

**U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2009**

USHBC Vice Chairman Bob Carini called the meeting of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council to order at 9:15am on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Before starting the meeting Vice Chairman Carini asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence in honor of Anita Galletta who passed away on September 19.

Following the moment of silence, the first order of business was roll call by USHBC Secretary Neil Moore. The following USHBC members, as well as USDA representative Jeanette Palmer and USHBC staff members Mark Villata and Mary Nezbeth, attended the meeting, held at Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon:

Verne Gingerich (Region 1)	Adair Chambers-Peterson (Georgia)
Ron Bodtke (Region 2 Alternate)	Doug Krahmer (Oregon)
Ken Patterson (Region 4)	Kirk McCreary (Public Member)
Bryan Sakuma (Washington Alternate)	John Shelford (Importer Member)
Bob Carini (Michigan)	Guy Cotton (Handler Alternate)
Denny Doyle (New Jersey)	Parm Bains (Exporter Member)
Neil Moore (North Carolina)	

The second order of business was the approval of the minutes from the last Council meeting held on February 28, 2009. Minutes had been mailed to members and alternates following the February meeting. Denny Doyle moved, with a second from Verne Gingerich, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Agenda item three was the selection of USHBC Chairman and Officers for 2010. Ken Patterson, USHBC Industry Relations Committee Chairman, reported that his committee had reviewed the slate of officers and recommends that the current group remain as the USHBC officers in 2010:

*Art Galletta- Chairman
Bob Carini- Vice Chairman
Parm Bains- Treasurer
Neil Moore- Secretary
Mark Hurst- Past Chairman*

Ken Patterson moved, with a second from Doug Krahmer, that the current USHBC officers continue serving in their present positions in 2010. The motion carried.

The fourth agenda item was an update from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) by Jeanette Palmer. Palmer reported that the newly nominated USHBC regional members and alternates as well as importer, exporter and public member are currently in the clearance process by the USDA and an announcement could be made by year end. An announcement on the two newly added importer positions will follow and could be made prior to the next USHBC meeting.