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Current: Emeritus Member

Previous CSIFT Positions: Section Chair (1979-80), Chair-Elect & Program Chair (1978-79) and Past Chair (1980-81), and National Councilor

Chair or Member of the following Committees: Tanner Lecture, Supplier's Night, Nominating, Program

Roy joined CSIFT and became a National Professional Member of IFT in 1965 after five years with Swift & Company in the Engineering Research Department. Building on his college days interest in publications at the Daily Illini, he accepted what he thought would be a brief editorial stint at Food Processing magazine, Putman Publishing Company. This opened up opportunities to interview leading



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innovators in the food industry and visit food operations throughout North America and internationally. Over the next two decades he advanced from Assistant Editor to Editor/Publisher and Vice President while working with top food professionals and initiating one of the early computerized text handling systems for monthly business publications.

In 1992 he joined Bill D'Alexander's Delta Publishing Company as Vice president and Group Publisher of Prepared Foods-- where he remained until 2001 when he joined the Institute of Food Technologists as Publishing Director of Food Technology. Delighted to be working with IFT staff -particularly fellow Chicago Section cohorts Luci Landberg Maass and Dean Duxbury--there emerged opportunities to expand IFT news coverage through a weekly internet newsletter and special interest reference sources.

Most recently, in addition to enjoying retirement and the monthly CSIFT dinner meetings, he has provided some small assistance to Joe Stout and the ever-expanding Chicago Supplier's Night.

Roy has a BS Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois and a MBA from the University of Chicago.

Looking back over the years, he recalls the innumerable contributions that food professionals have made to improving lives of people in the U.S. and around the world through their efforts to provide a more nutritious, safer, more diverse and lower cost food supply.

Regarding CSIFT today, he is particularly impressed by the section's strength, energy and innovations in communication and programming--all indicators of a bright future.