American Culinary Federation Board of Directors Election Results Announced

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., June 17, 2009—Mark Kent, chair of the American Culinary Federation Inc.’s (ACF) Nominations and Elections Committee, announced yesterday at 5 p.m. EST the results of the Board of Directors national election.

According to the results tallied by Survey & Ballot Systems, Eden Prairie, Minn., the following candidates secured the majority vote and will serve as the national ACF board of directors for a two-year term that begins at the board’s installation during the President’s Grand Ball at the ACF National Convention, Orlando, Fla., July 14. John Kinsella, CMC, CCE, WGMC, AAC, current president, will serve on the board as immediate past president.

President: Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, executive chef, MT Cuisine LLC, Las Vegas, Nev.
Secretary: David Ivey-Soto, CEC, CCA, MBA, managing partner, Chef David Industries, Alexandria, Va.
Treasurer: James Taylor, CEC, AAC, MBA, associate professor, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio
Vice President Central Region: David Russell, CEC, AAC, division corporate chef, Unilever Foodsolutions, Lisle, Ill.
Vice President Southeast Region: Jeff Bacon, CEC, CCA, AAC, executive chef/program director, Triad Community Kitchen, Winston Salem, N.C.
Vice President Western Region: William Franklin, CMC, AAC, corporate chef, Nestlé Professional, Centennial, Colo.
Chair, American Academy of Chefs: Thomas Macrina, CEC, CCA, AAC, executive chef, Desmond Great Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Malvern, Pa.

ACF is governed by a board of directors composed of highly qualified professional chefs from around the country. The board oversees the direction of the organization and works directly with the national office staff to guide organization growth and member benefits.

ACF members representing each of the four ACF regions—Central, Northeast, Southeast and Western—and a chair make up the ACF Nominations and Elections Committee, which oversaw the election process. The committee members are: chair, Mark Kent, operations manager, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio; co-chair/Central Region representative, Chris Dwyer, CEC, ACE, AAC, executive chef, Doubletree Minneapolis Park Place, Minneapolis, Minn.; Northeast Region representative, Kenneth Bucholtz, CEC, AAC, director of food and beverage/executive chef, Brookside Country Club, Canton, Ohio; Southeast Region representative,
Brian Knecht, CEC, CCA, ACE, AAC, department chair/instructor, Sarasota County School Board, Sarasota, Fla.; and Western Region representative, Jeremy Glas, CEC, executive chef, Wynkoop Brewing Company, Denver, Colo.

The current ACF board of directors has served ACF since July 2005 and will remain the governing body until the new board is installed. The board comprises: president, John Kinsella, CMC, CCE, WGMCl, AAC, senior supervising chef, Midwest Culinary Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio; immediate past president, Edward Leonard, CMC, AAC, assistant general manager/director of culinary operations, Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y.; secretary, Walter Bronowitz, CCC, CCE, AAC, executive chef, Children’s Hospital Dietary Department, Seattle, Wash.; treasurer, Joe Aiello, CEC, AAC, chef/owner, Apropo Catering, Schiller Park, Ill.; vice president Central Region, David Russell, CEC, AAC, division corporate chef, Unilever Foodsolutions, Lisle, Ill.; vice president Northeast Region, Mark Wright, CEC, AAC, department chair, Hospitality Management, Erie Community College, Williamsville, N.Y.; vice president Southeast Region, Elizabeth Baase, CEC, AAC, executive chef, Vend-Perdue, Perry, Ga.; vice president Western Region, Harry Brockwell, owner, Oceanside Caterers, Westlake Village, Calif.; and chair, American Academy of Chefs, Thomas Macrina, CEC, CCA, AAC, executive chef, Desmond Great Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Malvern, Pa.

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 22,000 members spanning 230 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States. ACF is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions, and to the Chef & Child Foundation, founded in 1989 to promote proper nutrition in children and to combat childhood obesity. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

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