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## **SCA Announces the 2020 Board of Directors**

**December 10, 2019** – SCA members chose between seven candidates to fill six seats in the election managed by third-party elections company UK Engage. In accordance with the [SCA Bylaws](#), the six newly-elected coffee professionals will join the board on January 1st, 2020 at which point the terms of six existing members of the advisory body will come to an end and a new president, vice president, and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president will be appointed.

The six coffee professionals selected by SCA members to join the Board of Directors in the 2020-2021 elections are:

- **Burak Alici**, CEO, QVIDTVM Inc
- **Sarina Prabasi**, Co-Founder Buunni Coffee and Author, “The Coffeehouse Resistance”
- **Doreen Zankowski**, Partner, Duane Morris LLP and Co-Owner/Operator of Kope Kabana
- **Konstantinos Konstantinopoulos**, CEO, Coffee Island
- **David Piza**, Director of National Accounts, S&D Coffee
- **Cosimo Libardo**, Group CEO of Carimali Holding

“We are honored and grateful that these experienced coffee professionals have dedicated their volunteer time and talent to the leadership of the association,” said Christina Meinl, incoming SCA Board President. “We look forward to another great year, filled with new challenges and achievements for the specialty coffee community!”

On behalf of our staff and volunteer leadership, we send a warm congratulations to each of our new board members. We send special thanks to Paul Macek, Vice President of Programs for the World Cocoa Foundation, for running in this election. We value the time Paul put into the nomination, interview, and election process and we look forward to our continued work with him in his existing capacity as a community leader.

As we welcome six new members to the Board of Directors, we see a few additional changes to its composition. Per the association’s bylaws, the following existing members of the board will take on new roles on January 1st, 2019:

- **Christina Meinl** of Julius Meinl will become President
- **Colleen Anunu** of Fair Trade USA will become Vice President
- **Juan Luis Barrios** of Finca La Merced will become 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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Last but not least, we send a warm thank you to the six dedicated members of the board whose terms end on December 31, 2019. These coffee professionals have provided invaluable leadership to the association and have dedicated countless volunteer hours to make the work of the SCA a success:

- **Heather Perry** of Klatch Coffee, who most recently served as President
- **Andrew Hetzel** of Coffee Strategies
- **Inyoung Anna Kim** of LetSequoia
- **Ludovic Maillard** of Maison P. Jobin & Cie
- **Sarah Leslie** of Leslie Coffee Co. **Stuart Ritson**, Independent Coffee Consultant, will take the [Barista Guild](#) ex-officio seat.
- **Emilio Lopez Diaz** of Cuatro M Single Origin Coffees. **Sonja Björk Grant** of Kaffibrugghúsið will take the [Coffee Roasters Guild](#) ex-officio seat.

A very special mention goes to our outgoing president, Heather Perry, as under her leadership the board and the executive team had meaningful discussions about the future of SCA and arrive at a solid 5-year plan,” said Yannis Apostolopoulos, SCA Chief Executive Officer. “It has been a tremendous honor to work with Heather for the past year. Honesty, transparency, and trust are three values that led Heather's long volunteering career with SCA. She has been a catalyst for positive change and we were really lucky she was leading change in SCA as president.”

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## About the Specialty Coffee Association

The Specialty Coffee Association (SCA) is a trade association built on foundations of openness, inclusivity, and the power of shared knowledge. From coffee farmers to baristas and roasters, our membership spans the globe, encompassing every element of the coffee value chain. The SCA acts as a unifying force within the specialty coffee industry and works to make coffee better by raising standards worldwide through a collaborative and progressive approach. Dedicated to building an industry that is fair, sustainable, and nurturing for all, the SCA draws on years of insights and inspiration from the specialty coffee community. Learn more at [sca.coffee](https://www.sca.coffee).

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