



Chicago Section
Institute of Food Technologists



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Chicago Section IFT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/8/2014—Waterford Banquet, Elmhurst, IL

Time: 4:00-5:00PM

Attending Officers: John Chambers, John Budin, Olivia Fisher, and Linda Perucca

Executive Committee: Mike Carson, Laura Colby, Laura Gray, Jan Miller, Manoj Shah, Timothy Stubbs, Keith Shafer, and Mike Wanous.

Committee Chairs: Uwe Nienaber, Keith Shafer, Manoj Shah, Joy Dell'Aringa, Zeek Agosto, Zuoxing Zhang

Guests: Scott Martling, Anisa Biassi, Dean Duxbury

Staff: Lynnda Nelson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 4:06PM

John Chambers

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Olivia Fisher

Minutes were approved with a correction; the addition of 3 names to the attendee list from last month. Those names include; Laura Gray, Michael Wanous, and Joy Dell'Aringa.

Treasurer's Report:

Jamie Colby

Report Submitted.

Top-of-the-Agenda Business

CSIFT Business Report:

Lynnda Nelson

Lynnda Nelson is looking for feedback and help from IFT on how we get feedback from members on these 6 questions. Linda Perucca is reaching out to IFT on behalf of the Chicago Section.

1. Were you previously an IFT Student Member?
2. Have you ever been a member of IFT?
3. Are you a Full Time Student?
4. How did you hear about IFT?
5. Years in food industry?
6. Are IFT employees paying CSIFT dues to be members of our section?

John Chambers announced to save the date for the leadership training program. June 11th, 2014.



Sue Monckton Scholarship Discussion

There was discussion for ways to start a memorial scholarship. The discussion was tabled until our next meeting on May 12th as the Scholarship Committee Chair (Nancy Moriarity) was not in attendance. John Chambers will work with Nancy to have continued discussion in May.

IFT Bylaws Discussion

As a Section we have questions for IFT on the new bylaws that were recently announced. There has been a task force put together by John Chambers that includes; John Chambers, John Budin, Glenn Bluemer, and Manoj Shah. This taskforce will negotiate with IFT on the language of the bylaws and will communicate back to CSIFT leadership. Bylaws will need to be updated and ratified no later than July 31, 2015. More details to come.

Committee Reports

Auditing Committee

No report.

Terry Schwartz

Awards / Nominating Committee

Report submitted. The deadline for the Outstanding Volunteer award is 4/21/14.

Linda Perucca

Finance Committee:

Taxes were filed on March 15, 2014.

Uwe Nienaber

Golf Outing Committee

No report.

Mike Hosler

Historian

No report.

Porter Myrick

Hospitality/ Student Night

Hospitality committee met and reviewed topics. They will launch a mentor program in the fall and will have a firm plan by the May meeting.

Keith Schaffer

There was discussion about changing the date for our Student Night activities to better fit the students and their classes. The Committee had the largest Student Night turnout in October 2013. Keith is going to poll the universities to see when it works best for them and then next meeting we will vote on a date for the next Student Night.



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Host Section Activities Committee:

No report.

Linda Perucca/Pat Sullivan

House Committee:

Manoj Shah

Manoj said that there are a few locations that are very expensive and are not easy to work with so for next year, he would like to try to find some different options. It was brought up that we would like to have a meeting downtown. The committee is exploring options to have a meeting in Chicago.

Long Range Planning Committee:

Dan Best

No report.

Marketing

Denise Michalik

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

C-FAR – Dormant until further notice.

Social Media - In March Hootsuite was introduced as a time saving tool that will help to build our Social Media presence, growth, and engagement. A few questions were asked in regards to the difference in our approach to the different CSFIT networks: LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook. A review was given to the ExCom.

Membership Committee:

Sharim Lane / Joy Dell'Agrina

As part of our outreach for our lapsed membership, a lot of the people who have lapsed are unemployed and can't afford. It was decided that we are interested in exploring a "hardship" program. We could work together with IFT to get that going. The committee has been working on a banner to have at the membership booth. An idea was passed around for people to check out. The VIP program discussed last month will be beta tested at the Tanner lecture next month.

New Professionals Committee

Molly Connor / Niki Baran

Report submitted.

Professional Development

Susan Abraham-Rivera

(Career Guidance and Continuing Education / Employment / Members in Transition / Technical Programs)

Report Submitted.

Program Committee:

John Budin

Report submitted.

Scholarship Committee:

Nancy Moriarity

Report submitted.



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Supplier's Night Committee:
No report.

Jim Anderson

Tanner Committee Report:
No report.

Zuoxing Zheng

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:09 PM – Motion was seconded and carried.

Submitted by: Olivia Fisher
CSIFT Secretary