



Chicago Section IFT
the First Section

Chicago Section IFT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 13th, 2010
Place: Westin Chicago North Shore
Time: 3:30-5:30PM

Editor's Note: These Executive Committee minutes are provided for early member information, but are not yet approved and are subject to correction

Secretary's Note: Reports submitted were submitted during the EXCOM meeting. They are not a part of the minutes published in the newsletter. Reports are available upon request.

Attending Officers: Uwe Nienaber, Diane Dawson, Pamela Vaillancourt, John Chambers, John Smith

Executive Committee: John Schuette, Jan Miller, Krista Ruhnke, Matt Hutchinson, Vijay Arora, Laura Colby, Laura Gray, Linda Kragt, Vijay Arora, Laura Colby, Dean Lustig

Committee Chairs: John Budin, Suraya Gabel, Sanford Wolgel, Michael Carson, Joseph Stout, Mona Reinhard,

Guests: Gerald Bard, Lynnda Nelson, Manoj Shah

Call to order Meeting called to order at 3:38 PM Pamela Vaillancourt

Approval of Previous Minutes John Chambers
With change to the By-Laws report from October 2010.

Chair Elect Report Uwe Nienaber
No remarks.

Treasurer's Report John Smith
Total balance of funds was discussed.

Special Report / IFT Foundation John Ruff
No report.

IAMI Report Lynnda Nelson
There are currently 1654 CSIFT active members. There were 494 booths sold at Suppliers' Night. There were 2886 attendees registered for the show. Board approved IAMI to use our own internal service with Survey Monkey to do surveys and vote collecting.



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New Business Report

To run our section efficiently as a web based e-commerce. There was a discussion between two existing e-commerce systems that we are currently using. Discussion was to determine who we use moving forward. The two are Moneris and PayPal. We plan to discontinue Moneris due to the set up of our website. The board voted to discontinue due to the termination fees Moneris is charging.

Motion: To move to PayPal and away from Moneris. The Motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: To have a lawyer write a letter of contention to Moneris in reference to their early termination fees and their auto three year renewal set up. The Motion was seconded and approved. Net Forum Pro was voted and approved in June 2010. This approved having two e-commerce sources.

Tanner Committee Report

No report.

Zuoxing Zheng

Nominating Committee

Committee recently met. They have a Proposed Ballot for Officers and EXCOM voting members for 2011-2012.

Diane Dawson

Motion: To accept Proposed Ballot slate of Officers and EXCOM voting members for 2011-2012 with spelling correction. The Motion was seconded and approved. There will be 4 balloted positions available. There will be a fifth slot that will be appointed.

Discussion – Because Vijay Arora is running unopposed as Chair, should he be elected, the board will appoint a person to EXCOM to take his position as per the By-Laws.

Finance Committee

No Report.

Luci Landberg Maass

House Committee

Report submitted. Correction to report - Report stated 127 people attended the October 2010 meeting. The actual number in attendance was 138. There were 90 people registered for the December 2010 meeting. The January meeting will be at Rosewood in Rosemont, IL. The topic will be Innovation by Second City. It will be an interactive meeting with room for 300 people. The March meeting will be at the Marriot in Oakbrook. The April meeting will be at the Marriott in Burr Ridge for Student Night. The students are open to having this night in March in future years as long as we coordinate the date with them.

Jan Miller

Long Range Planning Committee

Proposal to approve a technical seminar at FONA International on January 28th from 7 AM – 9:30 AM. There will be 3 presenters that are mentioned in the report. The topic will be Reduced Sugar in the Daily Diet. There was a unanimous decision to have the technical seminar.

Atul Khare/Gerald Bard

Motion: To approve technical session with a cost of \$15 for members and \$20 for non members. The Motion was seconded and approved.

**Members in Transition Committee**

Sanford Wolgel

The workshop last June helped 4 people to find full time employment. They will post those people and their positions in this month's newsletter.

Marketing Committee

Diane Dawson (interim)

Diane will be meeting with IAMF the CSIFT business office to discuss potential new candidates for Chair.

Membership Committee

John Schuette

John will have a report on how many people signed up as a result of the recent workshops. Totals will be announced at the January 2011 meeting.

Host Section Activities Committee

Linda Perucca

No report.

Newsletter Committee

Anna Lovis

No report.

Program Committee

Uwe Nienaber

Report submitted. They are currently working on a topic for the March 2011 meeting that is a joint meeting with AACT. The AACT has allowed CSIFT to have a booth at the AACT show 2011 free of charge.

Scholarship Committee

John Budin

On December 3rd 2010 Amanda Rosendale was awarded the JBT Scholarship at the U of I banquet.

Suppliers' Night Committee

Joe Stout

We had 70 new exhibitors this year. There were 482 exhibiting companies in 2010. Sponsorships have declined. They are looking to mainstream the sponsorship process to help bring the numbers up. The new registration process has been beneficial. There are 300 booths booked already for 2011. Survey Monkey was used to survey all attendees including exhibitors on December 3, 2010. There were just over 300 surveys completed. The results are submitted in the report. Recommendations for 2011 Suppliers Night were also submitted. Committee

Chair Joe Stout will be stepping down as Chair December 31, 2010. He will continue to assist the new appointed Chair(s) as needed.

Website Committee

Open

No report.

Young Professionals Committee

Suraya Gabel / Michael Carson

They recently took a trip to U of I to recruit future CSIFT members. They met with the President of The Student Club Terri Cummings. They are also looking to schedule meetings with Dominican, Purdue, and Madison if approved. Next YP meeting is scheduled for Whirlyball in January.



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Auditing Committee

No report.

Thomas Gush

Awards Committee

Committee is putting together an application together for service award. It is open to all members.

Diane Dawson

By-Laws Committee

Report submitted with proposed changes to the By-Laws, Tanner Lecture, and Scholarships. Unanimous decision to take next step and contact National IFT.

Mona Reinhard

Directory Committee

No report.

Bill Becht

Employment Committee

No report.

Gary Willis

Golf Outing Committee

No report.

Mike Hosler

Historian Committee

No report

Dave LeVally

Hospitality Committee

Meeting set for January to discuss Student Night. December raffle was to collect canned food items and money to donate to the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

John Chambers

Minuteman Committee

No report.

James Anderson

C-Far Committee

Report was submitted. The membership renewal invoice was also attached.

Nate Matusheski

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:38 PM – The motions was second and carried.

Submitted by: John Chambers
CSIFT Secretary