



Chicago Section IFT the First Section



Chicago Section IFT Ballot for 2012-2013

As members of the Chicago Section of the Institute of Food Technologists you have a voice in deciding the leadership of our organization. The election for the Chicago Section IFT leaders opens February 8 and closes March 8, 2012.

Only active members will receive the CSIFT Election Ballot. To be eligible to vote you must be a paid-in-full member as of January 31, 2012. If your membership has elapsed, you can renew it online at www.chicagoift.org for only \$15.00. Click on "[Join / Renew Membership](#)."

Members will receive the CSIFT Election Ballot via Survey Monkey. If you have unsubscribed from Survey Monkey in the past, you will not receive the Ballot. You can re-subscribe to Survey Monkey by following the directions on their website. www.surveymonkey.com.

Our talented candidates offer a breadth of knowledge about the profession, a diverse volunteer history within CSIFT and beyond, and an unwavering commitment to each of you.

The candidates are as follows:

Candidates for Chair-elect (3 year commitment)



John Chambers

John Chambers is currently an Account Manager for DMH Ingredients. John has been an active member of the CSIFT for seven years and currently holds various leadership positions within the Section. As an Officer, he is serving his second term as Secretary and is serving his third year as Chair of the Hospitality Committee. Along with Chairing the Hospitality Committee, he has helped coordinate Student Night for the last four years.

He enjoys working with CSIFT members who volunteer in Student Night activities, which include speed networking (an event that allows students to talk individually with food industry professionals) and resume building sessions. It has been a great experience for him to be able to work with the schools involved in Student Night, as well as companies like Sara Lee that have been generous enough to hold tours at their facilities for the students. John and the Hospitality Committee have embraced the commitment it takes to help the students prepare for the next stage in their professional careers.



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Serving as an Officer, John has been able to take part and learn about important aspects of the Section including EXCOM procedures, bylaws and administration, as well as the functioning of all of the Committees within CSIFT. He volunteers during the CSIFT Suppliers Night and the Annual Golf Outing and is very involved in networking with the Young Professionals and their meetings. John realizes that this Section strives for excellence and advancement and will push to keep our Section the best in the country.

In addition to John's work with the CSIFT he has been very involved in giving back to the community by volunteering for local charities. He has worked with Food for Friends (www.foodforfriends-il.org) a local Chicago nonprofit organization that provides food and services to the less fortunate in the Chicago area. He has also volunteered with Feed My Starving Children (www.fmhc.org) to help make meal packs for struggling countries like Haiti and The Greater Chicago Food Depository (www.chicagosfoodbank.org) to help with food needs right here in Chicago.



Anand Rao has been a member of the IFT since 1987 and joined CSIFT when he moved to Chicago area in 2005. Anand served as a member of the CSIFT Program Committee for the past 3 years.

Anand Rao, Ph.D

Before moving to Chicago, Anand was an active member of the Minnesota IFT and volunteered in various positions –Treasurer, Finance Chair, and as a member of Program, Newsletter, and Web Communications committees.

His service to the regional section was recognized by the Outstanding Volunteer award in 2005. Anand has also served twice, once on behalf of CSIFT and once on behalf of MN IFT, as the Conference Chair of the Midwest Food Processing Conference (now dissolved by the regional sections).

Anand is currently employed as the Director of Technical Solutions at Fonterra North America in Rosemont, IL. Prior to joining Fonterra, Anand was employed at Edlong Dairy Flavors (Elk Grove Village, IL), Davisco Foods (Eden Prairie, MN), and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.



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Candidate for Treasurer (1 year commitment)

John Smith, Cantelier

John J. Smith, Ph.D. is founder and principal of Cantaleir International, Inc. – a consulting firm that provides innovation and business development services, particularly in the area of health and wellness products and ingredients.

Dr. Smith earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Food Science from Purdue University. He has 29 years' experience in the food industry. His career began with The Quaker Oats Company where his work focused on technology and new product development in pet foods and a wide range of cereal-based products. While with Quaker, he was affiliated with Quaker Food Ingredients and the Oat Variety Development Program. Before launching Cantaleir International, he was with Pepsico for seven years where he led technology and product development efforts in health and wellness product offerings.

Candidate for Secretary (1 year commitment)

Sanford Wolgel, University of Chicago Consultant

Sanford Wolgel, PhD., is a business development consultant to the University of Chicago Office of Technology and Intellectual Property and is the Chairperson of the CSIFT's Professional Development Committee.

In 2009, Sanford collaborated with Diane Dawson, CSIFT Chair, and the EXCOM to create the Members in Transition Committee to address the urgent needs of the Section's unemployed members. Sanford was the committee's first chairperson, recruited a team and organized and executed a series of successful job search skills workshops.

Sanford's management positions include Director R&D, Imperial Sugar Company; Director, Product and Market Development, Source Food Technologies; and Regional Technical Sales Manager, Philadelphia Macaroni Company. Sanford also successfully launched and managed his own company, Ingredients Plus, which provided technical sales and strategic marketing services for major food ingredient manufacturers. Sanford welcomes the honor and opportunity to serve the CSIFT as Secretary and support the EXCOM's important work.



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Executive Committee (3 year commitment, 4 openings)

Michael Carson, Van Hees GmbH

Mike was born and raised in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from the Food Science program at the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign. In the spring of 2008, he graduated and began working at Ingredients Inc in a technical sales role.

He joined VAN HEES Inc in November of 2010 in the role of Technical Sales - Midwest Regional Manager.

He is an active member of the Chicago Section of IFT, co-chair of the CSIFT New Professionals group, part of the IFT New Professional Task Force, and a current Executive Committee board member.

Dr. Atul Khare, FONA

Atul Khare is Director of Customer Innovation & Technology Strategy at FONA International Inc., Geneva, IL. He is responsible for development of technology strategy and development of new technologies for flavor encapsulation and delivery for Confections applications.

Atul is a member of national IFT and Chicago IFT. Currently, Atul chairs Chicago IFT's Long Range Planning Committee. Atul is a recipient of CSIFT Ellery H. Harvey Service Award for 2011.

Atul received Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University and MBA from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Dr. Manoj Shah, Consultant

Manoj Shah has retired after 30 years as a RESEARCH PRINCIPAL IN R & D, at KRAFT FOODS. He has initiated and was responsible for the By Product utilization initiative at KRAFT. This initiative was turned in to Sustainability for Kraft. He was Mr. Rice for Kraft and Bread Crumb expert for Stove Top®.

He has always promoted Tech Mentoring for juniors to prevent the reinvention of wheel. Manoj holds a B. S. degree in Dairy Technology from Gujarat Agriculture University in Anand, India. He also has B.S. and M.S. degrees in Food Science from Alabama A & M University in Huntsville, Alabama. He joined General Foods in 1978 and worked on Shake'n Bake® and Open



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Pit® BBQ product developments till 1982. Worked for Minute rice and Stove business till 2001. Since joining G. F. he has been awarded six patents and is currently an emeritus member of National IFT and A.A.C.C.

He claims his success in life is due to his wife Smita and is proud of his two children Shivani, and Pranava.

Timothy Stubbs, Sara Lee

Tim has over 20 years of R&D experience across a broad array of food categories and is currently the Director of Process Innovation and Development at Sara Lee R&D. He is currently leading Process Innovation at Sara Lee working on innovative new products and process improvements.

Prior to Sara Lee, Tim held a number of positions at Kraft Foods where he did Product Development, Process Development, Basic Research, and led a number of R&D teams. His expertise includes dressings, sauces, dairy products, pasta, bakery, processed meats, and a number of dry grocery categories. He has led development on iconic brands like Cool Whip, DiGiorno, Velveeta, Philadelphia, Cheez Whiz, Stove Top, Shake 'N' Bake, Taco Bell Home Originals, Miracle Whip, A1, Kraft, Hillshire Farms, Jimmy Dean, Ball Park, State Fair, and Sara Lee.

In addition to his project and leadership roles, Tim has focused his efforts on creating Mentoring, Coaching, and Career Development programs for R&D professionals. He wrote and trained a class on Mentoring for R&D and has received awards for his efforts developing others. Tim has been attending CSIFT events since 1989 and he currently resides in Glenview, IL.