

MINUTES OF THE 2016 BUSINESS MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2016, LANSING MICHIGAN

The Dairy Practices Council®
Annual Conference Business Meeting
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, 219 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48824
Thursday, November 10, 2016
President Bebe Zabilansky, Presiding

- **President Bebe Zabilansky** opened the Business Meeting with a warm welcome and acknowledgements of:
 - Honorary Life Members present.
 - Meeting sponsors, including *full sponsor* Capital Plastic Products; and *partial sponsors* 3M Food Safety, Charm Sciences, DFA, Eurofins, DQCI, Foss North America., IBA, IDEXX Laboratories, Kentuckiana Tank Wash, Nelson-Jameson, Neogen, Page & Pedersen Int., Quality Management, Inc., ThermoFisher Scientific/Capitol Vial and Weber Scientific.
 - Dairy bar sponsors Cabot Cheese and Michigan State University Dairy
 - New 2016 members including Bronze Sustaining (WG Critical Care, Hershey Co. and Dean Foods); Educational (Penn State Berkey Creamery); and Regulatory (Colorado Dept. of Public Health) Members and nine new Individual Members.
- **Pres. Zabilansky** began her Presidential Address with a heartfelt acknowledgement, thank-you and best wishes to Jeff Bloom as he steps down after 8 years of dedicated service to the DPC. *“Jeff has been the center of our organization. He is dedicated and gives direction to the board and Task Force directors. He has guided us toward the future. He is retiring as our Executive Director and he has been instrumental in leading our group since 2009.”*
- **Pre. Zabilansky** also gave:
 - acknowledgement and thanks to the DPC Executive Board and TF Directors;
 - acknowledgement and thanks to John Partridge and Michigan State for hosting DPC; and
 - an overview of the objectives and future of the DPC

A full transcript of the Presidential Address is available on request.
- **Pres. Zabilansky, EVP Bloom & TF-III Director Pat Healy** presented GL Lead Author Certificates to Bob Hickerson (GL 7 rev.), Anne Quilter Goldstein (GL 34 rev.) and Lynn Hinckley (GL 33 rev.).
- **Pres. Zabilansky & EVP Bloom** presented a Silver Eagle Award to Rebecca Piston for bringing in Penn State Berkey Creamery as an Educational Sustaining Member.
- **Pres. Zabilansky & EVP Bloom** presented certificates with acknowledgement and thanks to Board Members leaving their posts, including John Forsee (retiring, Board Member since 2014); John Tyson (TF-I Director since 2010); and Allen Saylor, TF-II (Director since 2012).
- **Pres. Zabilansky and EVP Bloom & with help from Rebecca Piston and Nancy Carey** presented the Honorary Life Membership to Steve Murphy, with 3-part harmony, original lyrics, and traditional cow spots. A “Suit Jacket” was also presented.
Note: The Eugene Wolff Service Award was not presented this year.
- **Pres. Zabilansky & with help from R. Piston and N. Carey** presented Jeff Bloom a plaque, gifts and a fond farewell in the form of a well thought rhyme that covered Jeff’s history and that thanked and acknowledged him for his many years of dedicated service.
- **VP Hylkema** presented the Nominating Committee Report, which called for filling the following Board positions with nominated candidates:

**A Vote of Approval of These Minutes Will Take Place at the Annual Business Meeting November 7.
Please review before the Meeting**

State Regulatory – Michelle Steinmetz, WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Prot.

Industry Supplier – Sharon Wilson, Weber Scientific

Education Production – Rick Watters, Cornell University, QMPS

- There was a call for nominations from the floor. None were given.
- A vote was called for, moved to accept, seconded, and voted on with majority in favor of the selected candidates filling the position for 3-year renewable terms.

- **VP Hylkema** called for nominations for 2017 Honorary Life Membership recipients. Names provided for consideration were John Forsee, Jeff Bloom & Tom Herremans.

- **EVP Bloom** gave his last DPC Business Report:

“First I’d like to recognize a person that I thought we wouldn’t see at another DPC Conference; former DPC Board member Neil Bendixen. And to our Honorary Life members Don Breiner, Lynn Hinckley, and Terry Musson, who make it to the Conference every year, often coming on their own dime. And a big recognition to Steve Lehman and the 23 folks from Michigan Milk Producers Cooperative that are in attendance. Also to Joe MacPhee and the 6 folks from the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture that are attending. And of course to Frank Fillman, who comes from California each year always suggesting that we move the meeting a little closer to the west coast. And thank you all for attending.

At last year’s Conference in Burlington, VT we had 111 in attendance, this year we have 120. Out of a total of 157 guidelines sold on the website this year, only a handful were printed guidelines. The digital age has taken over the DPC and it is going strong. All the guidelines that were distribute to members are now being distributed via an email attachment and its done automatically by our website. Just a few years ago I was reporting to you how we were distributing guidelines on CD. Now it is difficult to buy a computer that contains a CD drive. Last year we began distributing guidelines on thumb drives. What’s next? Things are changing.

This is a year of changes for me. After 8 years as your EVP, this will be my last year. As of Jan 1, 2017, Steve Murphy, a long time DPC member from Cornell University, a Eugene Wolff Service Award Recipient, and HLM, will become your new EVP. There comes a time when you must put your priorities in order and my wife’s health is my priority. Traveling is getting harder for me to do, in fact I missed this past Spring’s Board meeting because Nancy was in the hospital, so it’s time for me to do something that will allow me to work but be close to home.

Since I moved back to the Doylestown, PA area, close to Delaware Valley College, (now University) my alma mater, I’ve been guest lecturing and mentoring students. Well, the professors at DelVal must have liked what I’ve been doing, because they’ve asked me to become an adjunct professor and this past Fall, I started teaching a course in Food Quality Control to juniors and seniors. This is my new gig: just call me Professor Bloom. Now, if someone would just nominate me for Honorary Life Membership, maybe I’ll be back at Annual Conference to join Terry, Lynn, & Don.”

- **Pres. Zabilansky** called for the meeting to be adjourned.