

Remember on Saturday Mornings, When Huddling with The Team Was Everything?



**Well, get ready to huddle with your new FCIA team
on Saturday morning, January 21st!**



You told us you wanted more networking opportunities at FCIA's Elevate Chocolate events. Again, you spoke. We listened. And then we acted - to create new activities to bring you in touch with the people who can help you build your business, expand your knowledge and just plain understand when you talk about your unique concerns.

Meet the Huddles

Saturday, January 21st, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

FCIA Elevate Chocolate - Winter 2017

3rd Floor Ballroom, InterContinental San Francisco Hotel

No, the Huddles are not nightmare neighbors who borrow your tools and don't return them. As part of FCIA's Winter 2017 event, Huddles are focused networking sessions with others from your segment of the industry so you can dig deeper, make connections and have a stronger voice.

Check these out . . .

Chocolate Maker Huddle - kicking off the new FCIA Chocolate Maker Forum

Huddle sponsored by [Albrecht & Dill USA](#)

Facilitated by Greg D'alesandre, [Dandelion Chocolate](#)

Chocolate makers, especially small batch craft chocolate makers, are one of the fastest growing segments of the fine chocolate industry. With the help of Greg and other passionate makers, FCIA is providing this Huddle so you can come together and outline an ongoing forum where you can share information, ask questions, get answers and plan with other makers. FCIA will provide the infrastructure with an online forum where focused discussions can take place and industry reports, articles of interest and **educational updates** can be posted. If you've been longing for a group that "gets you" and will be there for you, then show up and be part of the Chocolate Maker Huddle.

Chocolatier Huddle

Facilitated by Richard Tango-Lowy, [Dancing Lion Chocolate](#)

Chocolatiers have a whole different set of concerns and needs and having a connection to a group that "gets you" is critical. Rich will be there to help identify what your needs are, how FCIA might help and how we can create an ongoing dialogue. Do you want an FCIA Chocolatier Forum? Let's talk about it. Or you might just want to connect with other chocolatiers during this focused networking time. The good thing is - you get to make it what you want and need it to be.

Industry Supplier Huddle

Facilitated by Karen Bryant, Executive Director, FCIA

Are you an industry supplier wanting to better understand how to reach the fine chocolate industry? We'll talk about best practices, what's worked for others and opportunities that FCIA provides. Karen's marketing background, knowledge of the industry and commitment to value of FCIA benefits will be a great resource for your company.

New Member Huddle

Facilitated by Jennifer Wicks, Member Services Manager, FCIA

Are you a new member and unclear about the benefits FCIA membership provides and how to tap into them? We'll provide some guidance. Or, maybe you just want to connect with other new members. That's OK, as well. We'll be a welcoming Huddle to orient you to FCIA and the fine chocolate community.