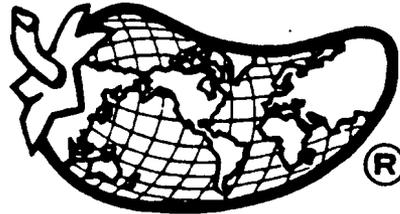


# CASI



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The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President Ralph Hay.

The Secretary called the roll. The following members were present.

Ralph Hay, President-RH	Vicki Childers, Director-VC
Mike strack, Vice-president-MS	Glyn Gaines, Director-GG
Mel FitzHenry, Secretary-MF	Guy Smith, Director-Director-GS
Harvey West, Tallymaster-HW	Jim Stateczny, Treasurer-JS
Hut Brown, E.D.-HB	Myrl Coultas, Director-MC
John Caffey, Director-JC	

Additionally Shirley Stateczny, Alalde Rancho CASI de los Chisos was present.

MS motioned to accept the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by JC. All agreed, Motion Passed.

MS gave a membership account of about 1065,

MS presented a Bylaws change to modify the cost of a life membership within CASI. He also submitted a change to eliminate the wording no longer needed in the transition of 9 to 11 directors. Motion to approve by HW, second by GG, Motion passed, HB voted against

Discussion was held concerning the cost of yearly membership of CASI. The cost of providing present services being higher than the monies now provided by the current cost of membership, JC motioned the membership fee be raised from current \$10 to \$15. HB seconded. Motion passed

Discussion was held concerning the cost of life membership, MS motioned the present cost of life membership be changed from the present \$125 to a sliding scale. second HB. Motion passed.

Motion made by HB to make effective date of increase for annual and life memberships to be October 1, 1996. Second by JC. Motion passed

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Discussion was held to change the CASI business year from the present October 1-September 30 to January 1,-December 31. MS motioned that JS look into making the fiscal year for accounting to January 1-December 31. The chili year would remain as it is now, October 1-September 30. MC second. Motion passed.

HW, Tallymaster reported cookoff totals so far were 343, 10,568 cooks and dollars report for charity \$548,822.50.

Sponsorship report given by GS, Wolf Brand and Hunt Wesson have split their sponsorship for the upcoming year with each giving \$5000. He also stated they want to provide product for the goody bags and will have a booth setup during TICC.

Discussion was held concerning lowering sponsorship amounts as to dollar amounts and try to encourage others to support CASI. HW will develop a new level of sponsorship.

Shirley Stateczny reported she has sold 6 more old 320 spots and that brings the total sold to 239, with 81 left to sell.

Ranch report from JC, some dirt work was done at the Ranch in the past few months. Motion was made to put up two gates at the entrance to the 320 area, it was also requested to rope off an area for VIP and Judges just inside the second gate area. JC motioned, VC second. Motion passed.

The Great Peppers meeting was discussed at length, with several areas of concern covered. It was decided to forward Cody Olivera an advance of \$2500, to secure some of the needs for the upcoming meeting.

The registration fee was also discussed, it was decided that CASI was paying for up to 75% of the cost of the meeting and this was to help eliminate some of the cost to the cooks, the \$25 fee was not to be charged to the cooks. Delegates?

RH reported that we have now registered our trademark for TICC and our CASI logo.

Chilicity report: VC was asked by HB to redo the CASI/Terlingua folder she has been placing in many of the tourist and welcome areas. HB will provide VC with some suggestions to expand on the folder for better coverage of CASI and what we do. She is also getting together an information package for the upcoming TICC.

HB gave a report on the poster for the upcoming TICC, some minor changes will be made to find space for Hunt-Wesson, as well as some changes in layout. HB also discussed a TICC pin for the 30th year, similar to the pin done for the 25th year. He showed several designs, one of which was selected and will sell for \$5. The 30th year pocket knife was also discussed, orders are being taken for the knife at a cost of \$75.

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The T-Shirt designs were were shown for discussion, it was decided to use a four screen process instead of the process art used in the past

MF motioned to accept the 30th design for the official shirt of the upcoming TICC. VC seconded. Motion passed.

It was also decided to produce another shirt, which wouldn't have a date on it.

VC motioned that Robert Bell take care of the caps for TICC. There will a a 30th year cap as well as a regular TICC cap. MC seconded. Motion passed.

The subject of the CASI Connection was discussed, it was decided not to renew the present contract. VC motioned, second HB. Motion passed.

MS motioned we contract with the Big Bend Internet in Sanderson Tx. to set up a CASI website. GS second. Motion passed.

MS discussed the new membership contest, which will be similar to last years, except no life membership will count for more than one. There will also be an indiviual contest this year, with a jacket given to the person getting the most new members. MS motioned, MC second. Motion passed.

MS presented a program the goals committee put together to keep CASI moving forward. The program called CASI 2000 would be presented to the Great Peppers during the upcoming meeting for their approval. GS motioned, MC second. Motion passed.

Discussion was held concerning some of the expenses incured by Directors for attending business meetings and the Great Peppers meeting. JS will look at current budget costs and the subject will be discussed again in September.

Discussion was held on ways to make the Terlinqua Trails more informative and better serve the CASI membership. To provide needed information as to upcoming cookoffs, winners list, and important information to our members. After much discussion, it was decided that the CASI organization now being fully computerized is capable of providing CASI judging packets and tracking them, The computer and numbering system will insure that each packet issued was used and the winners recorded in a more efficient and timely manner. In order to make this possible, a change in the present rule is needed. The Board therefore voted to submit a rules change at the upcoming GP meeting. The proposed rule change concerned is on page 11 of the present rule book, section; (a), rule 1 & 2. The proposed rule change would require the CASI packet be ordered ONLY from the Terlinqua Trails and eliminate getting it from the Goat Gap Gazzett. CASI would then be able to track all cookoffs that request sanctioning from CASI by use of the numbering system. The other part of the proposed change would eliminate the word OR in the first sentence of rule 2, making it a MUST advertise in the Terlinqua Trails, but other advertisement may be done in other media at the desire of the promoter of the cookoff.

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Again the Board feels this change is needed to provide our membership with at least one source to go to for information concerning upcoming cookoffs. At present there is much confusion among CASI members about upcoming. Due to the fact that some cookoffs are advertised in the Trails and not in the Goat Gap and others are advertised just the opposite. The cookoff in question suffers due to the confusion about when and where it was or was not advertised.

The Board realizes the above changes are a big step, but feels they are very necessary to serve CASI members as well as all the people cooking chili. It is not our intent to reflect adverse feelings about the job the Goat Gap has done in the past or present. The Board asks for the support of all Great Peppers and all CASI members to help CASI continue to grow and improve the service to its membership as well as to all the cooks in the chili world.

MC motioned for adjournment, MS second, motion passed.