

## **OPERATING MANUAL L'ACADEMIE BRILLAT-SAVARIN**

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L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin ("Académie") is part of the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, Ltd. ("Society") as referred to in its Bylaws (see below). Its purpose is to encourage a better understanding of foods, their preparation and effect on the senses, promote excellence among the Society's Professionals involved in the Food Industry, and recognize individual achievements in the culinary arts. L'Académie shall be composed of Members of the Society who are either involved in preparation of foods or its production, food critics, educators, writers, and scientists, as well as gastronomes and connoisseurs (amateurs) dedicated to promoting education and enjoyment of fine food. Members of L'Académie include all Fondateurs of L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin (both original Fondateurs and those recipients of the honorary Fondateur designation) and Society Members shall also include eligible voting National Council Members (as defined in Society's Bylaws, as they may be amended from time to time) and others that have paid the check-off amount for L'Académie on his or her dues notice for the year in which they wish to act as a Member of L'Académie.

L'Académie's mission is to recognize individuals for exemplary service as described below and by presenting them an Académie Brillat-Savarin Medal. In addition, a Jeune (Young) Professional will receive a financial achievement award. These awards will be presented by a member of L'Académie and, whenever possible, the presenter will be selected or approved by the Bailli Délégué des Etats-Unis ("Bailli Délégué") or if not designated by him/her, then by the Chancelier Délégué L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin des Etats-Unis ("Chancelier Délégué"). L'Académie works closely with the Chaîne Foundation for the camaraderie and goals of the Society.

### **Who was Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin?**

Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin (1755-1826) Born in the town of Belley, Ain, France, he studied law, chemistry and medicine. In 1789, he was part of the National Constituent Assembly. He adopted his second surname upon the death of his aunt named Savarin who left her entire fortune to him on the condition that he adopt her name. At a later stage of the Revolution, with a bounty on his head, he went to Switzerland, Holland, and then to the newly formed United States where he lived in Boston, Hartford, and Philadelphia. He made his living giving French and violin lessons. He returned to France in 1797. His famous work, *The Physiology of Taste*, was published in 1825, two months before his death. This book has not been out of print since it first appeared.

### **L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin des Etats-Unis Awards**

**Fondateur Award:** Red Fondateur ribbon with medal. Given once per year to an outstanding individual in Culinary Arts. Awarded by the Chancelier Délégué L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin des Etats-Unis ("Chancelier Délégué") after receipt of approval of the recipient by the Bailli Délégué des Etats-Unis ("Bailli Délégué"). Awardée becomes an Honorary Fondateur of L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin.

**Award de Merite:** Orange ribbon with medal. Awarded once a year per Region to an active Chaîne Member by the Chancelier Délégué selected with the advice and consent of L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin permanent standing committee or upon approval by the Bailli Délégué.

**Award Académicien:** Green ribbon with medal. Awarded once a year per Region to an active Chaîne Member (or inducted as a member at the time of the award) who teaches/writes/educates/advances science in the culinary arts by the Chancelier Délégué selected with the advice and consent of the L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin permanent standing committee or upon approval by the Bailli Délégué.

**Award Brillat-Savarin:** Red-Silver medal/red ribbon (not-Fondateur ). Awarded once a year per region to a non-Chaîne member who is outstanding in the culinary arts or hospitality profession. It is awarded by the Chancelier Délégué with the advice and consent of the L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin permanent standing committee or upon approval by the Bailli Délégué

**The Jean Anthelme Award:** White medal – red, white, blue ribbon. Awarded once a year per region to an active Chaîne Member by the Chancelier Délégué who will select the recipient with the advice and consent of L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin permanent standing committee or upon approval by the Bailli Délégué. The Chaîne member [gastronome and connoisseur (amateur)] is recognized with this award for his or her active service.

The above-named awards may be presented during each fiscal year of the Society unless the Bailli Délégué approves of more than one recipient. The awards are to be presented either by the Chancelier Délégué or Bailli Délégué, unless the Bailli Délégué approves and authorizes another person to make the presentation and, if possible, such person shall be a member of L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin.

**Jeune (Young) Professional Award:** This award consists of a Medal and stipend, and the ability to reference himself/herself as a recipient of the Brillat-Savarin Jeune Professional Award in the year given/received. The recipients of this award are determined by the Chancelier Délégué who will select awardees with the advice and consent of the L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin permanent standing committee. Stipends are paid from the annual dues collected by L'Académie and the awards are presented by a member of the L'Académie. This is an award that may be presented more than once per year, but not in excess of numbers determined by the Chancelier Délégué and that are approved at the beginning of the respective year by the Bailli Délégué. The total of the award stipends shall not exceed the amount stated in the Society's annual budget relating to same unless augmented by funds from the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation").

## **Award Nominations**

Nominations for the Awards described above may be made only by a Member of L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin.

### **Brillat-Savarin Committee**

The Bylaws (see Article XVI and Section 6.10 below) provide for a permanent standing committee to be known as the Brillat-Savarin Committee and it is to operate and act in accordance with an “Operating Manual, L’Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin” approved by the Board of Directors of the Chaîne and ratified by the National Council. This committee is a permanent standing committee the members of which are appointed annually by the Bailli Délégué (except that he or she is automatically an ex officio member), and serve on the Brillat-Savarin Committee for a term of not more than one year commencing on the latter of the date of appointment or July 1 of the year in which appointed until the succeeding June 30. Committee appointments may be renewed by reappointment by the Bailli Délégué.

This Operating Manual has been adopted to comply with the Bylaw requirements.

The Brillat-Savarin Committee shall consist of the below listed members (all of who shall be Brillat-Savarin Members, Fondateurs or current dues paying Society members):

Chair: Chancelier Délégué L’Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin des Etats-Unis;

Bailli Délégué (Society National President), Consul Délégué, Société Mondiale du Vin; Chancelier General, L’Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin (ex-officio committee member);

Foundation Chair; and

Such other persons as may be appointed by the Bailli Délégué (with no requirement that additional persons be appointed).

### **Bylaw Provisions Relating to L’Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin**

The provisions set out below are from the Society’s Bylaws:

#### **Article XVI ACADEMIE DE GASTRONOMIE BRILLAT-SAVARIN**

The Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin is a part of the Society. Its purpose is to encourage a technical and detailed understanding of foods, their preparation and effect on the senses; organize and support the dissemination of data in this connection, and conduct educational seminars; and, recognize, focus and promote excellence among the Society's Professionals involved in the Food Industry. L'Académie shall be composed of Members

of the Society who are either involved in the preparation of foods or its production, food critics, educators, writers, and scientists as well as amateur connoisseurs dedicated to promoting the education and enjoyment of fine food. It is the Society's intent that L'Académie be, if feasible and possible, self-financing through revenues received through, annual fees and activity tariffs. Continued Membership in good standing in the Society is a condition of Membership in L'Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin, in addition to other requirements as from time to time promulgated by the Chaîne. The rules, regulations, and policy of the Académie shall be provided for in a document entitled "Operating Manual, Académie de Gastronomie Brillat-Savarin," approved by the Board of Directors of the Society and submitted to the National Council for ratification. Modifications, additions, and amendments thereto may, from time to time, be promulgated by L'Académie Committee or the Board of Directors, subject to the Board's approval, at which time it shall be deemed effective; and, thereafter, submitted to the National Council for ratification.

#### 6.10 Committees

The Board of Directors shall designate all of its Special Committees and each Committee Chair may select 50% of his or her committee members with the remaining committee members to be selected by the U.S. Bailli Délégué (with the exception of Members of the Audit Committee). However, notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be an Audit, Baillis Provinciaux, Société Mondiale du Vin and Brillat-Savarin Committee, all of which shall be Permanent Special Committees. Special Committees shall serve at the pleasure of the Board until their work and purposes have been completed. Except for the Société Mondiale du Vin Committee (the Chair and Vice-Chair of which shall be the Grand Echanson and Vice Echanson, respectively), the Bailli Délégué shall designate a Member thereof as its Chair and another Member as Vice-Chair. The Bailli Délégué shall serve as an Ex-Officio member of all Committees, except the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall consist of those Members who shall be elected in accordance with the provisions set forth in these By-Laws. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee must be designated from those Members who have been elected by the National Council.