** N/A  
**Discussion by Assembly** Will vote in October  
**Amendments** N/A

**Call for a vote on the Minutes of the Past Meeting to be Accepted:**

**Motion of Past Meeting Minutes Was: N/A**

**Call for the Present Meeting Agenda to be Reviewed:**

Agenda was passed out but not asked to be approved.

**Motion from the floor made by: N/A**

**Motion seconded by: N/A**

**Discussion by Assembly None**

**Amendments / New Business N/A**

Introduction of new board members

**Call for a vote on the Present Meeting Agenda to be Accepted:**

**Motion of Present Meeting Minutes Was: N/A**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Attached:

Chef Pete Nolasco and Chef Cassondra Armstrong presented a check for \$255.00 that is to be deposited. The funds will go into the general account for now. It was earmarked to be used for education at a later date.

**Director's Report:**

Director's report given by Chef Pete Nolasco.

-A brief recap was made about the Texas Chef Association's State Convention in Corpus Christie. Chef Pete Nolasco then recognized the Dallas Chapter award winners including:

Pastry Chef of the Year – Alison Hodges, CC, CPC

Educator of the Year – Jim Knifong, CEC

Contributor of the Year – Michael Scott, CEC, AAC

Student Culinarian of the Year – Lateisha Hayes

Purveyor of the Year – Jones-Neitzel Co. Lisa Ferrell

Isaac Pina Award – Dallas Chapter

Convention Quick-fire Challenge – Grayson College

Romeo of the Year – Hans Stettler

-Chef Pete Nolasco is now the Chairman of the Board for the Dallas Chapter as well as Social Media Director for the State.

-Chef Mark Schneider is now Chairman of the Board for the State as well as Treasurer for the State.

### **Correspondence:**

Introduction of new board members:

Director – Chef Gene Christiano

Assistant Director – Chef Michael Scott, CEC, AAC

Chairman of the Board – Chef Pete Nolasco

Treasurer – Chef Cassandra Armstrong

Secretary – Chef Jennifer Bajsel

-Chef Patrick Mitchell express thanks on behalf of Dean Sprague for Dallas Chapter's help and attendance at the 2017 State Convention.-

-Mercy Chef's needs volunteers in the Houston area after Hurricane Harvey's devastation in south Texas.

-New Director Chef Gene Christiano shares his vision and goals for the next two years for the Dallas chapter which includes three things:

*Being Brilliant at the Basics*

*Membership Engagement- "Bring a Guest" initiative*

*Highlighting our Culinary Talents in our Communities*

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Certification:**

*Chef Patrick Mitchell/Committee Chair*

Chef Patrick Mitchell discussed his fundraiser to attend the Global Competition. Chef Patrick Mitchell asked members to allow monies from the silent auction at his fundraiser to be received and allocated through the Dallas Chapters "Square" account. Chef Mitchell noted that the Dallas Chapter would be reimbursed for any fees associated with using the "Square" account.

**Motion from the floor made by:**      *Chef Gene Christiano*

**Motion seconded by:** *Chef Wade Burch*  
**Discussion by Assembly** Chef Diane Larkin of Grayson  
College already raised \$500 to donate to the fundraiser.  
**Amendments** *N/A*

**Call for a vote on the current motion to be Accepted:**

**Motion of Present Meeting Minutes Was:** **Carried**

**Education:**

*Chef Patrick Mitchell/Committee Chair*

*N/A*

**Membership:**

*Chef Mike Mrugala*

Chef Mike Mrugala handed out a survey to members to gauge what members thought we could do as a chapter to improve memberships and meeting participation. The information in the survey also asked members to update their contact information.

Chef Mike Mrugala also brought up the board's "Bring a friend" initiative. We asked that all participating members bring a guest to each meeting that could potentially be recruited as a member. The challenge went to board members first as an example.

**Apprenticeship:**

*No Committee Chair at this time*

*N/A*

**Social Outreach:**

*No Committee Chair at this time. Chef Pete Nolasco stepped in.*

Retired Chef Dieter Paul discussed utilizing a calling tree for members who are ill. It was also discussed that this calling tree be used to communicate to members who don't use text messaging or email to deliver important news from the chapter.

**Fund Raising:**

*Michael Scott/Committee Chair Chef Gene Christiano stepped in in his absence*

Chef Gene Christiano discussed having three fundraisers between now and the end of summer 2018. A motion was introduced that we as a chapter structure our charitable donations from our fundraisers at 20% as a standard.

**Motion from the floor made by:** *Chef Mike Mrugala*

**Motion seconded by:** *Chef Cassondra Armstrong*

**Discussion by Assembly** Could the 20% be amended to a higher percentage per each event with membership vote? The answer was yes, the 20% was a standard rate that the chapter never had established.

**Amendments** Clarification the 20% charitable donation is after NET profit.

**Call for a vote on the current motion to be Accepted:**

**Motion of Present Meeting Minutes Was: Carried**

**Fund Raising: (cont.)**

*Chef Jennifer Bajsel/Chili Cook-off Committee Chair*

Chef Jennifer Bajsel highlighted the details of the fundraising event “CometFest – TCA Chili & Craft Brew Festival”. The event will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 11am CST until 4PM CST. The location is at Northside Luxury Apartments, 3000 Northside Blvd., Richardson, TX 75080. A flyer is attached. An entry forms for contestants is being drafted. A motion was introduced to split the 20% charitable donation as follows:

10% to Comet Cupboard (The food Pantry for UTD)

10% to Chef’s Relief fund

**Motion from the floor made by:** *Retired Chef Gus Katsigris*  
**Motion seconded by:** *Chef Ernest Gruch*  
**Discussion by Assembly** None  
**Amendments** N/A

**Call for a vote on the current motion to be Accepted:**

**Motion of Present Meeting Minutes Was:** Carried

### **Public Relations & Social Media**

*Chef Pete Nolasco/Committee Chair*

N/A

### **Culinary Arts & Competition**

*No Committee Chair at this time.*

N/A

### **Chapter Social**

*No Committee Chair at this time. Chef Pete Nolasco stepped in.*

Chef Pete Nolasco mentioned that Chef Tina Sparger-Buice was currently in the hospital. He asked members for their prayer.

Chef Pete Nolasco honored Chef Karl Hass, presenting him with an award of appreciation. Several chefs spoke in attribute to Chef Karl Hass including Chef Alison Hodges and Chef Patrick Mitchell.

### **Old Business:**

**A. Review of State Convention**

**B. Honor award winners**

**C.**

**D.**

### **New Business**

**A. Introduction of new board members**

- B. Membership**
- B. Certification**
- C. Charity/Fundraising**
- D. Calling Tree**

**Round Table:**

*All in attendance stated who they were and title as well as if they had or were looking for job opportunities.*

**Adjournment**

<b>Motion from the floor made by:</b>	<i>Chef Patrick Mitchell</i>
<b>Motion seconded by:</b>	<i>Retired Chef Dieter Paul</i>
<b>Discussion by Assembly</b>	None

**Call for a vote on Adjourning the Meeting:**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting Was: Carried**

**Next Meeting:**

**State Fair of Texas, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 3:00pm CST**

