



Chicago Section  
Institute of Food Technologists



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## Chicago Section IFT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10th 2013 – The Hilton, Northbrook, IL  
Time: 4:00-5:00PM

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

**Executive Committee:** Mike Wanous, Mike Carson, Laura Colby, Bill Becht, Glenn Bluemer, Jan Miller, & Laura Gray.

**Committee Chairs:** Uwe Nienaber, Nancy Moriarity, Susan Abraham-Rivera, Terry Schwartz, Dan Best, Denise Michalik, Katie Schmidt, Keith Schaffer, Zeek Agosto, Zuoxing Zhang

**Guests:** Michael Mastrangelo, Michael Gross, Gerald Bard, Dave LeVally,

**Staff:** Lynnda Nelson

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at **4:07** PM

**John Chambers**

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

**Olivia Fisher**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Jamie Colby**

The Treasurer shared that \$100,000 will be moved from the Harris Bank Checking account into a savings/checking emergency fund account. It also would give a small percent interest. A money market fund was suggested. The Scholarship Committee expressed concern that Suppliers' Night 2013 funds would not be transferred to the Scholarship Operating Funds. The decision was made because at this time the Scholarship Funds are very well funded.

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

#### **Website Review**

The Website Task Force shared some ideas for the new website design. Estimated price would be \$2,500.00 Focus groups were suggested so that the Section can fully understand stakeholder needs and interests.

#### **CSIFT Business Report:**

**Lynnda Nelson**

Report submitted.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Auditing Committee**

**Terry Schwartz**

No report.

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

**Linda Perucca**

Report submitted.



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**Finance Committee:**  
Report submitted.

**Uwe Nienaber**

**Golf Outing Committee**  
No report.

**Mike Hosler**

**Historian**  
No report.

**Porter Myrick**

### **Hospitality/ Student Night**

**Keith Schaffer**

It was suggested moving student night back to the spring. It was also suggested to get food science club involved in the event. Suggestion made to survey the schools to find out what month they want it to have Student Night and what types of events are of interest.

**Host Section Activities Committee:**  
No report.

**Linda Perucca/Pat Sullivan**

**House Committee:**  
No report.

**Manoj Shah**

### **Long Range Planning Committee:**

**Dan Best**

The LRP Committee shared ideas concerning Professional Development for the Section and its members. They are working with the Professional Development Committee for implementation. Suggestions included holding professional development meetings to the same day as dinner meetings and providing certificates of attendance worth professional development points for the IFT CFS certification.

Another idea is starting a student mentorship program. They are working with U of I leadership to determine the best strategy and how to survey students and members.

A Motion was made that the ExCom approve the long range planning committee to execute 3 surveys over the next 60 days as far as student mentoring and professional development. Second, carried, 9 yes votes.

### **Marketing**

**Denise Michalik**

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

Website presentation at beginning of meeting under Top of the Agenda Business.

**Membership Committee:**  
No Report.

**Sharim Lane / Joy Dell'Agrina**

**New Professionals Committee**  
Report submitted.

**Molly Connor / Niki Baran**



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**Professional Development**

**Susan Abraham-Rivera**

(Career Guidance and Continuing Education / Employment / Members in Transition / Technical Programs) Report Submitted. The Professional Development Committee shared ideas for Career Guidance for all members (not just students) and information about the April 3 Technical Breakfast Session at Mintel.

**Program Committee:**

**John Budin**

Report Submitted.

**Scholarship Committee:**

**Nancy Moriarity**

The Scholarship Committee shared feedback from U of I after the October Student Night. They have asked CSIFT to move Student Night back to March so that it doesn't interfere with their attendance at Suppliers' Night. It was also suggested that students in their junior year are invited to attend Student Night and that they only attend one year.

**Supplier's Night Committee:**

**Jim Anderson**

No report.

**Tanner Committee Report:**

**Zuoxing Zheng**

John Erdman, Jr., Professor of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Illinois has been chosen as the 2014 Tanner Lecture Speaker in May. The topic is, "Does processed food impact cancer risk?"

Motion to adjourn meeting at **5:22** PM – Motion was seconded and carried.

**Submitted by: Olivia Fisher**  
**CSIFT Secretary**