



Chicago Section IFT
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CSIFT 2013-14 Election Bios

Chair Elect (3 year term)



Occupation:

Corporate Director of Chemistry, Silliker

Education:

PhD, MS and BS in Food Science, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

John Budin, Ph.D

Current and Past CSIFT/IFT Activities:

Chicago Section, Institute of Food Technologists

Executive Committee (2011-2013)

Scholarship Committee, Chair (2010-2013)

Tanner Lecture Committee, Chair (2007)

Minuteman (2002-2004)

Suppliers Day Committee (2002)

Hospitality Committee (1999-2001)

Institute of Food Technologists

Stephan S. Chang Award Committee (2006, 2007)

Student Association, Institute of Food Technologists

College Bowl, Chair (1994)

Graduate Paper Competition, Finalist (1994)

Chapter of the Year (1994)

Product Development, Team Champions (1993, 1994)

College Bowl, Team Finalist (1990)

Undergraduate Paper Competition, Finalist (1990)

Purpose for Running: It is an honor to be nominated for the position of Chair-Elect of the Chicago Section IFT. I have been a member of IFT for 24 years when my involvement began as an undergraduate student majoring in Food Science. My volunteer activities to IFT have been primarily through the Student Association and the Chicago Section. These volunteer experiences include many different roles which would help me to further build upon the legacy of the Chicago Section. My primary goals as Chair-Elect would be to continue build upon the strong educational opportunities provided at the Dinner meetings, continue to enhance the overall sustainability of the Section and to support the food science academic institutions within the Section.



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Secretary (1 year term)



Occupation: Independent consultant. Current clients include the Univ. of Chicago Office of Technology and Intellectual Property. Previously, Director R&D, Imperial Sugar Company; Director, Product and Market Development, Source Food Technologies; Regional Technical Sales Manager, Philadelphia Macaroni Company; Founder and Owner, Ingredients Plus.

Education: PhD, MS, Biochemistry, University of Minnesota; BA, Nutrition Education, Evergreen State College

Sanford Wolgel, Ph.D

Current and Past CSIFT/IFT Activities: Secretary, 2012 - 2013; Chair, Professional Development, 2012 - 2013; Chair, Members in Transition, 2009 - 2012; Professional Member IFT.

Purpose for Running: CSIFT has been the cornerstone of my career in the food industry. I want to give back to the organization and contribute to CSIFT's growth and mission in a meaningful way.

Treasurer (1 year term)



Occupation: Category Quality Leader, Kraft Foods Group

Education: B.Ch.E. Chemical Engineering, University of Minnesota

Current and Past CSIFT/IFT Activities:

Minnesota Section Membership Secretary (2 terms), 2004 – 2006
Product Development and Ingredients Innovation Subpanel, 2013

Jamie Colby

Purpose for Running: I would like to increase my participation with the Chicago Section and believe I can provide strong leadership through this role.



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Executive Committee: Six Candidates / Four Openings – 3 year term



Occupation: National Account Executive at Ingredients Inc.

Education: Associate Marist College Poughkeepsie NY, Bachelor of Science Governor's State University IL

Glenn Bluemer

Current and Past CSIFT/IFT Activities:

CSIFT Dinners 2011-2012
CSIFT Suppliers Night Presenter 2010-2012
CSIFT Golf Outing 2011-2012
CSIFT Young Professionals Meetings 2011-2012
St. Louis IFT Suppliers Night Presenter 2011-2012
Wisconsin IFT Golf Outing 2012
Battle Creek Suppliers Night Presenter 2011-2012
Anaheim IFT Suppliers Night Presenter 2012
National IFT Annual Show Presenter 2011-2012

Purpose for Running: My purpose for running for the Executive Committee is to gain membership on this council and assist in the growth and development of the CSIFT and its members. I believe I bring a unique skill set and point of view coming from a Sales background instead of R&D or Technical and would add value to the CSIFT just as I add value to my own company. The Chicago section is the largest and most prestigious section of the IFT, and I view this as an excellent opportunity to work with one of the best and most involved organizations in the Food Industry.



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Lisa Kringas

Occupation: Midwest Sales & Marketing Manager at Marubeni Specialty Chemicals, Inc.

Education: B.S. Food Science Northern Illinois University

Current CSIFT/IFT Activities: Hospitality Committee, helped develop the Curriculum of the Certified Food Scientist Credential Course at IFT, volunteer at the 2012 CSIFT Golf Outing, soon to assist committee chair for technical breakfast seminars

Purpose for Running: I was an IFT member about 20 years ago when I worked in QA at Nestlé but left to raise my family – I returned to the food industry and sold vegetable oils and preservatives to the baking industry. For the last 6 years I sold industrial chemicals, and recently returned to the food industry at Marubeni.

I want to get the most out of my membership by participating in the meetings with the top leaders in our industry. I want to work alongside other food professionals and bring education and exciting innovations to the membership. I want to align myself with this organization because I see value in the meetings and I feel I have a lot to offer to the association.



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Linda Perucca

Occupation: Assoc. Director RD&Q Intellectual Property Strategy and Global Training at Mondelēz International (formally Kraft Foods)

Education: B.S. Food Science, Purdue University, Certified Baker Degree, American Institute of Baking

Current IFT Activities:

IFT Board of Directors 2011-2014
2012 Calvert L Willey IFT Award Jury
Chicago Section Executive Committee
Co-Chair Host Section Activities for 2013 IFT
Chicago Section Employment Committee Member

Past IFT Activities: Chicago Section

Chair Chicago Section 2002-2003
Program Chair (Chair-Elect) 2001-2002
Nomination and Election Chair (Past Chair) 2003-2004
Co-Chair National Host Section Activities for 2007 & 2010 IFT AMFE
General Arrangements Committee for National IFT 1999 & 2003
Chicago Section Hospitality Co-Chair 2005-2006 & 2007-2008
September Social Event 2002-2003
60th Anniversary Cruise Committee 2001
Tellers Committee 2000
Chair Supplier's Night Exposition 1999
Supplier's Night Committee 1994-1996
Employment Committee 1996 - Present
Career Guidance Committee 1999
Home Page Committee 1998
Treasurer 1992-1994
Minuteman Committee 1992-2000
Directory Committee 1992

National IFT

National Councilor 1995-2007
Chair National Section Committee 2005-2006
Chair National Membership Experiences Committee
and New IFT Image and Tag Line 2007-2008
National Council Issues and Agenda Committee
2003-2004
National Awards Committee 2003
National Midwest Breakfast Caucus Chair 2003

Purpose for Running: I have been a member of IFT for 24 years. After moving to the Chicago Area in 1990 I joined the Section and started becoming active on committees. Through that involvement, I have taken on a variety of roles on numerous committees. I was honored to serve as the Chair of the Section in 2002. That experience boarded my knowledge of how the section works. I believe that my experiences with both the Chicago Section and National IFT have prepared me to be a member of the Executive Committee and help elevate the Chicago Section to new levels. Serving on the Board of Directors of IFT I can keep the section informed of activities/events. I have enjoyed my involvement in the Chicago Section IFT and would be honored to continue to serve you on the Executive Committee.



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Anand Rao, Ph.D.

Occupation: General Manager of Technical Services at Fonterra USA 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.

Education: PhD in Food Technology

Current and Past CSIFT/IFT Activities: Anand Rao has been a member of the IFT since 1987 and joined CSIFT when he moved to the Chicago area in 2005. Anand served as a member of the CSIFT Program Committee for the past 4 years. 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).

Purpose for Running:

- To actively support the Chicago Section of the IFT
- To provide input into sustained growth of the Section



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Keith Schafer

Occupation: Scientist at Barilla

Education: BS Biology, Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering: Purdue University; MBA, MS Food Science, Rutgers University

Current and Past CSIFT/IFT Activities: Chair Hospitality committee

Purpose for Running: I love the IFT and want to continue to add value to the organization and its goals.



Mike Wanous

Occupation: Principal Scientist, Innovation and Commercial Development - Wellness Ingredient Design at Tate & Lyle, Hoffman Estates, IL, Technical Product Manager role with responsibilities for a global portfolio of specialty wellness food ingredients from concept through commercialization.

(My career has focused on the Food Ingredient and Service Technologies, aimed at integrating technical insight with strategic marketing and tactical sales perspectives. A full professional biography is available at: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/mpwphdmba>).

Education: MBA Marketing, Strategic Management (Minor), Illinois Institute of Technology; PhD Food Science and Human Nutrition, Iowa State University; MS Food Technology and Meat Science, Iowa State University; BS Animal Science, Agricultural Economics (Minor), University of Minnesota

Current and Past CSIFT/IFT Activities:

CSIFT Scholarship Committee Chair, Co-Chair, Committee Member

Purpose for Running: I have benefited and enjoyed the professional and personal relationships developed during my years of affiliation with the Section. Serving on the Executive Committee will allow me to professionally and personally contribute back to its continuing excellence.