



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

President Pascal Guillotin opened the meeting at **3:07 pm**

In-Office Attendees: Jacques Coustar, Jean F. Claude, Yves Busnel, Michel Pombet, Gérard Vidal, Luc Holié, Henri Dubarry, Remi Lorgoulloux, Louise Hoffman, Steve Walljasper, Laurent Morisse, Sébastien Baud, Pascal Guillotin, Pascal Petiteau

Zoom Attendees: Maurice Pailleret, Jean-Michel Bournot, Guy-Rene Gerin, Dominic Cerrone, Dominique Payraudeau, Gérard Drouet, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Thomas Santamaria, André Moisan

Excused: Pierre Baran, Steven Vangelder, Hervé Riou, Angel Sanay, Jean Le Rouzic, Maurice Bonté, André Soltner, Joanne Lewin-Jacus, Bernard Malet-Dupont, Marc Sarrazin, Dominique Mitais, Jean-Pierre Stoehr

- **Pension:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean Le Rouzic was unable to report.
- **Dinner Dance:** Alain Quirin is inquiring when the Yale Club is able to reschedule the Dinner Dance in **2022**. An email survey was sent to members inquiring who may be interested in attending. A discussion was held regarding the survey. **Forty-four** members have replied; **thirty-two** members have indicated they will attend. Fifteen members want to continue the tradition of a formal dinner dance; while eighteen members want the dinner dance to be less formal.
- **Picnic:** Hoping the Picnic will be on schedule for **September 11, 2022**. Steve Walljasper was in attendance at the meeting. He said the environment is still too uncertain. The two questions are can we have the Picnic and will vaccinations be required? President Pascal said New York State will have to be contacted with those queries. We do want to have a picnic. We want to continue the tradition. It's an ever changing situation.

- **Newsletter:** The newsletter was emailed to all members on **November 22nd**. The printed version will be mailed to those without email and other members soon. Louise Hoffman was in attendance at the meeting. Louise thanked everyone for making it possible and all who wrote articles. It looks good.

- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: There was a meeting held this year on June 13th at the home of Cynthia and Michel Keller.
 - NJ Chapter: There was a meeting held on June 28th at Restaurant Latour.
 - LI Chapter: President Pascal spoke with James Mollitor a few weeks ago. James will see when he can schedule a chapter meeting, hopefully in the winter.
 - Florida Chapter: The annual holiday dinner was cancelled out of concern for the members' safety. The next meeting will be held in April or May of 2022.
 - President Pascal spoke of the importance of the chapter meetings for IRS/tax purposes.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Henri Dubarry reported there was nothing special to report. Pascal said "don't you want to mention you were on television, Channel 4, a few weeks back"? Henri was carrying the American Flag, they were honoring the first American black pilot, Eugene Jacques Bullard, who fought with France in World War One.

- **Miscellaneous:**
 - Sébastien Baud was present and gave a presentation regarding the Académie Culinaire de France request for additional funding for the Jean-Jacques Dietrich Le Best Chef Competition.
Sébastien gave a recap of last years competition. They had 4 candidates; not 6 due to COVID. Chainey Kuykendall was the winner of the Trophee Jean Jacques Dietrich 2020. The rules are the same for next year's competition. The Finale will take place April 2, 2022. Location: Institute of Culinary Education, NY, NY. Six candidates – 1 from Canada; 1 from Connecticut; 3 from NY; 1 from W. VA. Chefs – Between 25 and 35 years of age are welcome to participate. Chefs can bring their own spices, but cannot be prepared beforehand. One main course for 8 people will be prepared. The winner of April 2022's competition will travel to France in 2024 to represent the United States at the International Trophy Passion. Sebastien said it is important to keep this going. There aren't any more food competitions. President Pascal thanked Sébastien for his time and said the trustees need to discuss this.
 - Thank you email received from Dr. Sylvie Epelbaum for the \$250.00 June donation.
 - President Pascal spoke about the Trustees amending the By Laws. Decision was made not to mail them to everyone. The amended By Laws are on the SCP website. The Death Beneficiary Form was also updated along with the Membership Manual; all are on the website. An email to all members will be sent informing them of this.

- **Office:**
 - Yearbooks are in the process of being mailed to members. Domestic medial mail price: **\$3.19**; International mail price varies by country: **\$21.25 to \$27.00**.
 - The membership dues invoices were *emailed* to **117 active members** the week of **November 1st**. **Forty-seven members** have paid their dues so far. Dues were increased to **\$200** and are payable by the end of December 2021.
 - Christmas cards have been mailed to all members.
 - **1099's** will be mailed the first week or two of January.

- **Report by Archivist:**

- **Condominium:** All is quiet.

President Pascal Guillotin inquired if anyone had any comments.

The next **Quarterly Meeting for Members and Officers'** will be held **January 6, 2022**.

Meeting was adjourned at **3:46 pm**