



**Chicago Section**  
Institute of Food Technologists



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## **Chicago Section IFT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 12, 2014 Café LaCave  
**Time:** 3:30-5:00PM

**Attending Officers:** John Chambers, James Colby, Olivia Fisher.

**Executive Committee:** Bill Becht, Laura Colby, Laura Gray, Jan Miller, Manoj Shah, Timothy Stubbs, Keith Shafer, Mike Wanous.

**Committee Chairs:** Uwe Nienaber, John Fenstermacher, Manoj Shah, Dan Best, Katie Schmidt, Joy Dell'Aringa, Susan Abraham-Rivera, Zeek Agosto, Jim Anderson, and Zuoxing Zhang.

**Guests:** Aaron Uesugi, William Melnyzchenko, Amy Jones, Christine Carr, Shelly Nickals-Richardson, Mike Baysal, Sanford Wolgel, Marla Todd, Dean Duxbury.

**Staff:** Lynnda Nelson

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 3:37PM

**John Chambers**

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

**Olivia Fisher**

Minutes were approved with no changes.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Jamie Colby**

Report Submitted.

### **Top-of-the-Agenda Business**

#### **Meeting dates for 2014-2015 Term**

**Motion:** To approve the dates submitted for the next year's meetings put together by John Budin. Seconded, motion carried. Votes 10 yes to 0 no.

September 8<sup>th</sup>

October 20<sup>th</sup>

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Suppliers Night

December 8<sup>th</sup>

January 12<sup>th</sup>

February 9<sup>th</sup>

March 9<sup>th</sup>

April 20<sup>th</sup>

May 18<sup>th</sup>



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### **New Meeting Attendees**

John Chambers opened a discussion on how to grow attendance at the dinner meetings. With all the changes implemented this year such as marketing the complete year beginning June 1, a lineup of excellent speakers, social media marketing, and fixed price for meetings, we only saw an average of 5 more people per meeting.

Suggestions included doing a networking outreach to address concerns about a lack of networking opportunities at the meetings. Implementing the minuteperson program and renaming it the Corporate Ambassador was suggested. It was also suggested having happy hours, or other events and activities on different nights, to try to reach out to new members. Having IFT provide CPU/PDU points for the CFS certification for attending the meetings would be very helpful. The Business Office will speak with Linda Perucca and Sharrann Simmons as IFT Board Members to see if they can assist. A pre meeting list of who is attending might helpful.

There is a meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, to discuss pricing, meeting locations. Manoj is trying to secure pricing for next year to make sure there is no increase. It was also suggested having a Downtown meeting.

### **Website**

We have decided on one website designer Hill and associates. The website will be redesigned over this summer. Goal is to have it completed no later than September 1, 2014.

**Motion:** To propose a vote to redesign the website and approve a budget not to exceed \$12,000.00. Seconded, motion carried. Votes 9 yes 1 no.

### **Program discussion for next year**

Glenn Bluemer put together a presentation on speakers he is working on for next year. He also put together info for a dinner meeting event in Chicago at Everest Restaurant. He is working to get more details and approval on location.

### **CSIFT Business Report**

Report submitted.

**Lynnda Nelson**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Auditing Committee**

No report.

**Terry Schwartz**

#### **Awards / Nominating Committee**

Report Submitted.

**Linda Perucca**

#### **Finance Committee**

Report submitted.

**Uwe Nienaber**

#### **Golf Outing Committee**

No report.

**Mike Hosler**

#### **Historian**

**Porter Myrick**



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No report.

### **Hospitality/ Student Night**

Student night is going back to March because that is when the students want it to be. It will be March 9<sup>th</sup> 2015. Spring breaks will not be an issue.

### **Host Section Activities Committee**

No report.

**Keith Schaffer**

**Linda Perucca/Pat Sullivan**

### **House Committee**

Report submitted. There was discussion to keep meal prices the same as the 2013-2014 term. \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. No vote.

**Manoj Shah**

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

No report.

**Dan Best**

### **Marketing**

(CFAR / Minute Person / Newsletter / Social Media / Sponsorship / Website)

No report.

**Denise Michalik**

### **Membership Committee**

No report.

**Sharim Lane / Joy Dell'Agrina**

### **New Professionals Committee**

**Molly Connor / Niki Baran**

Report submitted. They attended a comedy show in Chicago for their April event. Next event is a Schaumburg boomers baseball game May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Professional Development**

No report.

**Susan Abraham-Rivera**

### **Program Committee**

**John Budin**

Report submitted.

### **Scholarship Committee**

**Nancy Moriarity**

### **Sue Moncton Scholarship/Memorial scholarships**

The scholarship committee had a phone call where there was some discussion about this scholarship. The committee would like to take a step back and discuss a few things that have been established. For example, the Streitelmeier scholarship. They committee would like to understand better why we have certain scholarships, who the people were, and how it was decided to have these types of scholarships. They are trying to better understand the scholarship committee would love to know more about the history of how decisions were made with the



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scholarship committee in the past and how all of this came about, before making any decisions on what to call the scholarship.

It was suggested also that the scholarship committee give a presentation to explain the scholarships given to students, where they are going, what % goes where, etc.

Requests for Awards and Grants:

- A request was submitted to CSIFT for \$500 to sponsor the **Regional Collegiate Dairy competition** to be held in September. The funds will be used to cover the cost of competition awards. We have done this in the past. **Motion:** To approve the \$500 grant for dairy judging competition. Seconded, motion carried. Votes 9 yes, 0 no.
- A request was submitted to CSIFT for \$500 to sponsor the 2014 **University of Illinois Food Science and Human Nutrition Graduate Student Symposium**. The Symposium gives graduate students an opportunity to share their presentations and posters with faculty and sponsors before the IFT Annual Meeting. The event is June 18 and the funds will be used to provide small travel grants to students, provide light food and drink, and thank you gifts for judges. This would be a new opportunity. **Motion:** To approve the \$500 grant for UOIFI FSNGSA symposium. Seconded, motion carried. Votes 7 yes, 2 no.

### **Suppliers' Night Committee**

**Jim Anderson**

Innovation now was discussed. We are trying to figure out if this is a worthwhile event, as it has had low attendance in the past. Lynnda suggested that we cancel if we don't have 9 companies signed up. If we don't get interest now, it was suggested that we change venues and have a keynote speaker that was one hour before the event, so that people can easily transition to the show. The keynote would need to be an impactful person. Suggested time would be 11:00-12:00. It would be replacing innovation now with one keynote speaker. Beverages should be provided. It was also suggested to have a technical session where we have technical papers discussed for 30 minutes etc. John Chambers will reach out to try to Heather Brotcke to get one keynote speaker. It was suggested to have the speaker focus on innovation to make it an easy transition from innovation now.

### **Tanner Committee Report:**

**Zuoxing Zheng**

No report.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:07 PM – Motion was seconded and carried.

**Submitted by: Olivia Fisher**



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**CSIFT Secretary**