

## AACC INTERNATIONAL 2008 BOARD ELECTION

Board members play a major role in determining what programs and services AACC International provides to advance the industry and you professionally. The Nominating Committee has put forth the following list of members for the 2008 election. Running for president-elect are Khalil Khan and Gene Wisakowsky. The person elected to this position will also serve as president, followed by a year as chair of the board. Running for director are Bruce Hamaker and Craig Morris. This person will serve a three-year term as director, starting the day after the 2008 annual meeting ends in Honolulu, HI. Your involvement in the process is essential. Your vote is critical and can decide an election!

### Candidates for President-Elect



Khalil Khan



Eugene E.  
Wisakowsky

**Khalil Khan** is a professor at North Dakota State University (NDSU) in the Department of Cereal and Food Sciences. He earned a B.S. (1970) in chemistry from the University of Winnipeg and M.S. (1973, microbiology) and Ph.D. (1977, cereal chemistry) degrees from the University of Manitoba. He has been a faculty member at NDSU since 1981 and was interim chair of the Cereal and Food Sciences Department from 2000–2002.

A member of AACC Intl. for 35 years, he has served in many capacities, such as member of the Board of Directors, program chair of the 2004 annual meeting, chair of the Education Division, Protein Division, Protein and Amino Acid Technical Committee, and ad hoc chair of the Applied Research Award, Young Scientist Award, and New Meeting Model Committees.

He currently serves on the Awards Committee (chair), Osborne Medal, Applied Research, Young Scientist, Nominating, Undergraduate Fellowship, Graduate Fellowship, Grant Task Force, Membership Task Force, and Education Division Committees. He has been an associate editor for *Cereal Chemistry* and is currently co-editor with Peter Shewry of the pending new edition of the AACC Intl. Monograph *Wheat: Chemistry and Technology*.

**Khan's Views:** It is a distinct honor and privilege to be asked to run for the office of president-elect of AACC Intl. My AACC Intl. involvement has done a great deal for me personally and professionally, and I know it can do the same for you. Your involvement and ideas are needed.

What can we do to keep our society still solvent, vibrant, relevant, and be the reliable “premiere worldwide organization for advancing grain science and related technologies?”

We need your help and ideas to increase membership, to especially encourage and mentor students and young professionals, to expand and strengthen our international commitment, to provide a-la-carte-type services to our diverse global membership, to reduce annual meeting costs for attendees, to address timely consumer and health-food issues, to provide more incentives and rewards to members for their services to AACC Intl., and for excellence in sustained relevant scientific research.

AACC Intl. received negative comments that there is not enough useful basic science and applied research presented at our annual meetings. I believe industry (60% membership), academia, government, and funding agencies need to talk to each other about their research needs and devise a plan to address same.

I will be honored to be your president-elect to work with you on these and other important issues in these changing, competitive, and challenging times.

**Eugene E. Wisakowsky** is senior fellow at CF Chefs, Inc. in Dallas, TX. Prior to this position, he served 10 years as chief technical officer of the company. The focus of his education was microbiology, nutrition, and food science and he received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University. After graduation, he was employed by Camp-

bell Taggart, Inc. During his 18 years with the company he served in various technical functions, the last 12 years as vice president of Technical Service.

He has been a registered dietitian with the American Dietetic Association since 1978; a licensed dietitian in the state of Texas since 1984, and for the past seven years has served as a professional member of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Dietitians. He is a member of the Institute of Food Technology.

Gene has been a member of AACC Intl. since 1978. In addition to serving as a member of numerous committees, he has served as program chair, Publication Panel chair, Foundation chair, and chair of the Geddes Award. He has served as a director and as treasurer for the association. He received the William F. Geddes Award in 2002.

**Gene's Views:** As it has been for so many, service to the association has come naturally for me. It is an honor to be nominated for the position of president. Our association's strength lays in you the membership. Each one of us provides an important link in the chain of the association's success. This is not an ordinary chain with one link behind the other, but a chain of mail, where the links are interwoven providing strength.

Over my past 30 years as a member, I have watched this strength of membership help the association expand to every corner of the globe. Today we are truly an international association. This expansion has presented challenges to provide services. We are meeting these challenges through the use of technology. It is important that we look to our younger members to provide leadership in this area. Programs such as professional development and mentoring need to expand to help these individuals develop professionally. It is also important that the association continue to explore additional avenues to encourage all members to become involved.

It is the leadership's responsibility to continue the traditions of providing excellent member services, publications, and professional meetings. These daily goals must be accomplished while ensuring that the association maintains its financial strength to support future generations of members. If elected, I will work to continue the programs that have made this one of the premier professional organizations in the food industry. I hope that I can count on your support.

## Candidates for Director



Bruce R. Hamaker



Craig F. Morris

**Bruce R. Hamaker** is director of the Whistler Center of Carbohydrate Research and professor in the Department of Food Science at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. He obtained his undergraduate degree in biological sciences from Indiana University and afterwards went into the U.S. Peace Corps in West Africa. His graduate studies are in human nutrition (M.S.) and food chemistry (Ph.D.) from Purdue University, and he was a post-doctoral researcher at the Nutrition Research Institute in Lima, Perú, under George Graham of Johns Hopkins University. His research career has spanned many aspects of cereal component chemistry and its applications, though it now focuses primarily on cereal carbohydrates and proteins related to topics of health and wellness. In this regard, he has a number of clinical and nutrition group collaborations. He has and continues to be active in international research collaborations in Africa and Asia.

Bruce has been involved since his doctoral studies with AACC Intl. and his group uses the annual technical meeting to present their major research findings. He sits on the AACC Intl. Scientific Advisory Panel and is active in the carbohydrate division as a new officer and mem-

ber of the executive committee. His research at Purdue has put him in close contact with large breakfast and snack companies, and his directorship of the Whistler Center brings him involvement with carbohydrate-related crop genetics, ingredients, and processing companies. He has been an associate editor of *Cereal Chemistry*.

**Hamaker's Views:** I am very pleased to be a candidate for the AACC Intl. Board of Directors. We are in a rapidly changing research and technology environment driven by health concerns and the opportunity to improve the public health through the diet, nanoscience and the assembly of components with new or improved functionality, the revolution taking place in crop genetics and human genomics, and advances in analysis and methods. I believe as an organization, as well as individually, we need to make sure we are not just reacting to changes on this broader stage, but are driving innovations where we have a competitive advantage and, where possible, to try to attract a wider mix of scientists and technologists to the annual AACC Intl. technical meeting and to our publications. Where controversial topics arise, forums to explore and understand the different sides of issues are appropriate.

The AACC Intl. membership includes individuals from industry, academia, government, and commodity and trade groups. It is important that all receive benefits and that ties increase among the members. As director of an academic research center that has an industrial membership, I believe I have good insight how the public research community can interact, as well as benefit, with industry as a partner. As an organization, science and technology development and dissemination is our core strength, and as a board member I would look for ways to maintain and grow it.

**Craig F. Morris** is the director of the USDA-ARS Western Wheat Quality Laboratory (WWQL). He earned a B.S. from Iowa State University (1982) and M.S. (1984) and Ph.D. (1987) degrees from Kansas State University. After a post-doctoral fellowship, he assumed the helm at the WWQL in 1989, where he leads a multi-disciplinary team researching applied and basic areas of wheat grain quality and utilization. The WWQL also per-

forms quality analyses on thousands of wheat breeding lines each year. He has published more than 140 scientific papers, book chapters, and proceedings papers, and is adjunct professor at Washington State University and the University of Idaho. Morris is an honorary research professor of the National Wheat Improvement Center, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. He has led the PNW Wheat Quality council since its inception in 1995.

A member of AACC Intl. for nearly 20 years, and a fellow of the association, he has served three terms on the editorial board of *Cereal Chemistry*. He currently serves on the Fellows Award Committee, Publications Task Force, and is an officer of the Pacific Northwest Section of AACC Intl. He chaired the Protein Division, co-founded the Asian Products Technical Committee, and served on the Biotechnology Division, Approved Methods Committee, Book Publishing Committee, Program Advisory Committee, Eagan Press Editorial Advisory Board, Publications Panel, and *Cereal Chemistry* Task Force.

**Morris's Views:** AACC Intl. was founded as a scientific and technical association to meet the needs of cereal chemists. Science and technology are at our core. Yet, the needs of our members have grown and diversified just as our membership has expanded and diversified. We are truly a world-recognized organization working to supply cereals and healthful foods to a growing world population. As director, I will work hard to maintain our core values as an association while better serving the needs of all of our members, irrespective of where they live or what role they play in cereal production, processing, and utilization.

I will push hard in two specific areas: to ensure that young people are provided opportunities to participate in the association and to feel welcomed to make AACC Intl. their professional home. Secondly, to expand the access and value of information available to our members, to the general public, and policy makers.

Lastly, I will help ensure the financial health of the association while providing maximum value to all of our members. AACC Intl. must strive to be responsive and proactive. I hope you value and appreciate what AACC Intl. brings to your career. Let's make sure it continues!