

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

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2012**

President Ed Blair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Blair welcomed Ms. Maura Gast, Executive Director of Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau, who in turn welcomed CASI to the City of Irving.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

President Blair recognized the CASI Great Peppers Committee; Adrian Grant, Bill Pierson, Diane FitzHenry, Alan Dean, Gary Brignon, Gil Hewlett, Jim Ezell, John Montgomery, and Mel FitzHenry; and thanked them for their work in putting on the 2012 Great Peppers Meeting.

**Credentials Committee Report**

Richard Knight, Chairman of the Credentials Committee thanked Joe Trigo and Doc Kinnison for their help on the committee.

Knight stated they reviewed paperwork from 4 Pods who have missed the previous two GP Meetings the Committee recommended that those Pods be suspended. Two Pods had very late turn in of credentials, and the Committee recommends a letter of reprimand be sent to the two Pods who were in violation of CASI Article 13. Additionally there are 2 Pods who do not have representatives present, and a notice of probation is recommended for those Pods.

There are two Pods that have presented the proper paper work to be recognized as new Pods; Show Me Pod and Proud of Texas Pod. The Committee recommends recognition of these two new Pods.

Secretary Foltz called the roll for the Pods. 66 Pods were present. **(Addendum A)**  
A quorum was present

The following Pods were not in attendance:

Empire State; New Mexico Chili Society;

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

Ed Blair, President  
Jim Ezell, Vice-President  
Dana Plocheck, Vice-President  
Roger Foltz, Secretary  
David Sexton, Treasurer  
Janice Miller, Executive Director  
Darin Jester  
Lee Kroencke  
Robert Schrade  
Jenny Windsor  
Glenda Vrba

ED Miller advised there were two new Pods to be seeded at this meeting, Show me Pod and Proud of Texas Pod.

**MOTION** by Gladiator Pod to seat the two new Pods. The motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

### **Approval of Minutes of 2011 Great Peppers Meeting**

A copy of the Minutes of the Great Peppers Meeting held in Salado, Texas on September 11, 2011 was distributed to all.

**MOTION** by Cap CASI Pod, to approve the minutes from the previous Great Peppers Meeting. The motion was seconded by Virgin Pod

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

### **President's Message**

Welcome to the 2012 Great Peppers Meeting. It is good to look out to a sea of familiar faces and new ones too.

Welcome to the Great Peppers and the incoming GPs that are typically beside you. Each of you represents the pinnacle of local leadership in CASI. It is your responsibility to lead your Pods with vision and energy. It is a commitment that is year round including planning cookoffs, promoting membership, working with your fellow officers and members to promote Chili, Charity and Fun. Thank you for volunteer efforts.

Welcome to the Regional Referees that have come to join us. You serve as front line contacts for promoters interested in new cookoffs. You spend a lot of time working with your Area Referees educating these promoters to prepare them for all the issues they need to address to host a

sanctioned CASI cookoff. You are also the gatekeepers that work with the Area Referees to be sure we have our cookoffs covered with a referee in attendance and follow up to see that all the paperwork has been completed and timely submitted. Again, you are all volunteers and I thank you for your service.

Welcome to the Non Board Contributing Members that work throughout the year on specialized aspects of CASI's operations: Old 320, Scholarship, Computing and Crazy Flats. Again all are volunteer positions take time throughout the year. Thank you for your service.

Welcome to my fellow Board members - volunteers all. For those that don't know, not only are we charged with running TICC, we are busy throughout the year handling the business side of CASI. Each of us dedicates many hours a week to the business of CASI. In addition, when we are at cookoffs and other CASI events, we are a visible face of CASI. It is a pleasure to serve on the CASI Board and to know that through our combined spirit and efforts, we are striving to make CASI better.

Welcome to all the members that serve on our committees. More volunteers, whom are each addressing a particular area of need. Thank you.

Welcome to everyone else, the spouses of delegates, our general membership, sponsors and any group I've overlooked.

CASI is every one of you, we are all CASI. It takes each of us participating in one role or another to make a successful organization, a successful cookoff, a successful family of friends. I am humbled, proud and honored to be serving as CASI President and to be working with my fellow Board Members.

Today you will hear about many aspects of running CASI. Listen, think, respond. There is no I in Board, so while your Board is responsible for many things, we cannot do them without you and your support. We will propose ideas to you and we will listen to your ideas. Together, CASI can move forward. As with any team, there are many roles and that is why I welcomed so many groups. Each of us today has a role, but we are interdependent. When we work as a team, we win as a team. When we don't, we have problems. But if we work together, the problems will be temporary and the successes lasting.

There are few points I would like to stress. We are all volunteers. Most of us have day jobs. So, if you want something from someone in your time frame, remember it may not fit the person you are asking time frame. Be understanding. When you ask about a rule and the answer is not to your liking, remember we as an organization need to guard our rules respect and follow them.

Without rules what does it mean to be qualified or sanctioned. Again, be understanding. It is the intention of the Board, our duty actually, to not only promote chili but to honor the rules as established by the Great Peppers. These objectives can sometimes be in conflict, at least to some degree. Let's all work together in a civil fashion to address any and all situations that arise. If we spend our energies looking for solutions, we will find them faster than spending that time and energy being negative. The motto is Chili, Charity and Fun. Live it.

### **Report of Nominating Committee**

Connie Collier thanked the members of her committee, Pat Krenek and Kathy Mulkey. She advised that after review of all applications the following candidates for election to the CASI Board of Directors were qualified: Darin Jester, Roger Foltz, Larry Burroughs, Randy Duke, Richard Hewlett, Mary Ellen Gillen, and Robert Schrade.

## **Executive Director Report**

As she gave her last ED Report, Janice Miller thanked all who have given their encouragement and support over the last 4 years.

One of her accomplishments was to ensure that there was a central place for the Official CASI Documents, and this was done on the CASI website, in the Resource Center folder.

I am still encouraging each pod to research and document their history which I have placed in the History Section of CIS. It will also be placed in the museum. It should be done as creatively as possible.

Recently we have had several requests for International CCOs. We had a cookoff in Burk Falls, Ontario Canada on August 11, 2012. We have a CASI member living there who is working via email and phone with Bill Pierson to ensure that he is qualified to be a referee. It was approved by the Board to make this the Ontario Provincial (State) Championship.

We have a request for a cookoff in Shanghai. This is the 7th year that this CCO has been in place. They have used our forms and Rulebook. This year it will be on September 15. If you or somebody you know would like to go, please let me know. This CCO has been reviewed by the Events Committee and has been approved and it will be a State Championship.

I have had another request from Roulen, Saskatchewan, Canada. They are still in the planning stages and we may not be able to make it a CASI CCO this year.

We are trying something new with the referees. I asked each regional referee (RR) that once they have selected a referee for a CCO that they send me the name. I then put it into CIS. This gives both Jenny Windsor and me a contact if questions arise about a CCO. I have had a few RRs who already responded to this. Hopefully this will help us with the problems that arise for a particular CCO.

Some stats: We have had 177,471 hits on the blog in the last 3 years. Last month alone we had 6665 hits on the blog.

I want to take time to thank a lot of people. There are so many of you who have helped me during the last 4 years. You have been there to guide me. There is no way to list all of your names, but I have a few I would like to acknowledge. First I want to thank the CASI members who have help guide me and support me the last 4 years. You guys Rock and you are the best! I love each of you. You have been there when I needed a friend. You have been our family! A special thanks to each CASI Board that I have had the pleasure working with during the last 4 years. A big thanks to my home pod, Concho Valley Chili Pod. Every year they have been there to help put the Notebooks together. This is a large project and they have always been there to help. I am going to miss working with each of you as your ED. And last, I want to thank Cliff. He has been tired of being secretary, he has been there to read my articles and make sure I make sense; he has been my strength when things seem to be the worst. He has always given me strength and support. Although, he has resigned many times as secretary when the phone calls get too many and I am not around, but I have always hired him back. Thank You Cliff for supporting me and loving me. I love you.

### **Treasurer's Report**

David Sexton reviewed the copy of the Treasurer's Report distributed to all the Great Peppers and Directors. See [Addendum B, attached](#).

### **Membership Report**

Darin Jester reported that total membership was down over 150 members from September 2011. Total chilis cooked are 13,308 to date. Jester advised that there are always renewals prior to TICC and at registration at TICC, which will bring up the membership numbers.

### **TallyMaster Report**

Jenny Windsor reported that as of August 15<sup>th</sup>, there were 25 fewer cookoffs than the previous year, and chili's judged was down, the number of qualified cooks was down slightly. The number of qualified Show Teams was down by 13 from the same period last year, but the amount of money raised was \$47,862 higher than the previous year.

### **Upcomings**

Lee Kroencke reported that 554 entered for the chili year 2011 – 2012. Through August 2012, 496 cookoffs have been held; this is off about 3% from 2011. There are 149 registered for the new chili year 2012 – 2013.

### **Public Relations**

Lee commended our current Champion, Larry Walton, for his efforts this year to spread the CASI message. He also commended Tom Williams for all the good work he does in promoting CASI and TICC. Lee recommended we all use the *Terlingua Trails* more, indicating it doesn't have to be the current issue to show all our enthusiasm for what we do.

### **Krazy Flats Report**

Darin Jester previewed the 10 year Anniversary Pin to be sold at Krazy Flats this year. He also previewed the Challenge Coin, and explained its history and purpose.

### **Ranch Report**

Robert Schrade advised a lot of new projects going on at the Ranch. New lighting has been installed at the main gate and main entrance; there is new pole lighting at city hall, and by the ice truck and all around the new administration building. The administration building is wired and outside lighting all around to help with dark areas.

There is a new pavilion down at Krazy Flats, Si Brown Original Louisiana Hot Sauce Pavilion, which will be used for the BBQ registration and judging as well as other events at TICC.

Work has begun behind the Mexene Judging Pavilion to create a road for delivery of ice to the concession area without driving through the judging area.

## *Terlingua Trails*

Dana Plocheck received notice from the publisher of the *Trails, Kerrville Daily Times*, in February 2012 that since the *Trails* does include advertising for our sponsors, we do not meet the guidelines for a reduced postage rate according to the US Post Office. To date there has not been an increase seen, and additional sponsors have offset our costs for mailing.

## **Winners Committee**

Chairman of the Committee Dana Plocheck thanked the other members of the Committee; David Sexton, Co-Chairman; Joe Trigo, Tanna Jones; Preston Shaw, and Ted Fichtl. Dana advised that Champion Larry Walton had attended the following Chili Cookoff's; San Miguel, Mexico, Louisiana Open, Texas State, Texas Men's State, Rose City, Outlaw Cigar, Southwest Open, Oklahoma State, and is scheduled to attend the Indiana Open and the California Open at Woodbridge Winery.

Dana previewed the poster for TICC this year, and recognized the designer of the poster, David King from Ft. Worth.

## **Friday Scholarship Day Activities**

There will be no changes in the Beans and Wings competition at TICC – 2012. However, there will be several changes in the Salsa competition this year. I believe that the changes will be for the good as it will allow for more winners and that is always good for the contestants.

For some time now the Renfro family has wanted to make some changes in the type of salsa that is judged at the Friday Scholarship Day Activities in Terlingua. They were looking for traditional salsa and not so much Pico de Gallo.

This year will have the Traditional and a Non Traditional (OPEN) competition. Both categories will be turned in and judged at the same time – 1:00pm. The cups will be marked with colored tape to determine which type of salsa is being turned in. We will have Traditional and Non Traditional judging tables running at the same time. Contestants may enter **one or both** category and each category will have an entry fee of \$15.00. Through our normal process of judging we will take the top five in **each** category and they will be declared the winners and receive prizes thus increasing our number of winners from 5 to 10 (1st through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each category).

**MOTION** by Janice Miller that Richard Knight be elected Executive Director by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Roger Foltz.

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

## Sponsorship Report

Sponsorship Chairman and CASI Vice President Jim Ezell gave the following report on Sponsorship:

The **Legacy Sponsorship** program has now funded three of the building facilities at Rancho CASI de los Chisos with this year's introduction of the new **Si Brown Original Louisiana Hot Sauce Pavilion** in Krazy Flats. A sponsorship at this level requires a minimum \$25,000.00 investment.

The **Gold Sponsorship** level has achieved record status with the elevation of **Mild Bill's Spices and HEB/Tyson Foods** to the ranks. This gives us an all time high of nine gold sponsors contributing a minimum of \$10,000.00 in annual contributions.

The **Silver Sponsorship** level is represented by five sponsors contributing a \$5,000.00 investment with the elevation of **Outlaw Cigar Co** and the addition of **Choctaw Casino and RV Resort**.

We have achieved a record level of participation from **Terlingua Area Sponsors**. It has never been our policy to solicit funding from the local Brewster County area. Our goal has always been to "give" to the area and not "take". We do, however, accept commitments and association if we are approached. More of the local enterprises have voiced appreciation of CASI and expressed a desire to invest in our event. We have invested in the local Chamber of Commerce and expanded our visibility in the area.

I cannot say enough about the growth of our "**Friends of CASI**" level of sponsorship. "**Friends of CASI**" successfully underwrote all the CASI Awards at the 2011 TICC and donated two \$4,000.00 scholarships to the CASI Scholarship Fund. We are looking for other opportunities to serve CASI. It is gratifying to see so many CASI members and Pods in this group. That is truly beyond the call of duty.

We will have many nice gifts to offer the **2012 TICC Winner**. Sponsored items will depart with the champion to take the pain out of hauling that Big Pepper away. My only regret is that we didn't start this program years earlier. I also wish we could make it retroactive to our many fine champions of the past. Travel allowance was initiated two years ago to assist the TICC Winner in representing CASI around the world. This is a valuable tool in our public relations and solicitation of Sponsors.

Sponsorship has assisted in underwriting the Great Pepper Meeting as the BOD takes over that obligation this year. That influence will grow in future years.

We have a **record 56 sponsors** as this posting is printed in late August. There are many other projects pending that could still come to fruition before year end. The key to our sponsor program is the retention of the contributors we already have signed. That way we don't have to start over and reinvent the wheel each year. It falls on sponsorship to adequately communicate

and work with the sponsors, as well as the CASI membership to support the products and services. Our membership has a great track record when it comes to support of our sponsors. Obviously, our financial well being depends on it. It is something to be proud of. It sets us aside from many organizations that can only envy our program.

**Thank you for your support.** Forgive me if I push a little hard, but the CASI sponsors are my clients. I have to protect their interest and investment. Thank you for sending me back to the Board of Directors this past year to help with whatever I can.

### Scholarship Report

Program Administrator – Barbara Herrin (2009-September, 2012)

Committee members –

Pat Krenek (2010-2012)

Julie Netser (2011-2014)

Pat Irving-King (2010-2012)

Connie Collier (2011-2015)

Nancy Hewlett (2010-2013)

Pam Clark (2012-2015)

Bob Horan (2011-2013)

Sue Seehusen (2012-2015)

Travis Tonzi (2012-2015)

### Status on Current Recipients

Granting year	Name	Proj. grad date	Encumbered money	Comments
2007	Acevado, Brinlee Dowling	2011	\$2500	On full scholarship In Oklahoma – unencumber 9/2012
2008	Sievering, Samantha	2012	\$500	Unencumber 9/2012
2009	Guy-Anzaldua, Candance	2013	\$500	
	Longabaugh, Erik	2013	\$500	
	Talamentes, Joseph	2013	\$500	
	Tenneson, Joshua	2013	\$500	
	Wampler, Jessica	2013	\$3000	Student now on full scholarship
2010	Bennett, Preston	2014	\$3000	
	Christenson, Jerica	2014	\$1500	
	Heng, Kim	2014	\$1500	
	Karaff, Kolby	2014	\$1750	
	McDonald, Justin	2014	\$1500	
2011	Ellis, Shelby	2012	\$500	Trade school
	Hard, Matthew	2015	\$2500	
	Hinh, Kimberly	2015	\$2500	



	Jowers, Kendra	2015	\$2500	
	Naff, Megan	2015	\$2500	
	Nash, Elizabeth	2015	\$500	Trade school
	Nguyen, Jaelyn	2015	\$2500	
	Smith, Shelmon	2015	\$2500	
	Wallace, Austin	2015	\$2500	
2012	Borgfeld, Felicia	2016	\$3500	
	Fleming, Karlea	2016	\$3500	
	Gamero, Braulio	2014	\$1000	Trade school
	Jones, Natalie	2016	\$4000	Will attend winter & summer session
	Kasmiroski, Andrew	2013	\$500	Junior at Texas A&M
	Mercado, Jessenia	2014	\$1500	Trade school
	Nesbitt, Lucas	2016	\$4000	May not attend school
	Parker, Ashley	2014	\$1500	Trade school
	Nguyen, Thanh-Thu	2016	\$3500	
	Scaria, Minu	2016	\$3500	
	Secheli, Beatrice	2016	\$4000	
	Skiles, Megan	2016	\$3500	

Tex Schofield	Terlingua HS Valedictorian			
2009	Flippo, Brendan	2013	\$1000	
2010	Smith, Ayla	2014	\$3500	
2011	Briana Melinda Sweeney	2015	\$3500	
2012	Brian Ritcheson	2016	\$4000	Will not attend school
Friends of CASI	Terlingua HS Saluatorian			
2012	Sherman, Karli	2016	\$4000	Will not attend school at this time

**Note:** I have placed an article in the May and June Trails asking the above scholarship recipients to furnish me with contact information and grade requirements so I can verify their scholarship status. I also placed an article in the ED's Blog asking for the same information.

**REPORT OF DONATIONS**  
Sept. 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012

193 donations –\$11,840 (memorials and donations to Scholarship Program)

55 donations – \$2485 (Texas Ladies State)

248 total            \$14325 total

This represents both an increase in the number of donations and the total amount of donations for both categories. Of the amount, eleven pods donated \$3113. Tips from the main concession at TICC totaled \$238. Bar tips from Texas Men’s State totaled \$318 with tips from the Texas Hill Country Pod (Great Peppers’ meeting) totaling \$250. At TICC, the ice truck tips netted \$228 from the Rose City Pod with the 3 “I” Pod donating \$348 from the chili tasting.

### SELECTION PROCESS

Feb 1            received 107 applications by mail – This was about the same as last year. Again, there were some that were incomplete or lacked a Pod Representative signature. Therefore, 96 academic applications and 5 trade/technical applications were sent to the committee for review.

Feb. 28        copied applications and mailed to committee members requesting results by March 29th.

#### Cost

Copying        \$ 992.77 (an increase from 2011)

Postage        \$ 125.65 (a decrease from 2011)

Total            \$ 1118.42 (an increase from 2011)

The increase is due primarily to some applications having more pages than others.

Mar. 29        tallied results and ranked top 12 academic applicants and 5 trade/technical applicants in rank order

April 6        requested \$39,000 to be allocated for 2012 scholarships

April 14        emailed to ED with a request for her to email to Board recommendations to award 9 academic and 3 trade/technical scholarships

April 15        mailed letters of congratulations and regret to applicants

#### Cost

Copying        \$ 11

Postage        \$ 44

Total            \$ 55

April 15        informed Great Peppers and/or Pod Representatives of their applicant receiving a scholarship

April 15        mailed Certificates of Award to the Great Peppers so that the Great Pepper could present award at Awards Assembly

#### Cost

Copying        \$ 15

Postage        \$ 22

Total            \$ 37

May            listed winners' names in Blog  
listed winners’ names in Trail

**Observations from the selection process**

One hundred seven (107) applications were received with six (6) being incomplete leaving one hundred one (101) applications for committee review.

Applications were received from the following states and pods:

State	Applications	Pod		
Arizona	21	High Desert Pod		
	1	Chili Appreciation Society of Arizona		
Indiana	1	Indiana Pepper Pod		
Missouri	2	MO-KAN Pod		
New Mexico	2	Southeast New Mexico Chili Society		
Texas	2	Black Sheep of Texas		
	1	Central Texas Chili Pod		
	3	Classic CASI		
	4	Concho Valley Chili Pod		
	1	Cowtown		
	51	DAM Pod		
	1	Houston Pod		
	1	NOW Pod		
	3	Pedernales Pod		
	5	SAP Pod		
	1	State of Texas Pod		
	1	VASA Pod		
	101 total			

Of the 96 academic applicants, the selection committee chose 55 different applicants. Of the 55 applicants who were chosen, 30 applicants received votes from only one committee member. Twenty-five (25) received multiple votes. The top 10 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 1<sup>st</sup> place received 10 points, a 2<sup>nd</sup> received 9 and a 10<sup>th</sup> received 1 point) I then totaled the number of points each applicant received and placed the top ten in rank order. The top nine received scholarship awards.

The top three trade/technical applicants received votes from all committee members.

**Recommendations:**

Unencumber \$2500 (Brinlee Acevado) and \$500 (Samantha Sievering).

## **2009-2012 Highlights**

**CASI National Scholarship Program** guidelines were written and approved by the Great Peppers.

Committee members serve a three-year term.

There was an increase in number of scholarships awarded each year.

2009 – 6 scholarships

2010 – 10 scholarships

2011 – 11 scholarships

2012 – 12 scholarships

In addition, CASI awards the Tex Schofield scholarship yearly to the valedictorian of Terlingua High School. Beginning in 2012, the Friends of CASI awards the salutatorian of Terlingua High School a scholarship.

Scholarship recipients receive a Certificate of Award designed by one of the committee members in addition to scholarship money.

Memorial cards and acknowledgment cards are sent for all donations to the scholarship program.

### **Old 320 Report**

Ralph Hay, Alcalde for the Old 320, advised that this is an election year for the Old 320 Alcalde and that he was going to run again. It is a 2 year term.

In 2011 there were 218 cooks cooking on the Old 320 site, Hay would like to see this number increase. The winners of the raffle for Wendell Rankin painted stoves at 2011 TICC were Kevin Foley and Ron Barnes. He reminded Old 320 members to register at TICC and get their name badge when registering for chili and show. Hay asked any cook who wishes to cook in the Old 320 area, and is not an Old 320 member, to contact him and he will get an unused site for them to cook. He asked all Pods having Old 320 sites to advise him who will be cooking on their site. He asked for volunteers to help with marking the Old 320 site on Wednesday morning, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Old 320 Meeting will be on Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, immediately after the award ceremony for the Scholarship Day events.

Hay has contacted all the Old 320 members who aren't active anymore, and as a result has had 3 sites turned back in to him for sale to those on the waiting list.

Hay reminded all of the wall plaques being sold and installed along the rock wall that recognize the various Pods. In the future it will be opened to individuals to purchase. Money for these plaques goes into the CASI Scholarship Fund.

### **Great Pepper's Committee Report**

Ed Blair reported that the Committee members were: Adrian Grant, Bill Pierson, Diane FitzHenry, Alan Dean, Gary Brignon, Gil Hewlett, Jim Ezell, John Montgomery, and Mel

FitzHenry; and thanked them for their work in putting on the 2012 Great Peppers Meeting. Blair asked all to complete the critique card to improve the 2013 Great Peppers Meeting.

A discussion ensued on the dollar amount to be spent putting on the Great Peppers Meeting. The consensus was that CASI would not be limit itself to the \$10,000 cap previously placed on host Pods.

Blair thanked the Pods who assisted with registration and the hospitality room, and asked for several different Pods to volunteer to assist next year.

### **New Business**

- A. Museum Presentation:** Jim Stateczny gave a presentation on the virtual CASI Museum he is working on with the Apple Dumpling Gang. He previewed the site as it is being installed on [www.chili.org](http://www.chili.org). He advised he had taken all the paper documents he could find and has scanned those items to put in the museum. He asked all to return to their States and Pods and gather all the information that can be found to be included in telling the story of CASI.
- B. 2013 Great Peppers Meeting:** This topic was covered previously.
- C. Voting for Great Pepper of the Year:** Connie Collier collected the votes for Great Pepper of the Year.
- D. Houston Pod Hall of Flame:** Joe Braden asked that nominations for election to the Houston Pod Hall of Flame be mailed to him prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- E. Vote on Payson CCO:** Janice Miller advised there were 6 cookoffs that were to be held in the month of September that did not meet the CASI Rules for advertising; those CCO's are Payson; Crane; Medina County; Pawhuska, Oklahoma; Paris, Texas; and Mason Dixon Pod.  
After discussion; **MOTION** made by Casinova Pod that the Great Peppers approve all the mentioned cookoffs, without disciplinary action. The motion was seconded by Capitol Pod.

*Motion passed on a hand count vote.*

President Ed Blair announced the results of the voting for the Board of Directors:

- Darin Jester - 63 votes, receives a 3 year term.
- Robert Schrade- 61 votes, receives a 3 year term.
- Randy Duke – 55 votes, receives a 2 year term.
- Roger Foltz – 38 votes, receives a 2 year term

The Board of Directors adjourned to elect new officers.

While the Board was adjourned, Joe Braden, Great Pepper of the Houston Pod reviewed the election process for the Hall of Flame, and requested nominations be mailed to him

The Board returned to the meeting and Richard Knight announced the following officers for 2012 – 2013.

President – Ed Blair

Vice President – Jim Ezell

Vice-president – Darin Jester

Secretary – Roger Foltz

Treasurer – David Sexton

There being no further business to come before the meeting, **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Rose City Pod. The motion was duly seconded by Space City pod.

There being no objections, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

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Ed Blair, President

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Roger B. Foltz, Secretary