

PENDING APPROVAL

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GREAT PEPPERS' MEETING
OF THE
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

SALADO, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

President Renee Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

President Moore introduced the Mayor of the Village of Salado, Merle Stalcup. Mayor Stalcup gave an invocation, and called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Mayor Stalcup introduced General Randall Anderson, (retired) who was stationed at Ft. Hood during the 9.11 terrorist attack and spoke of the events of that day at Ft. Hood.

Donna Conrad, as head of the 2010 Great Peppers Committee welcomed all to the event and thanked all those on her Committee who made it happen.

Credentials Committee Report

Sherry Davis, acting in place of Chairman of the Credentials Committee Robbie Swart, stated they reviewed paperwork from 5 Pods who did not meet the requirements of the CASI by-laws. The Committee recommended that a letter of reprimand be sent to the two Pods who were in violation of CASI Article 13. They recommended a letter of probation be sent to two Pods. A letter of suspension was sent to one Pod, Keystone Pod. There were three pods in violation of CASI Article 13. The Credentials Committee members this year are Robbie Swart, Sherry Davis and Kelly Brignon.

MOTION by Tom Klug, Desert Breeze Pod, to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded by Mel FitzHenry, North of Brazos Pod.

Motion passed: Unanimous

| Secretary Roger Foltz called the roll.
The following Directors were present:

Renee Moore, President
Tim Collier, Vice-President
Ed Blair, Treasurer
Roger Foltz, Secretary
Janice Miller, Executive Director
John Goforth
Dana Plocheck
Bo Prewitt
Robert Schrade

Dorathy Williams
Jenny Windsor

Secretary Foltz called the roll for the Pods. 70 Pods were present. **(Addendum A)**
A quorum was present

The following Pod was not in attendance:

STATE of ALABAMA

There is one new Pod requesting seeding, Sunflower Pod. This Pod has met all the requirements of Article 13 and the Committee recommends they be seated as a CASI Pod.

MOTION by Earl Gorhum, Piney Woods Pod, to accept the Sunflower Pod. The motion was seconded by Darin Jester, Indiana Chili Pod

Motion passed: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes of 2009 Great Peppers Meeting

A copy of the Minutes of the Great Peppers Meeting held in Midland, Texas on September 10, 2009 was distributed to all.

MOTION by Ron Barnes, Top of Texas Pod, to approve the minutes from the previous Great Peppers Meeting. The motion was seconded by Patti Watkins, BELCH Pod.

Motion passed: Unanimous

President's Message

I'm here to tell you that CASI is in good shape, not great, but good. And as I alluded to last year, we have many good Pods but few that are great.

Going from good to great requires change. And the majority of us, whether we admit it or not, don't like change. It's too easy to do what we do the same way as we've always done it.

I can remember when computers came along in the office. I refused to give up my typewriter and until the day I retired, it always sat behind my desk. I initially learned Word Perfect software, then was told I had to convert to Word. I balked and for quite a while, I had two operating systems on my computer until I acknowledged that Word was much easier.

Likewise, CASI has faced many challenges and changes over the years. When I attended my first TICC in 1984, we cooked at Vila de la Mina on property we didn't own. CASI had the opportunity to purchase property, and there were those who felt it was a bad choice. Look at where we are today. What if change had never happened?

When we began cooking at Rancho CASI de los Chisos, there was the band Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights; the concession stand was open Thursday through Saturday, and the beer concession was open Thursday through Saturday.

The idea was born for the Friday Scholarship events. Again, some felt this was not the thing to do as this was the Terlingua International Chili Championship. As we all know, this has been extremely successful and beneficial to the Scholarship Program.

We've come a long way but the road lies ahead and more changes are inevitable. We can embrace the changes or reject them, but the fact remains we have to face them together. If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

It's been said CASI members have no rights and the Board is 'out of touch' with the membership. Communication is a two-way street. The Board publishes information on the blog and in the *Terlingua Trails*; the same information is also provided to the Great Peppers to communicate to their members. The members do not have to follow the chain of command to express their opinions. The Board encourages and welcomes emails or calls from our members.

No one makes progress – much less succeeds – alone. The reason we have meetings is to try to work more effectively as a team. I'm sure you have all heard – team has no "I". Likewise, the CASI team does not mean the Board of Directors or the Great Peppers. The CASI team is everyone. We all need to find a way to contribute to the team.

I, personally, believe some conflict is good. Some get upset when they read negative emails or information, but conflict is necessary, for if no one disagreed, the organization would grow stagnant and die.

Andrew Carnegie said, "Team work is the ability to work together toward a common vision; the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

I maintain that CASI cooks and members are not common people, so the results we obtain should be monumental. Let's pledge to work together for the good of CASI and overcome the communication barriers that exist.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my personal appreciation to Tim Collier for his service on the Board. Tim is ornery but his heart is in the right place. He always looks at all sides of an issue before making an informed decision and has served CASI well as Ranch Manager. Thank you, Tim, and a special thank you to Connie for sharing you with us. Connie has never said no when asked for help and gives 110%.

My special thanks go to Bo Prewitt. Bo may be quiet and considered to be a gentle giant, but he is all business when it comes to doing his job. Thank you, Bo, for the work and expertise you brought to the CASI beer concession.

Update

A. Terlingua International Chili Championship: The highway cleanup will again be on Thursday morning beginning at 8. Volunteers are needed for this valuable service to the county. Please meet Scott Johnson to help clean up the highway. President Moore indicated people were needed to help with the preparation of the condiments for judging at TICC, and times for volunteers would be posted in Terlingua. She thanked Vicki Sanders for her leadership last year and advised that Kelly Brignon would be the lead person in preparation of the condiments this year.

Diane FitzHenry has agreed to again be the Head Judge at TICC this year. Last year there were 328 cups issued and 325 cups of chili were judged at TICC. Thank you to all who monitored, judged, scored and helped make this a streamlined process.

Last year Bob Steinle was in charge of Show, this year Pam Clark will be Head Show Judge.

President Moore asked that anyone who is interested in being a chili judge contact her either by phone or e-mail.

Back stage at announcements will be different this year. In years past winners came on stage and many of their friends crowded backstage to offer congratulations. This year only the winner and one guest will be allowed back stage. This is an attempt to speed up the process, so that photos may be taken of the winners in the daylight.

There will be a 50-50 drawing at TICC, Donna Conrad and Diane Stimpson will be selling tickets. Half of the money will go to the winner, and half to the CASI Scholarship Fund.

No spectator traffic will be allowed in the cooks' area after 12:00, when the band shuts down. Traffic will again be limited in the cooks' area on Saturday.

Toys and wrapping paper will be collected for the children in the Terlingua area, and can be given to Dorathy Williams at the concession stand.

Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band will again be the band performing at TICC this year. They will be performing Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 8:00 to 12:00. Next year Roy Huston will be helping in the selection of entertainment. Moore asked that anyone who wanted to recommend a band, send a demo tape to Roy. Roy will review all, and make recommendations of 3 or 4 to the Board.

The permit for a mass gathering has been applied for with Brewster County. Moore reminded all too please greet and make welcome all our sponsors at TICC. Runners for ice are needed at TICC. Please contact Roger Foltz if you can volunteer a little time to assist.

Last year non advancing chilis were given out to spectators by the Illini Pod, this year it will be handled by the 3I group, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

There will be a photo session again on Saturday for all former TICC winners, current Board members, and all previous Board members. Times will be announced later.

Please remember to leave the lanes open in the Old 320 area, so emergency personnel can get through if needed. Rio Bravo Security will again handle our security, and Brewster County Sheriffs Deputies will also be on site. Terlingua Fire and EMS will be on site beginning Wednesday.

Gate fees will remain \$30 for the week and \$10 for Saturday only. There will be a 50% discount for all with a military ID.

- B. Memorial Board:** A copy of those listed on the Memorial Board has been distributed. Moore asked for any corrections, or additions. There will be a Candlelight Vigil at the Memorial Board Thursday evening at 7:00pm.
- C. Nominating Committee:** Karin Baines advised that the Committee included Bruce Smith and Rick Thomas. They reviewed the applications of, Ed Blair, Roger Foltz, Darin Jester, David Sexton, Chuck Spishock, David Hewlitt and Don Hoy, all running for a Director position on the Board. They also reviewed the applications of Janice Miller and Keith Karaff for the position of Executive Director. All applications were in order.

Sponsorship Report

Jim Ezell presented a slide show detailing all the CASI Sponsors. Gold sponsors are those that donate money, goods and services in excess of \$10,000. Gold Sponsors include; Bruce Foods, Woodbridge Wine by Robert Mondavi, L & F Distributing (Bud), Glazers Beers (Lone Star, Coors, Tecate), Tequila Rose and Tarantula Tequila by McCormick Distilling, and Hill Country Software.

Silver Sponsors are those who donate money, goods and services in excess of \$5,000. Silver Sponsors for 2010 are HEB Grocery Stores, Tyson Foods, Kiowa Casino, and Texas Lottery.

Friends of CASI include those who have donated \$1,000 in money and/or goods and services. This year Friends of CASI cash donations will go towards all the awards at TICC. The cost of the cast bronze trophies is in excess of \$5,500, and Friends of CASI will cover this cost, as well as 33 chairs and the jackets awarded to top winners in each category.

The total CASI Sponsorship contributions for 2010 are \$136,000.

Tequila Rose will again sponsor the BBQ Contest. This increases our gate and concession sales. This is an event that can be a \$100,000 per year event in the future.

Executive Director's Report

Janice Miller reviewed her activities since the 2009 Great Peppers Meeting, many of which have been included in the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting, January 17, 2010, and the Summer Board Meeting, June 26, 2010.

The detailed report was included in the packet of each Great Pepper.

Meeting break at 10:30.

Meeting reconvened at 11:00.

Ranch Report

Tim Collier reported that since TICC 2009 a metal roof over the area between the Main Concession and Judging Pavilion was installed to minimize ice loss and be more pleasant for workers during judging. In the same area a 3 foot retainer wall was built to keep the mud and water from washing through that area. We built a 20' X 20' storage building

behind the stage area to store museum memorabilia and ranch supplies. Also a dry stack retainer wall built on the northwest side of the Old 320 going up Stage Road. The total cost for all these construction projects was \$13,950.

Bids for TICC

- A. **Trash-** the cost of the trash pickup is the same as last year. \$4645
- B. **Ice-** went up from 11 cents to 12 cents a pound. We have to guarantee 30,000 pounds which will be \$3,600. We sell it for 25 cents per pound. If we sell all of the ice we will have a profit of \$3900 minus what is used at the Main Concession and Krazy Flats to ice down drinks for sell and judging.
- C. **Port-a-johns-**The rental and delivery price for the port-a-johns is the same as last year. Last year's crowd was the largest we've had in recent years, so five more port-a-johns were added and an extra pumping in the busy areas at the Main Stage and Krazy Flats Saloon on Saturday. Hopefully, we will have an even larger crowd this year. The total cost this year is \$18,280 approximately \$2,000 up from last year.

Collier is working with Kathy Killingsworth, Brewster County Commissioner, on leveling several areas for more parking/camping in the Spectator area. We were completely full last year. The gate revenue was up approximately \$6,000 last year, so there is a need to expand the available areas for camping.

Qualified CASI cooks will be able to cook BBQ at their camp sites this year. Please be considerate of your neighbors so we can continue this privilege for those who choose to compete in the BBQ competition.

Collier mentioned that there may be some extra Porta Potties available for rent, and asked that he be advised as soon as possible if your group wants a private one. This year several Porta Potties will be lighted on a trial basis, if you'd like a light in yours, the cost is \$10.

Several have asked about cooking only one category in the BBQ competition, instead of paying to enter all three categories'. Collier advised he would check with the Lone Star BBQ Society to see if this is possible.

Tallymaster's Report

Jenny Windsor thanked Bill Pierson for his help in training her to take over this job. She reported that for the year to date, August 15, 2010, there have been 489 cookoffs raising \$1,245,009 for charity. There have been 14,319 chili's judged, 372 cooks qualified and 169 show teams qualified as of this date. She asked for volunteers to help with registration on Thursday and Friday at TICC.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Blair advised that CASI is on a 'cash basis' of reporting. That means if a bill, or contribution comes in after December 31st of a year, that amount will appear on the next years' financial statement.

CASI's total income for 2009 was up 15% to \$280,292, and after expenses and scholarships the total net income was \$31,518

Blair's total report is attached as **Addendum B** to these minutes.

Membership Report

Membership Chairman John Goforth reported that annual memberships for the year total 1028, life memberships total 498, and corporate memberships total 41. Total membership is 1,567, which is up from 2009. We need to work on retaining annual members, once we get them involved.

Terlingua Trails

Dana Plocheck first gave a report on the Governance Committee and advised the committee included Stephanie Brockman, Richard Knight, Robert Schrade, Bruce Smith, and Kevin Wooster. The Committee reviewed the decision made by the Board concerning the motion from the Old 320 members regarding the selling of existing Old 320 sites back to CASI. The Committee determined that the Board did review the motion and responded in a timely manner. The Committee determined that the Board did act in the best interest of CASI for the long term.

The Committee also looked at some suggestions and recommendations for the CASI Board. One recommendation was a Code of Conduct for all Directors, to be signed and saved in the files. The reasoning for this was that most all non-profit organizations' require this for their elected directors.

The Committee determined that a review of the various job descriptions should be conducted annually. They also want to take a survey of CASI members for suggestions of how CASI can improve.

Dana Plocheck editor of the *Terlingua Trails*, thanked Bucky Seelig for his help in training her to be editor of the *Trails*. She thanked all who sent photos and articles this past year, indicating that it contributed to the overall interest to the reader. She advised that the average number of *Trails* printed each month has been 2,300, which is in line with our contract with the printer. Our current cost is \$0.39/copy, not including postage.

She presented the poster for the 2009 TICC, indicating the artwork was done by Adam Hays, a former Terlingua student.

Upcomings

Dorothy Williams advised that so far this year 700 packets had been mailed out. Williams advised that volunteers are needed to help fold the sweat shirts, T shirts, etc. that will be for sale at TICC this year. Folding will take place on Wednesday morning.

Public Relations Report

After announcements at TICC 2009 a press release including a photograph of our new Champion, Margaret Nadeau, was sent to United Press International and the Associated Press. These two entities are recognized as the primary source of news releases to newspapers, radio and TV stations across the United States. Janice Miller also sent copies directly to several newspapers in West Texas.

In early January 2010, we met with Doug Renfro, of Renfro Foods, to discuss his company's use of and success with Facebook as an advertising tool. A proposal to have a professional prepare and keep updated a CASI site on Facebook was presented at the June Board meeting.

Publicity for the Last CCO in Baghdad was handled by Ken Rodd and Jenny Williams, with help from Robert Schrade. Notices were prepared and sent to United Press International, Associated Press, and TV and Radio stations. Additionally notices were sent to several conservative talk shows, in hopes they would pick up on it and generate additional publicity.

Dana Plocheck was contacted by America's Test Kitchen, and their publication Cooks Illustrated, about an article on preparing chili both with cut and ground meat. The lady from Cooks Illustrated came to the Massachusetts Open and judged chili, and was very interested in CASI. The article will be in the January 2011 publication.

CASI Brochures were requested and sent to entry stations in El Paso and Denton. We are low on our supply of the current brochure, and a proposal for the printing of new brochures has been presented to the Board, but the content of the proposed brochure has not been finalized.

We have talked to Boomer Kingston about public service radio announcements which will be sent to West Texas area stations prior to TICC.

CASI will have a notice in the Big Bend Travel Guide, which is a glossy magazine published yearly and extolling everything in the Big Bend and Texas Mountains area. CASI will also have an advertisement in the Cenizo Journal concerning TICC and all the events available for cooking and judging.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00

Meeting resumed at 1:10.

President Moore called the meeting back to order. She advised that a sheet was being passed around to sign up to help with registration at TICC; she asked the sheet be returned to Jenny Windsor. She asked all Texas Great Peppers to stand. Ballots were given to them for a vote on the next site for the Texas Open.

CASI Scholarship Program

CASI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Great Peppers' Meeting

September 11, 2010

Program Administrator – Barbara Herrin (2009-2012)

Committee members –

Roy Huston (last term)
 Dan Bauer (2010-2011)
 Fred Roycroft (2010-2011)
 Nancy Klug (2010-2011)
 Pat Krenek (2010-2012)

Pat Irving-King (2010-2012)
 Susie Shaw (2010-2012)
 Nancy Hewlett (2010-2013)
 Dick Wagner (2010-2013)

Status on Current Recipients

Granting year	Name	Proj. grad date	Encumbered money	Comments
CASI Scholarship Program				
2007	Kurt Westerman	2011	\$2000	
	David Richardson	2011	\$500	
	Sara Draper	2011	\$500	
	Brynlee Dowling Acevedo	2011	\$2500	
	Jonathan Elliott	2011	\$500	
	Justin Fraiser	2011	\$500	
2008	James Brockman	2012	\$2500	
	Jerad Christensen	2012	\$2000	
	Tatum Foster	2012	\$1500	
	Tom Romeo	2012	\$1500	
	Lauren McAdams	2012	\$1500	
	Samantha Sievering	2012	\$1500	
	Luke Sotkovski	2012	\$1500	
2009	Joshua Tenneson	2013	\$2500	
	Erik Longabaugh	2013	\$2500	
	Jessica Wampler	2013	\$3000	
	Joseph Talamantes	2013	\$2500	
	Candance Guy-Anzaldua	2013	\$2500	
2010	Preston Bennett	2014	\$4000	
	Jerica Christenson	2014	\$3500	
	Kim Heng	2014	\$3500	
	Kolby Karaff	2014	\$3500	
	Brandon McCory	2011	\$1000	Trade/technical
	Justin McDonald	2014	\$3500	
	Belen Perez	2011	\$1000	Trade/technical
	Balli Scarbrough	2012	\$1500	Junior in college
	Kelli Scarbrough	2011	\$500	Senior in college
	Teffany Sadler	2012	\$1500	Graduate school
Tex Schofield				
2007	Micah Paredes	2011	\$500	

2008	Helena Stark	2012	\$1500	
2009	Brendan Flippo	2013	\$3000	
2010	Ayla Smith	2014	\$4000	

CASI has a total of twenty-nine (28) students receiving scholarships from the National Scholarship Program and four (4) students receiving scholarships from the Tex Schofield Program for a total of thirty-three (32) students receiving scholarships.

REPORT OF DONATIONS

9/1/09-8/31/10

154 donations – total \$11,291.00 Of this amount, seven pods donated \$3,382.00 to the Scholarship Program. This represents an increase of donations over the same period last year.

Cost of correspondence

Cards	We still have cards from last year as I had 250 printed at that time.
Postage	<u>\$ 88</u>
Total	\$ 88

SELECTION PROCESS

One hundred twenty-three (123) applications were received by mail. This was down from last year, but only 15 were incomplete or lacked a Pod Representative signature. This is significantly better than last year. Therefore, 108 applications were sent to the committee for review.

Observations from the selection process

One hundred twenty-three (123) applications were received with fifteen (15) being incomplete leaving 108 applications for committee review. Twenty-two (22) pods submitted applications for review.

Applications were received from the following states and pods:

State	Applications	Pod	Comments
Arizona	40	High Desert Pod	
Arkansas	1	Central Arkansas Pod	
Florida	1	Sunshine State	
Indiana	12	Indiana Pepper Pod	
Iowa	1	Iowa Chili Pod	
Oklahoma	1	HOOCH Pod	
Tennessee	1	Heart of Tennessee	
Texas	2	VASA Pod	
	1	Pasadena Pod	
	3	Rose City	
	2	SAP Pod	
	20	DAM Pod	
	2	State of Texas	
	2	Houston Pod	

	1	Mary Ellen Gillen as Pod Representative	
	2	Concho Valley Chili Pod	
	10	Highland Lakes	
	1	Pod on Pedernales	
	1	Black Gold	
	1	Black Sheep of Texas	
	2	North of Brazos	
Virginia	1	Capitol Pod	
	108 total	22 total	

Of the 108 applicants, the selection committee chose 45 different applicants. Of the 45 applicants who were chosen, 28 applicants received votes from only one committee member. Seventeen (17) received multiple votes. The top 12 applicants received votes from 2-6 committee members. The committee members listed their selections in rank order. I assigned a numerical value to the rank order of all of the top twelve (for example- a 1st place received 10 points, a 2nd received 9 and a 10th received 1 point) I then totaled the number of points each applicant received and placed the top twelve in rank order. The top 10 received scholarship awards.

Recommendations for change to the policy:

1. Change the **grade reporting** from the scholarship recipients to **once a year** with the grade reports due in June. The current policy states that grades are due twice a year (in January and again in June). We found that the January date is not practical if we are planning to issue checks by the first week of January
2. **Trade/technical scholarships** – as this was the first year to award these scholarships, we found that it was not practical to award these scholarships at the same rate as the academic scholarships.

The additions are in bold italic print and the deletions are struck through to show how the policy would now read if approved by the Great Peppers.

Recipients: Recipients must obtain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student.

Note: If recipient's cumulative GPA falls below 2.5 or if the recipient fails to register as a full-time student for the semester, the recipient will be placed on probation for one **year**. ~~semester~~. If probationary issues are not corrected within the following **year**, ~~semester~~, the remaining scholarship funds allotted to the recipient will be forfeited.

Academic school recipients will receive \$500 ~~for the fall semester and upon proving grade and enrollment requirements will receive the remaining~~ scholarship monies at the rate of \$500 per semester. Recipients will prove grade and enrollment requirements by submitting a copy of their **fall and spring** semester

grades to the Program Administrator no later than the second week of **June**. ~~the month following completion of the semester (January for the fall semester and June for the spring semester).~~ **Academic scholarships are for a maximum of five years (\$4000 total) beginning the fall after the granting of the scholarship. This time adjustment will allow for students who have received financial aid elsewhere during the school year and do not need the CASI scholarship for one to two semesters. It will also allow for students who are placed on probation for one year to complete their scholarship.**

Trade/technical school scholarships will be dispersed at the rate of \$1000 for 1-6 months of instruction and \$2000 for 6+ months of instruction.

Trade/technical school scholarships are for a maximum of two years (\$2000).

MOTION by Patti Watkins, BELCH Pod to accept the changes in the Scholarship Policy as noted above. The motion was seconded by Nancy Coultras, Chiliheads of Puerto Penasco, Somora

Motion passed: Unanimous

Old 320 Report

Ralph Hay, Old 320 Alcalde, reported that at last year's Old 320 meeting there were 38 members in attendance. He is working with the Board to perhaps reschedule the Old 320 meeting, so conflicts with other activities would be minimized, and more members could attend the meeting. There were 273 cooks cooking on the Old 320 site last year, which is more than in the recent past. There will be a drawing again this year for 2 Wendell Rankin painted stoves for those who cook in the Old 320. Hay asked for 2 volunteers to help pass out the raffle tickets. He also asked for volunteers to help with marking the sites on Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.

He noted that it is difficult to set a 10' x 10' canopy on an 8' x 8' space, but asked all to work with their neighbors during set up. It is especially important to keep the access lanes open, in case an emergency arises.

This past year 7 Old 320 spots have been reassigned to those on the waiting list. Hay asked that if you wanted on the waiting list to purchase a site to notify him in writing. Hay reminded all that there was an Old 320 page on the CASI web site, under Resource Center, and urged members to print out and complete a Profile Sheet if they have not given him one recently.

Question from the floor regarding Old 320 members motion to the Board to sell their sites back to CASI, and the previous action taken by the Board on this matter.

President Moore explained the Board's thoughts and reasoning behind the denial of the motion from Old 320 members to sell their sites back, which was voted on at the June 26, 2010 meeting.

Discussion followed.

President Moore called for any other unfinished business.

There was a question from the floor about the time of the Old 320 meeting at TICC being moved due to conflict with other events. Moore indicated we would look at the schedule and post any changes on the blog, and in notices at TICC.

New Business

A. Ratification of Washington State CCO: Janice Miller presented the vote by Pods to ratify the Washington State Cookoff.

MOTION by Earl Gorhum, Piney Woods Pod to accept the vote for ratification of the Washington State CCO. The motion was seconded by Ron Barnes, Top of Texas Pod.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Miller advised that several Pods had voted during the roll call vote to place the Washington State CCO on probation, and asked if there was a motion to do so. None was made.

Tom Rose, Puget Pod, spoke advising they were working hard to recruit new cooks, and had new cookoffs scheduled for the coming year. He thanked all for their support.

B. 4 Point Recommendation for CASI: Jim Ezell presented four recommendations for CASI and for strengthening CASI in the future. Those four recommendations were detailed in the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 26, 2010, and will only be briefly described here. President Moore indicated that after each recommendation was presented by Jim, a roll call vote would be taken.

(Copies of the votes on each proposal are attached to these minutes as Addendum C)

Recommendation 1: Membership Roster. We have long been criticized for the small number of physical members we actually count in our official roll. It is my contention that our membership number should be reflected as the number of cooks that cook in CASI sanctioned events. Each time a person cooks in a CASI event, he pays a fee to CASI and I believe should be considered a CASI cook. This would raise our active membership to somewhere between ten and twenty thousand cooks without any cost or extensive bookkeeping. The number would be approximate, but it would better represent who is out there cooking with CASI. The members who pay dues would be considered as “sanctioned cooks” and have the benefits of ability to cook at Terlingua when so qualified and receive the Terlingua Trails.

MOTION by Earl Gorhum, Piney Woods Pod to change the way members are counted, as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Patti Watkins, BELCH Pod.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Recommendation 2: Great Peppers' Meeting. We are running out of hosts and locations for the annual Great Peppers' Meeting. Most of the larger pods have now hosted the meeting and few have a tendency to repeat. I am proposing that

we establish a permanent location for the meeting. The meeting would remain in the same place, but the pods hosting it would change each year. A committee established by the Board would administer the framework of the meeting, but rotating pods would have the opportunity to be the designated hosts and provide whatever ambience and personnel they can contribute. No pod would be expected to make any financial commitment.

MOTION by Eric Ackerson, Virgin Pod to establish a permanent location for the Great Peppers Meeting, according to the above recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ron Barnes, Top of Texas Pod

Motion passed: 79 for; 3 against

Recommendation 3: Increased Scholarship Funding. The CASI Scholarship Fund has been a great success. There have been many calls for increasing the funding and either giving more scholarships or increasing the individual amounts. There has also been a misconception that CASI itself gives more to charity than it actually does. At the organization level, CASI only gives about \$50,000. per year to charity, by means of scholarships and awards from the TICC stage. I feel this is not an adequate representation of the good we do because all our claims are based on funds donated by sanctioned cook offs. CASI is not so much the charity as it is the enabler operating as a sanctioning body. As such, it is entitled to satisfactory funding to entice people to cook and seek participation at TICC.

MOTION by Bobby Elliott New Mexico Chili Society to assess an additional \$1.00 fee per cook at CASI sanctioned events to go into the Scholarship Fund. The motion was seconded by Patti Watkins, BELCH Pod.

Discussion ensued.

Motion failed: 24 for; 56 against

Recommendation 4: Recognition of TICC Champion. There has long been a criticism on many fronts that CASI does not properly reward or recognize the Terlingua International Champion. I was tasked by the Great Peppers several years ago to pursue a way of funding a prize for the winner similar to what is awarded by ICS. I have not been comfortable until this time to make a recommendation to facilitate this. Such funding has to be assured and not subject to a sponsor's whims or presence. It has to be a fact of CASI life and a goal to work toward. It should be something the winners are proud of and not subject to negative publicity. With the adoption of the three preceding points, I feel like we can confidently develop a reward system that could take any number of directions. This could also be scaled in on a limited basis and expanded. I believe this would be a benefit to CASI and not detrimental to its charitable giving. I believe we can adequately stress that this is for TICC only.

Questions were asked of Ezell and discussion ensued.

MOTION by Richard Knight, Heart of Tennessee Pod, to approve no more than \$5,000 fund to be used as reimbursement for TICC Champion to attend high profile Chili Cookoffs. The motion was seconded by Bill Pierson, Iowa Chili Pod.

Discussion ensued.

AMENDED MOTION to approve no more than \$5,000 is set in a fund, *overseen by a Committee appointed by the CASI President*, to be used as reimbursement for TICC Champion to attend high profile Chili Cookoffs. Amended motion was agreed by original maker and second.

Motion passed: 71 for; 9 against

C. Pod Name Change: Tabled

D. Requests for Waivers:

A request was made by Sunny Fichtl, High Desert Pod, to grant a one year waiver for the Rocky Point CCO to be held in Arizona instead of Mexico due to increased tensions at the border, but still keep its status as an International CCO.

MOTION by Sunny Fichtl, High Desert Pod, for a one year waiver to hold the Rocky Point CCO in Arizona instead of Mexico and to keep its status as an International CCO, automatically qualifying the top 3 for TICC. The motion was seconded by Dick Seehusen, Alpine Chili Society.

Motion passed: Unanimous

A request was made by Richard Knight, HOT Pod, to allow Tennessee to be a 12 point state for the coming year.

MOTION by Richard Knight, HOT Pod, to make Tennessee a 12 point state for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Ron Barnes, Top of Texas Pod

Motion passed: Unanimous

E. Requests for Opens:

MOTION by Patti Watkins, BELCH Pod, to have the Mid South Regional in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The motion was seconded by Darryl Baxter, Thousand trails, Lake Whitney.

Motion passed: Unanimous

MOTION by Mel FitzHenry, North of Brazos Pod, to have the Southwest Open on Memorial Day weekend. The motion was seconded by Ron Barnes, Top of Texas Pod

Motion passed: Unanimous

MOTION by Bobby Elliott New Mexico Chili Society , to hold the Four Corners Regional in Red River, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by Ron Barnes, Top of Texas Pod

Motion passed: Unanimous

MOTION by Purgatory Creek Pod to hold the National Open at Buda, Texas. The motion was seconded by Ron Barnes, Top of Texas Pod

Motion passed: Unanimous

MOTION by Ron Barnes, Top of Texas Pod to allow the Mexico International to be held in Piedras Negras instead of Nueva Laredo in 2011. The motion was seconded by Diane FitzHenry.

Motion passed: Unanimous

President Renee Moore read aloud a Certificate of Achievement to be given to Capt. Roxzanna Ponce De Leon for her work to hold the Last Battle Over Baghdad Chili Cookoff.

Scott Harris invited all to Scotts Bluff, Nebraska for the 24th annual Oregon Trails Chili Cookoff.

Dee Hay spoke briefly on nominations for the Houston Hall of Flame, advising all that a list of previous inductees was in their packet, and requesting nominations to be submitted by October 9th.

President Moore announced the vote of the Great Peppers of all Texas Pods was 29 to 4 to hold the 2011 Texas Open at Traders Village in San Antonio.

Election of Directors

Renee Moore announced the results of the election.

For the 2010/2011 CASI year, the following Directors were elected:

The following are elected to 3 year terms:

Ed Blair	73
David Sexton	57

The following are elected to 2 year terms:

Darin Jester	55
Roger Foltz	46

Others receiving votes are:

Chuck Spishock	37
Dave Hewlitt	29
Don Hoy	22

Executive Director

Janice Miller 40

Keith Karaff 38

Moore announced the formal part of the meeting will recess while the Board convenes to elect officers.

During this interlude a presentation concerning the 2011 Great Peppers Meeting to be held in Kerrville, Texas was made.

The Board returned to the meeting and Janice Miller announced the following officers for 2009 - 2010:

President – Renee Moore

Vice President – Ed Blair

Secretary – Roger Foltz

Treasurer – David Sexton

There being no further business to come before the meeting, **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made. The motion was duly seconded. There being no objections, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Renee F. Moore, President

Roger B. Foltz, Secretary