

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

**MIDLAND, TEXAS**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2009**

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

President Moore called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Patsy Childress, as head of the welcoming committee, welcomed the delegates to Midland, Texas and thanked them for coming.

President Moore thanked Patsy and her crew and the Black Gold Pod for the exceptional work in preparing for the Great Peppers' Meeting, and noted the great dinner and show at the Yucca Theatre the previous evening.

**Credentials Committee Report**

Darin Jester, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, stated they reviewed paperwork from 72 Pods and are recommending the seating of 71 Pods for the 2009 Great Peppers' Meeting. There were three pods in violation of CASI Article 13. There were two new Pods who submitted requests to be seeded, and one Pod has disbanded. The Credentials Committee members this year are Robbie Swart, David Sexton, and Mike Strack.

The Committee recommended that a letter of reprimand be sent to the three Pods who were in violation of CASI Article 13. The two new Pods requesting seeding are: Gladiator Chili Pod and Cowboy Capitol Chili Pod. These two new Pods have met all the requirements of Article 13 and the Committee recommends they be seated as a CASI Pod. The Committee has also received notice from the Keystone Pod that they have disbanded, and have pledged to assist the Mason Dixon Pod with future events.

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

Renee Moore, President  
Bill Pierson, Vice-President  
Ed Blair, Treasurer  
Roger Foltz, Secretary  
Janice Miller, Executive Director  
Tim Collier  
John Goforth  
Bo Prewitt  
Ken Rodd  
Bucky Seelig  
Dorathy Williams

Secretary Foltz called the roll for the Pods. 69 Pods were present. **(Addendum A)**  
A quorum was present

The following Pod was not in attendance:

#### KEYSTONE STATE

A representative of Cowboy Capitol Pod was called to the front.

**MOTION** by Earl Gorhum, Piney Woods Pod, to accept the Cowboy Capitol Pod. The motion was seconded by Barbara Taylor, Desert Breeze Pod.

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

A representative of Gladiator Pod was called to the front.

**MOTION** by Patti Watkins, BELCH Pod, to accept the Gladiator Pod. The motion was seconded by Everett Crawford, Green Country Chili Pod.

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

#### **Approval of Minutes of 2008 Great Peppers Meeting**

A copy of the Minutes of the Great Peppers Meeting held in Amarillo, Texas on September 6, 2008 was distributed to all.

**MOTION** by Darin Jester, Indiana Pepper Pod, to approve the minutes from the previous Great Peppers Meeting. The motion was seconded by Classic CASI Pod.

Ed Blair indicated there was a correction on page 14 of 15 that needed to be made. Under the heading 'Election of Directors' the years for the directors were listed incorrectly. The correct years are 2008 to 2009. With this correction:

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

#### **President's Message**

When I took over as President last year, I knew I had some large shoes to fill of those who came before me, and I thank each of them for the job they did that paved the way.

Having recently read Jim Collins' bestseller "Good to Great", I came to realize that CASI is a good organization, but I know it can be a great organization and, likewise, we have good Pods that can become great Pods. How do we get there?

We need to think of CASI as a bus. The bus needs passengers. These are the CASI members; the driver is the Great Peppers and dispatchers are the Board of Directors.

The question then becomes “Where do we want to go?” If we don’t know where we want to go, how will we know when we get there? As with any organization, there are detours and potholes along the way. We can navigate these hazards, if we come together and work as a team.

Don’t ask the Board “why did” we do something - that’s looking in the past. But question us as to “why don’t” we do something to look toward the future. The Board can’t come up with all the answers or solve all the problems. We can’t give you the answers and solutions and then expect you to follow them.

We need to ask the right questions of you and the membership, and you, as Great Peppers, need to ask the right questions of your Pod membership. I’ve recently become aware of Pods that are struggling; attendance at meetings is low and it seems the same people are doing all the work. That’s not to say that we don’t have some very strong Pods out there, but we have to be cognizant of the problems that Pods experience. If we all don’t provide the proper information and allow for input and accept change from time to time, we’ll never grow. Information is the key to growth and growth is a key element in making a good organization great.

We don’t need to assign blame but search for understanding and learning through a collaborative effort. Pointing fingers and assigning blame does no good and is detrimental to any organization. In the movie “Meet the Robinsons”, there is a recurring theme. No matter the problem, the obstacle or setback, “Keep Moving Forward”. We have all made mistakes in the past and possibly missed opportunities, but looking back is not an option if we want effective results.

I would like to personally thank Bucky Seelig and Ken Rodd for their service to CASI.

Ken is the only Director I know who was elected to the Board and not even present at the meeting when it occurred. When he became the Director of Krazy Flats in 2002, only bare services were provided in the area. Seven years later, we have a large concession building and patio area that are thriving and vendors have been added. We thank Ken for his vision and Yolie for sharing Ken with us.

When Bucky was elected to the Board in 2004 and we were determining who would take certain jobs, Bucky stepped up to the plate and agreed to become Editor of the *Terlingua Trails*, despite having no previous experience in this area. Additionally, he took over the beer concessions in the pavilion area. I think you all will agree that the newspaper has become a great resource for CASI news and information. What many of you may not know is that for the past two years, Bucky has taken the chosen poster submission and formatted it into the two posters that are produced. We thank Bucky for his contributions to the Board and Carolyn for sharing Bucky, as well as her “ice patrol” at TICC for the past few years.

I love CASI as I know you all do or you wouldn’t be here today and want it to be the great organization it can be. My hope and dream is that through all of our efforts, CASI will continue to grow. This is your organization; serve on committees, communicate regularly with your members, share the Minutes of the Board and Great Peppers’ Meetings, volunteer to work at TICC, ask “why don’t” rather than “why did”.

Many of you do these things, but it will take all of us to make CASI great. CASI is worth the investment to ensure it is all it can and should be. Remember that the membership keeps CASI going, and while we may be Board members or Great Peppers, we are all members also.

President Moore explained that C.A.S.I., Inc. was a founding group of CASI, and now a memorial to those founding members would be permanently set in the Old 320 site. The memorial would be placed in Old 320 spaces 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 owned by Ray King, Pat I. King, and Eric York. Moore thanked Ray and Pat for making this happen.

### **TICC**

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 also indicated Donna Conrad has agreed to run the front gate again this year and was looking for volunteers to assist. Diane FitzHenry will replace the retiring Jim Luhn as Head Judge at TICC this year. Last year there were 319 cups of chili judged at TICC by 353 judges. The preliminary round had 160 judges at 32 tables, and the first round was completed by 12:30. Thank you to all who monitored, judged, scored and helped make this a streamlined process.

The SOTOL pod cookoff will again be on Tuesday.

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. We will have a Cadillac Auction this year to raise additional money for the Scholarship Fund.

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.

No traffic will be allowed in the cooks' area after 12:00 midnight each night.

President Moore asked that any extra chili be brought to Bill Pierson and the Chillini Pod in front of the pavilion area to be combined, and given to spectators and guests who would like to taste chili.

Mel FitzHenry, NOB Pod, asked that all chili being judged, that did not advance, also be given to the Chillini Pod for this purpose.

Toys and wrapping paper will be collected for the children, and can be given to Dorothy Williams at the concession stand.

There will be a Candlelight Vigil at the Memorial Board Thursday evening at 7:00pm. Moore asked for all to review the list of those included on the Memorial Board in their packet for corrections.

Moore advised that in the Board meeting the previous day, the Board approved the Pioneer Award as suggested by Richard Knight. The President will appoint a committee to set the requirements for this award, and to review any nominations. It will be a prestigious award given to an individual, or group of individuals, for outstanding service to CASI in the past.

### **Sponsorship Report**

2009 has been a difficult year for our economy. Early in the year, it appeared we could lose some valuable sponsor support that has underwritten CASI's programs. Costs of the Terlingua International Chili Championship have steadily increased with fuel costs. With these things in mind, my goal this year was to try to maintain the status quo and make sure our corporate sponsors understand how grateful we are to be associated with them. At the beginning of the year, growth seemed illusive. However, I had not factored in the additional time that I would have to work on sponsorship, since stepping down from the CASI presidency. I am indeed very happy to report to the membership that we have retained at some level all our previous sponsors for the 2009-2010 year.

Additionally, we have been bolstered by new sponsors Greg Muhlbauer, David Manske, Kyle Adams, Kiowa Casino and West Pecan Farm (Harvey West). Tequila Rose by McCormick Distilling has stepped up to a Gold Sponsorship and is underwriting the barbecue competition. They are also adding to the list of goodies they will be distributing to the TICC participants. Glazers purchased former sponsor Permian Distributing and has moved up to the Gold level. They will be represented by Lone Star, Tecate and Coors Light beers. The new growth from these firms and individuals has overcome any setbacks to others. **This has been our greatest year!!**

There is one other significant item. With more free time this year, I decided to put together a little package. I have asked CASI sponsors and various other corporate members and supporters to put something on a special table for the TICC winner. The support has been tremendous. The winner might need a u-haul to take it all home. There are more items than I can mention and they are still coming in. I will have a complete accounting with stage announcements at TICC.

In closing, I hope you will review the report that follows. I hope you will thank each of these valuable sponsors that provide funding, products, and services that make us what we are. I know I can count on our members.

Meeting break at 10:15.

Meeting reconvened at 10:30.

Tim Collier indicated that in an effort to bolster sales at the gate, CASI was introducing a BBQ contest this year. Collier indicated no BBQ pits would be allowed in the cooks' area or the Old 320 area; any chili cooks that wanted to participate in the BBQ competition would have a place, outside the normal cooks' area, set aside for them to have their pits. Jim Ezell has gotten Tequila Rose by McCormick Distilling to be the sponsor, putting up \$5,000 prize money.

Projected income from the gate, increased concessions, BBQ entry fees, and Sponsor money is \$13,500. Those projections are based on 60 BBQ cooks'. Expenses including prize money to be paid out are projected to be \$6,000. That will leave \$4,000 to go to the Scholarship Fund, and \$3,500 to go to the CASI General Fund.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Janice Miller reviewed her activities since the 2008 Great Peppers Meeting, many of which have been included in the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting, January 25, 2009, and the Summer Board Meeting, June 27, 2009. She indicated that for the most part, the Annual Credentials Reports from each Pod were complete. The biggest problem with the Annual Credentials continues to be Pod officers and Referees who have not paid their dues for the upcoming year.

She indicated some changes were made in the areas assigned to Regional Referees, and there were several new cookoffs in areas of the country where there have previously not been CASI cookoffs.

### **Vice-President's Report**

Bill Pierson advised that he had taken over the ordering of contestants' shirts. After putting out information for bids, 17 companies submitted bids to supply the contestants. After reviewing all bids, the bid from Susie Shaw & Renee Robinson, dba Sagebrush Designs, was the lowest conforming bid.

Pierson stated that at TICC in 2008, several spectators had mentioned that there was no chili available for tasting. This year at TICC a canopy will be set up in front of the pavilion where chili will be given away. All are asked to donate chili from the American Legion CCO on Sunday and the SOTOL Pod cookoff on Tuesday, and any leftover from TICC. Chilis' that don't advance will also be used.

Pierson reviewed the Events Committee, which is to help applicants for Regional Opens get the proper paperwork completed for presentation to the Board of Directors for their approval.

### **Tallymaster's Report**

Pierson reported that for the year to date there have been 487 cookoffs raising \$1,126,301 for charity. There have been 14,609 chili's judged, 401 cooks qualified and 173 show teams qualified as of this date. Indiana and Kansas have had more cookoffs and will be 9 point states for the 2009 – 2010 chili year. He asked for volunteers to help with registration on Thursday and Friday at TICC.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Ed Blair reported that for the previous year CASI made \$7,028.51. He provided copies of the Balance Sheet showing \$454,071.91 in total assets. He also provided a copy of the Income Statement showing income of \$249,628.84, and expenses of \$242,600.33. He indicated that one bill and several sponsor donations came in after December 31,

2007, which is the cutoff date for the accounting data to be filed with the IRS. Those amounts will be shown on the Income Statement and Balance sheet for 2009.

The Finance Committee wants 3 Pods from different states to work with getting a 501 exemption in 2010. He also advised that Bank Statements are now sent to the CASI President and Executive Director each month, so that there are more checks on our financial condition.

Blair mentioned some ideas that could be implemented to make more money at TICC. Those include a facility fee for everyone who comes in the gate to help offset the almost \$25,000 fee we pay each year for porta-potties and trash removal. The fees for an Old 320 site could be raised to \$320.

He also mentioned a way for the CASI Scholarship Fund to increase its available money to award scholarships might be to add a line on the cookoff reporting form for a percentage of the proceeds raised to be given to the CASI Scholarship Fund. Pods might have an extra cookoff to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. He noted that if the money charged a cookoff was raised from \$3 to \$4 it would have put an additional \$15,000 in the Fund this past year, which in turn would let us increase the amount of money we do award, and/or increase the number of scholarships awarded.

Jim Stateczny reported that he had reviewed Blair's financial statements, and after Blair answered one question satisfactorily, he was in complete agreement with the report.

### **Ranch Report**

Tim Collier reported that he attended the Mas O Menos bike races at TICC in February, and that they were very appreciative of using our facility and took very good care of the grounds.

Kathy Killingsworth has advised that the County will need some rock for a proposed road project and will get it from our site. The new water tank at the Crazy Flats building will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Collier reported that there have been 2 break-ins at the Ranch this year. The first was in April, damage was done to two doors, and some beer was taken. Tom & Dorathy Williams completed repairs to the doors. The second one was in August. Our pressure washer was stolen but has since been recovered. Collier is checking on having a security camera donated that would be placed at the entrance gate and would record the license plate of everyone who entered.

### **Membership Report**

Membership Chairman John Goforth reported that annual memberships for the year total 984, life memberships total 794, and corporate memberships total 56. Total membership is 1,534, which is up from 2008. In the last 12 months, we have gotten 278 new annual memberships, 15 new life memberships, and 15 corporate memberships. We need to work on retaining annual members, once we get them involved.

### ***Terlingua Trails***

Bucky Seelig, editor of the *Terlingua Trails*, thanked all who sent photos and articles this past year, indicating that it contributed to the overall interest to the reader. He presented the poster for the 2009 TICC, indicating the artwork was done by Wendell Rankin, and was chosen from 8 different submittals.

### **Upcomings**

Dorathy Williams advised that so far this year 668 packets had been mailed out, and starting the new chili year 99 packets have been sent out just for October. 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. She indicated that this year there will be some smaller sized items for toddlers and children.

### **Public Relations Report**

Ken Rodd advised that the press release for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Terlingua International Chili Championship has been prepared. A radio 30 second spot has been prepared by Boomer Kingston and distributed to radio stations in West Texas.

We are again having a Pod Newsletter contest this year with the winner to be announced at TICC.

Rodd reviewed the BBQ Cookoff to be held this year and mentioned the Sponsorship of McCormick Distilling, Tequila Rose and Tarantula Tequila, in providing the money for the cash prizes. This year there will be a Happy Hour at Krazy Flats and at the main concession area.

### **Scholarship Program**

Barbara Herrin, Scholarship Chairman, reported two hundred sixty-six (266) applications were received in January, 2009. Of those 266, 150 applicants listed both a Pod and a Great Pepper and 116 listed no Pod or Great Pepper. Of the 150 applicants that listed a Pod, only fifteen different Pods were listed. Some of the applications were incomplete and some of the applicants sent their information in more than one packet.

The committee selected ten top applicants and listed their choices in numerical order from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. From this listing of the top ten applicants, six applicants were chosen to receive a scholarship this year:

Josh Tenneson – Arizona  
Erik Longabaugh – Texas  
Blake Griffiths – Illinois  
Jessica Wampler – Kentucky  
Joseph Talamentes – Texas  
Candance Guy-Anzaldua – Florida

These recipients are in addition to the twenty-three recipients who are still receiving scholarships from CASI.

### **DROP-OUT RATE**

In 2006 **six** scholarships were awarded. **Five** checks were issued in August (no check for a recipient who joined the military).

In 2007 **six** scholarships were awarded. **Six** checks were issued in August.

In 2008 **seven** scholarships were awarded. **Seven** checks were issued in August.

In 2009 **six** scholarships were awarded. **Six** checks were issued in August.

If we count the recipient who joined the military as a drop-out, **the retention rate is 96% with a 4% drop-out rate.**

### **DONATIONS**

(Feb. 1, 2009-August 31, 2009)

Ninety-three (93) donations totaling \$7,521.00

Cost of correspondence

Cards	\$193
Postage	<u>\$ 88</u>
Total	\$281

I have had very good response from the sending out of cards to notify both the sender and the receiver of the memorials that have been made.

CASI National Scholarship Program Policy is attached to these Minutes as **Addendum B**

**MOTION** by Preston Shaw, HOT Pod, to accept the CASI National Scholarship Program Policy. The motion was seconded by Mel FitzHenry, NOB Pod.

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

### **Old 320 Report**

Ralph Hay, Old 320 Alcalde, reported that at last year's Old 320 meeting there were 63 members in attendance. There were 219 cooks cooking on the Old 320 site last year.

Hay asked that all Old 320 members pick up their badge when they register on Thursday and Friday. He asked to be advised if you are allowing someone besides yourself to cook on your 320 site. Hay asked for volunteers to help mark the 320 sites on Wednesday morning beginning at 9:00.

There will be a meeting of all Old 320 members on Thursday afternoon at 3:30. The meeting will be held at the judging pavilion. There will be a drawing this year for a Wendell Rankin painted stove for all who cook in the Old 320 area.

In the past year, eleven sites have been turned back and resold to eleven new Old 320 Members. Hay asked that anyone requesting to be on the waiting list for an Old 320 site, send him an e-mail or written request, with the name, contact phone number and date of the request. Hay advised that information about the Old 320 area, a site map, a list of current Old 320 members, and a document detailing members' rights and privileges' is now posted on the CASI Website, under the Resource Center heading. Hay asked that

each 320 member file out a member profile sheet, and get it to him with current contact information detailed.

President Moore called for any unfinished business.

Ed Blair mentioned that the large 'publicity checks' that are used strictly for photo ops and publicity need to be replaced. He asked if anyone had contacts to get those replaced before TICC this year.

President Moore recognized Karen Bains, Chairman of the Nominating Committee and asked her to report on the candidates for election to the Board.

Bains indicated that after review of all submitted documents the following were presented as candidates for election to the CASI Board of Directors: Dale Reinecker, Jenny Windsor, Dana Plocheck, John Goforth (incumbent), Bill Pierson (incumbent), Kelly Brignon, and Robert Schrade.

President Moore reminded the delegates of the rule that was passed last year that each ballot must contain four votes, one for each of the four vacant Board positions.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:45.

Meeting was called back to order at 1:30

Blu Daniels, Rose City Pod, announced that they are proud to sponsor the goody bags for the Terlingua School students again this year. They are asking that everyone bring their excess goody bag items received over the past year at local cookoffs. They do not allow any item with a beer or liquor logo. And the Terlingua students are so appreciative of this gift. The bags are sent back to the school with the entertainers who come to the Ranch on Friday morning. Kubota Tractor is providing the bags to stuff. Last year there were 113 bags and the school had 118 students, so we will be prepared with the bags, just need the stuff to put in them. Please do not bring used items that don't even belong in a garage sale.

Dorothy and Chuck Spishock, on behalf of Pasadena Pod and Space City Pod, made contributions to the Memorial Board Fund in memory of Barbara Fox.

A special presentation was made to Herb Ross in recognition of his qualifying for TICC at the age of 91. As far as could be determined, Herb is the oldest person to qualify and cook at TICC.

Winners of the stoves raffled by Black Gold Pod were: Carrie Kinnison, Steve Lopez, and Mavis Nelson. Winners of the money raffle were Sons of American Legion, Odessa

and LeAnn Logan.

### **New Business**

Bill Pierson presented Rules Change Proposal explaining that the proposed rules changes were necessary due to the addition, at the Great Peppers Meeting in 2008, of the National Open. As this is not a rules change year, Proposed Rule Changes may only be presented by the CASI Board. (Addendum C)

**MOTION** by Bill Pierson to accept the Rules Change Proposal concerning the National Open as presented. The motion was seconded by Janice Miller.

Discussion ensued.

*Motion passed: One Abstention*

A second rule change proposal was to revise Section VII.E.2 concerning Qualified Show Teams. This proposal does away with tying the number of cooks at a Men's State, Women's State, State Open, Regional or International Open, and National Open to the number of qualifying show teams.

**MOTION** by Bill Pierson to accept the Rules Change Proposal VII.E.2 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mel FitzHenry , NOB Pod,.

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

### **Requests for Waivers**

**MOTION** by Michele Unguarsky, from the State of New Mexico, to hold a Men's and Women's Open during the coming year. The motion was seconded by Pod of the Pass.

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

**MOTION** by Janice Miller to have a State Open in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico The motion was seconded by Sammie Plant, San Angelo Cookers Association. Discussion ensued.

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

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

**MOTION** by Earl Gorhum, Piney Woods Pod, to make Tennessee a 12 point state for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Darin Jester, Indiana Pepper Pod

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

A request was made by Lee Kroencke, Gladiator Pod, to allow Kansas to be a 12 point state for the coming year.

**MOTION** by Lee Kroencke, Gladiator Pod, to make Kansas a 12 point state for the coming year. The motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed: Unanimous*

Preston Shaw, HOT Pod, held a drawing for two entries to the Parker's Crossroads Cookoff , and either 2 nights at a hotel or gas, if the winner comes in a motor home. The winner of the drawing was Hill Country Pod.

Dee Hay reminded all that nominations for the Houston Pod Hall of Flame need to be submitted by October 1, 2009.

### **Election of Directors**

Renee Moore announced the results of the election.

For the 2009/2010 CASI year, the following Directors were elected:

The following are elected to 3 year terms:

Robert Schrade	63
Dana Plocheck	60

The following are elected to 2 year terms:

John Goforth	51
Jen Windsor	51

Others receiving votes are:

Dale Reinecker	50
Bill Pierson	33
Kelly Brignon	20

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

During this interlude, Donna Conrad was called to make her presentation concerning the 2010 Great Peppers Meeting to be held in Salado, Texas.

Patsy Childress presented the Great Peppers' Meeting banner to Donna Conrad, representing the 2010 Great Peppers' Meeting Committee.

Janice Miller announced the following officers for 2009 - 2010:

President – Renee Moore

Vice President – Tim Collier

Secretary – Roger Foltz

Treasurer – Ed Blair

President Moore recognized Mel FitzHenry, Preston Shaw, Guy Smith, Jim Ezell, Harvey West, Myrl Coultas, Jimmy Taylor, Vickie Childers, John Caffey, Ralph Hay, Ray and Pat King, Preston Nickle, Jim Stateczny, and Mike Strack, as past Directors present for today's Great Peppers Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, **MOTION** by Earl Gorhum, Piney Woods Pod, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded. There being no objections, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

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Renee F. Moore, President

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Roger B. Foltz, Secretary

Addendum A		
<b>Pod Name</b>	Present	
ACES Pod	X	
Alamo Area Pod	X	
Alpine Chili Society	X	
Arkansas Social Society	X	
BorderLine Chiliheads Pod	X	
Black Gold Pod	X	
Black Sheep Pod	X	
Capital Pod	X	
CASINOVA	X	
Central Arkansas	X	
Central Texas Pod	X	
Chili Appreciation Society of Arizona	X	
Chiliheads of Arizona	X	
Chili Heads of Penasco, Sonora	X	
Chili Hog Pod	X	
Chillini Chili Pod	X	
Classic CASI	X	
Colorado Chili Pod	X	
Comin Up Tough	X	
Concho Valley Pod	X	
Cowboy Capital Chili Pod	X	
Cowtown Pod	X	
Dallas Area Metroplex	X	
Desert Breeze	X	
East Texas Pod	X	
Empire State Pod	X	
Gladiator Pod	X	
Green Country Chili Pod	X	
Heart of Oklahoma Chiliheads	X	
Heart of Tennessee Pod	X	
High Desert Pod	X	

Highland Lakes Pod	x	
Houston Pod	x	
Indiana Pepper Pod	x	
Iowa Chili Pod	x	
Keystone State Pod		x
La CASI Louisianne	x	
Mason Dixon Pod	x	
MO-KAN Pod	x	
New Mexico Chili Society	x	
North of the Brazos	x	
North of Waco Pod	x	
Pacific Pod	x	
Pasadena Pod	x	
Peachtree State Pod	x	
Pepe's Pod	x	
Piedmont Pepper Pod	x	
Piney Woods Pod	x	
Pod of the Pass	x	
Pod on the Pedernales	x	
Pod on the River	x	
Puget Pod	x	
Purgatory Creek Pod	x	
Red River Valley Pod	x	
Rose City Pod	x	
Ruidoso Chili Society	x	
San Angelo Cookers Assn	x	
San Antonio Pod	x	
Sotol Pod	x	
Space City Pod	x	
Spice Up California Pod	x	
State of Alabama Pod	x	
State of Texas Pod	x	
Sunshine State Pod	x	

Tall in Texas Pod	x	
Texas Hill Country Pod	x	
Thousand Trails – Lake Tawakoni	x	
Thousand Trails – Lake Whitney	x	
Top of Texas Pod	x	
VASA Pod	x	
Virgin Pod	x	
Yavapai Chili Society	x	

## **CASI National Scholarship Program Policy**

**Purpose:** to increase CASI profile as a charitable organization by providing educational opportunities beyond high school to students in order to produce productive members of society.

**General guidelines:** Permissible uses of funds include payment of tuition and fees required for books, supplies, and/or equipment required for courses of instruction. The recipient may attend a recognized institution of higher learning, including certified/accredited trade/technical schools. Efforts need to be made to have students apply for trade/technical scholarships.

**Funding:** Funding for this program will come from proceeds from Scholarship Day (held on Friday at TICC) and from donations.

**Applicants:** The applicant will be chosen based on the following criteria: grades, leadership, community, school activities, letter of reference, and essay. The applicant must attach to the application

- a) One letter of reference testifying to his/her talents, leadership and seriousness of purpose (limit 250 words)
- b) An essay written by the applicant about himself and his future goals (limit 250 words)
- c) An official transcript of junior and senior years (on one page)
- d) A copy of ACT or SAT score report (can be on page with transcript) (not needed for trade/technical school)

As the scholarship application is advertised mainly by individual pods and the website, applicants will need to be sponsored by a Chili Pod. The Great Pepper/pod representative will gather the applications and assure that the applications are complete. The Great Pepper/pod representative will then forward the application to the Program Administrator. The applicant and the Great Pepper/pod representative will be notified if the applicant is awarded a scholarship. The Great Pepper/pod representative can then award the scholarship at the student's school if he/she wishes.

**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 semester. If probationary issues are not corrected within the following semester, the remaining scholarship funds allotted to the recipient will be forfeited.

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 semester grades to the Program Administrator no later than the second week of the month following completion of the semester (January for the fall semester and June for the spring semester).

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Academic scholarships are for a maximum of four years (\$4000 total).  
Trade/technical school scholarships are for a maximum of two years (\$2000).

**Number of Scholarships:** The number of scholarships awarded will change yearly due to the amount of funds in the program. The number and type of scholarships will be determined by the Board at the winter meeting. A minimum of 20% of the funding will be allocated to trade/technical school applicants.

**Scholarship Committee:** The committee will be composed of a Program Administrator and nine committee members who are all CASI members. The job description of the **Program Administrator** follows:

- Administer the program
- Receive, copy and distribute scholarship applications to Scholarship Committee members
- Receive, tabulate and compile ranking of top 10 individuals selected by the Committee
- Submit reports to the Executive Director for all Board Meetings and may attend if desired to do so
- Communicate with the scholarship recipients to acquire pertinent school financial aid information
- Maintain status reports and records on all scholarship recipients
- Communicate regularly with scholarship recipients on student's progress
- Maintain a waiting list of interested CASI members who have expressed an interest in serving on the committee
- Assist the Board of Directors in keeping the guidelines current
- Receive contributions from donors for the Scholarship Program which includes receiving the notification of contributions sent directly to the CASI Treasurer.
- Send acknowledgements to donors and those families for whom memorials are made

The Program Administrator will serve a three-year term and can be reselected by the Board to serve additional terms if desired. Terms will begin and end in June.

The job description of the **Committee Members** follows:

- Review applications
- Select top 10 in rank order (using the attached scoring matrix if desired)
- Inform the Administrator of choices by the deadline designated by the Program Administrator
- Shred the applications after informing the administrator as the applications contain confidential information of the student

The Committee Members will serve three-year terms. (Current members can be reselected to serve additional three-year terms.) Three member terms would end each year. A waiting list of interested CASI members will be maintained by the Program Administrator. These individuals will constitute the pool from which three new committee members would be chosen by the Program Administrator each year. The new members would need to be notified no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> preceding their terms which will begin February 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year.



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**PROPOSED CHANGES  
TO THE 2009 CASI OFFICIAL RULES**

Page	Current Rule	Proposed Change	Rationale	Sponsoring Pod
			The U.S. National Open Championship was created by motion at the 2008 Great Peppers Meeting in Amarillo, with the provision it would be added to the Rules next year. The following is a series of Rules changes to reflect the addition of this new category.	
8	V.B.2. NO CASH PRIZES - CASI rules prohibit the sanctioning of any cookoff giving cash prizes for chili cooking or showmanship. Regional, Open, State, State Men's and State Women's Championship cookoffs may award state champions expense money to travel to the CASI Terlingua International Chili Championship cookoff and CASI may request proof that this money was used for expenses.	V.B.2. NO CASH PRIZES - CASI rules prohibit the sanctioning of any cookoff giving cash prizes for chili cooking or showmanship. Regional, National, International and State Championship cookoffs may award recognized champions expense money to travel to the CASI Terlingua International Chili Championship cookoff and CASI may request proof that this money was used for expenses.	Add National Open and clean-up language	CASI Board
9	VI.A.2. OPEN - A State, Regional, or International Championship must be unlimited to the number of cooks that may enter.	VI.A.2. OPEN - A State, Regional, National, or International Championship must be unlimited to the number of cooks that may enter.	Added National Open	CASI Board

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9	<p>VI.A.3. NUMBER OF COOKS - At Regional and International Championships, a minimum number of twenty-five (25) cups of chili must be turned in for judging for cooks who were present and cooking. (one entry per individual per cookoff). State Championships require the same number of cups of chili turned in for judging as is required for all other CASI-sanctioned cookoffs. (<i>See Page 7, Section V.A.5.</i>) For State men's championships, the required minimum number of cups of chili turned in for judging must be prepared by male cooks who were present and cooking; conversely, for State women's championships, the minimum number of cooks must be prepared by female cooks who were present and cooking. All cooks must be eighteen (18) years of age as of cookoff date.</p>	<p>VI.A.3. NUMBER OF COOKS - At Regional, National and International Championships, a minimum number of twenty-five (25) cups of chili must be turned in for judging for cooks who were present and cooking. (one entry per individual per cookoff). State Championships require the same number of cups of chili turned in for judging as is required for all other CASI-sanctioned cookoffs. (<i>See Page 7, Section V.A.5.</i>) For State men's championships, the required minimum number of cups of chili turned in for judging must be prepared by male cooks who were present and cooking; conversely, for State women's championships, the minimum number of cooks must be prepared by female cooks who were present and cooking. All cooks must be eighteen (18) years of age as of cookoff date.</p>	Added National Open	CASI Board
10	<p>VI.A.4. REFEREES - State, Regional, and International Championships must have a CASI Regional Referee, CASI Great Pepper, or CASI designated official as head judge to be responsible for the judging process. Open Championships must also have a CASI Referee (aside from the head judge) to fulfill the duties as outlined under CASI COOKOFF REFEREE DUTIES (<i>See Page 27</i>).</p>	<p>VI.A.4. REFEREES - State, Regional, National and International Championships must have a CASI Regional Referee, CASI Great Pepper, or CASI designated official as head judge to be responsible for the judging process. Open Championships must also have a CASI Referee (aside from the head judge) to fulfill the duties as outlined under CASI COOKOFF REFEREE DUTIES (<i>See Page 27</i>).</p>	Added National Open	CASI Board
10	<p>VI.B. ESTABLISHING REGIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - All CASI Open Championships must be approved by CASI. Approval must be prior to any advertising implying a CASI-affiliated Open Cookoff.</p>	<p>VI.B. ESTABLISHING OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - All CASI Open Championships must be approved by CASI. Approval must be prior to any advertising implying a CASI-affiliated Open Cookoff.</p>	The Word "Regional" was inadvertently inserted during last year's Rule Changes	CASI Board

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11		<p>VI.B.3. NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – The National Open Championship may be held anywhere in the Continental United States. Application for the National Open shall follow the procedure for Regional Championships (VI.B.2.a.1 &amp; 2). Approval of the National Championship shall be made by the CASI Board of Directors upon the recommendation of CASI Events Committee and Executive Director.</p>	New Rule establishing the National Open	CASI Board
11	<p>VI.B.3. INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Any new International Open Championship (one that is held outside the boundaries of the United States) may be applied for at the Annual CASI Great Peppers' Meeting. Recognized Championships are: The Mexico International Championship in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, The Sonoran Desert International Open in Puerto Penasco, Mexico, and The Canadian Open in British Columbia, Canada.</p>	<p>VI.B.4. INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Any new International Open Championship (one that is held outside the boundaries of the United States) may be applied for at the Annual CASI Great Peppers' Meeting. Recognized Championships are: The Mexico International Championship in Piedras Negras, Mexico, The Sonoran Desert International Open in Puerto Penasco, Mexico, and The Canadian Open in British Columbia, Canada.</p>	Rule VI.B.3. becomes VI.B.4. Also change Mexico International to Piedras Negras, MX	CASI Board
11	<p>VI.C. RECOGNITION OF OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS - In all State, Regional, and International Open Championships, the top three (3) chili winners and top showmanship team will be recognized as the State, Regional, or International Open Champions. The chili champion and two runners-up and the showmanship champion will be entitled to the privileges of these titles. (See Pages 11 and 12, Sections VII.E.1.c and E.2.)</p>	<p>VI.C. RECOGNITION OF OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS - In all State, Regional, National, and International Open Championships, the top three (3) chili winners and top showmanship team will be recognized as the State, Regional, National, or International Open Champions. The chili champion and two runners-up and the showmanship champion will be entitled to the privileges of these titles. (See Pages 11 and 12, Sections VII.E.1.c and E.2.)</p>	Added National Open	CASI Board
11	<p>VII.D.1.c. INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL - Recognized International and Regional Championships also qualify the first (1<sup>st</sup>) through third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place chili finishers to cook at the CASI TICC.</p>	<p>VII.D.1.c. REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL - Recognized Regional, National, and International Championships also qualify the first (1<sup>st</sup>) through third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place chili finishers to cook at the CASI TICC.</p>	Added National Open	CASI Board

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12	<p>VII.E.1.c. CURRENT REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS - A current recognized Regional or International champion or first or second runner-up; or</p>	<p>VII.E.1.c. CURRENT REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS - A current recognized Regional, National or International champion or first or second runner-up; or</p>	Added National Open	CASI Board
12	<p>VII.E.1.d. CURRENT STATE, REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH OVER 150 ENTRIES AND CHILIS JUDGED - A current Men's State, Women's State, State Open, Regional or International Championship that has 150 entries and chilis judged will automatically qualify 1<sup>st</sup> through 5th places, in any given year, becoming effective immediately; or</p>	<p>VII.E.1.d. CURRENT STATE, REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH OVER 150 ENTRIES AND CHILIS JUDGED - A current Men's State, Women's State, State Open, Regional, National or International Championship that has 150 entries and chilis judged will automatically qualify 1<sup>st</sup> through 5th places, in any given year, becoming effective immediately; or</p>	Added National Open	CASI Board
12	<p>VII.E.1.e. QUALIFIED ON POINTS - Accumulate the required number of points for the state of their residence. Based on the previous chili year, state requirements are as follow:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">States having: 1 to 5 cookoffs require 6 points 6 to 10 cookoffs require 9 points 11 or more cookoffs require 12 points</p> <p>NOTE: Open, State, Regional, and International cookoffs do not apply toward total number of cookoffs requirement.</p> <p>To cook at TICC, a cook must be a paid CASI member. A "member" is one who has paid annual dues for the current year or has become a life member of CASI.</p>	<p>VII.E.1.e. QUALIFIED ON POINTS - Accumulate the required number of points for the state of their residence. Based on the previous chili year, state requirements are as follow:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">States having: 1 to 5 cookoffs require 6 points 6 to 10 cookoffs require 9 points 11 or more cookoffs require 12 points</p> <p>NOTE: State, Regional, National, and International Championships do not apply toward total number of cookoffs requirement.</p> <p>To cook at TICC, a cook must be a paid CASI member. A "member" is one who has paid annual dues for the current year or has become a life member of CASI.</p>	Added National Open	CASI Board

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12	<p><b>VII.E.2. QUALIFIED SHOWMANSHIP TEAMS</b>          - Qualifying to compete in showmanship at the CASI TICC requires the same number of points as qualifying in chili. All chili cookoffs, including Open, State, Regional, and International Championships, will award points on this basis. Current champions (first place only) of recognized CASI State, Regional, and International Open Championships automatically qualify in showmanship at the CASI TICC. A current Men’s State, Women’s State, State Open, Regional or International Championship that maintained at least 200 entries and chilis judged for three consecutive years will additionally qualify second and third place showmanship winners. In the event a qualified cookoff falls below 200 entries and chilis judged in any year, the cookoff will qualify only the champion the following year, and re-qualification will be required. Residency requirements for the state champion are the same as for chili.</p> <p>To perform showmanship at TICC, the show team captain must be a paid CASI member. A “member” is one who has paid annual dues for the current year or has become a life member of CASI.</p>	<p><b>VII.E.2. QUALIFIED SHOWMANSHIP TEAMS</b>          - Qualifying to compete in showmanship at the CASI TICC requires the same number of points as qualifying in chili. All chili cookoffs, including State, Regional, National, and International Championships, will award points on this basis. Current champions (first place only) of recognized CASI State, Regional, National, and International Open Championships automatically qualify in showmanship at the CASI TICC.</p> <p>To perform showmanship at TICC, the show team captain must be a paid CASI member. A “member” is one who has paid annual dues for the current year or has become a life member of CASI.</p>	<p>In addition to adding National Open, there is no relationship between the number of cooks entered and the number of show teams entered. There is no justification to tie the number of show automatic qualifiers to the number of cooks.</p>	<p>CASI Board</p>