

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Biographical details of the proposed non-executive directors for appointment to the Board



Dr. Michael Depalo

Michael Depalo has over 40 years' experience in food product development, ingredient technology, and food regulation. After a distinguished career at the Arnott's Group, most recently leading the regulatory and specifications team across APAC, Michael is now the founder of ANZ Food Innovation and Compliance Network, a consultancy established to support and advise food businesses and their stakeholders in R&D, Food Labelling and Regulations.

Michael is committed to the promotion of Food Technology and the Food Industry and is a member of the AIFST Technical Advisory Committee and a mentor in the AIFST Mentor programme. Michael was also a long serving member of the Australian Food and Grocery Council Health, Nutrition and Scientific Affairs Committee serving as deputy chair for many years.

Michael is a trusted advisor and has been a Board member and Trustee of several not for profit and member-based organisations and CRCs. He was awarded the 2016 Arnott's Group "Leading with Integrity Award" for demonstrating consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and values.

Michael has a Bachelor of Applied Science from UTS where he received the Institute Medal and a PhD in Biotechnology from UNSW. Michael has over 30 years of continuous membership with AIFST and is a Fellow of the Institute.



Mr Duncan McDonald

B. App. Sc (Food Technology), MBA, FAIFST, GAICD

Duncan is a Fellow and the current President and Chair of the AIFST Board.

Duncan also operates his own food ingredient and technology business servicing food manufacturers. Duncan has enjoyed a longstanding and diverse food industry career (Food Science, Operations, Commercialisation and Strategy), with a solid financial and cultural performance record stemming from past Senior Management responsibilities. This has covered Australia and international operations within blue-chip organizations such as Nestlé, Symrise, Goodman Fielder and Burns Philp.

Duncan has been actively involved with various Boards, including Symrise (Oceania), Burns Philp, and his own companies. Duncan served as an elected Local Government Councillor for two terms (starting 2008), where in addition to normal Council activities, he was a founding member of the Council's Audit and Risk Committee, chaired the Kur-ring-gai/Hornsby Meals on Wheels Board, and was a Community Aid Director. Recently Duncan was involved in a Federally funded activity preparing National Meal Guidelines for Age Care.

In addition to Chairing the AIFST Board, Duncan actively participates in Board Committees and is a regular attendee and participant in webinars and events. In 2011 he chaired the 44th Annual AIFST Convention in Sydney. Between 2005-2007, he chaired the Australian Flavour and Fragrance Association, and in the 1990's initiated the AIFST Membership Marketing Committee.

In reapplying for the AIFST Board, Duncan is committed to further build on the significant accomplishments of the Institute over the past three years. This includes continuing to attract new members and build membership, facilitating the delivery of an increasing range of member focussed events and activities, and advancing the Board's strategic vision for a vibrant Australian food industry.