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Dear CSIFT Members,

On behalf of your Officers and ExCom Members and Committee Chairs, I do hope you are enjoying this Newsletter as much as everyone who contributed articles and created the Newsletter itself! To make sure that CSIFT and our Newsletter just keeps getting better, the Editor and I want to know what you think. Which articles are you finding most-and the least-interesting? (Don't worry, we can take it!) What do you want to see more of?

We know that your time is precious-that's why our goal is to make our Newsletter informative and beneficial. So please take 5 minutes to scroll through the various articles and open their links. Read about what your Section has been up to, read about the upcoming meetings, learn about our Committees and how you can be involved, look at the photo gallery

with photos from our last meeting and try the word search puzzle (this month's puzzle highlights St. Patrick's Day/Irish Rivers).

Including the Newsletter, so much goes on "behind the scenes" to make CSIFT successful! Besides being a large enough Section to contract/hire a Business Office (IAMI – Lynnda Nelson and Marty Roth) to assist with day to day transactions, your operating Executive Committee/Board of Director consists of:

5 – Officers

18 – ExCom Members

Every year you are asked to vote for new Officers and several ExCom members as we rotate these positions according to our Section's By-Laws. These Executive Committee members are who you elect to make informed decisions, provide guidance, grow our Membership and maintain the fiduciary responsibilities of your Section. Voting is taking place now! This year, from February 8th to March 8th, you have the opportunity to place your electronic vote in the 2011-2012 CSIFT election and if you are a member of IFT you will receive their ballot as well. Please vote! Your vote affects the future of CSIFT and IFT. The results of this year's election will be available March 18th.

In addition to the Executive Committee, there are 27 Committees*. Committees operate much differently than the Executive Committee. As of September 1st when the new terms begin, Nominating and Awards automatically rotate to your Section's Past Chair. For all other Committees, the Committee Chair may remain as Chair for a few months or for an extended period of time (for example, our Supplier's Night Chair, Joe Stout has been Chair of this Committee for over twenty years!). If/when there is an open Chair position, it is the duty of your CSIFT Chair and your ExCom to appoint a new Committee Chair. These Committees can be very small with only 3 or 4 members (for example our Newsletter Committee), or very large with multiple sub-Committees and over 100 members needed



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(again, Supplier's Night!). Committee positions ebb and flow and can be filled at any time by the Committee Chair.

The current structure allows our programming and the services we offer our Members to flow smoothly year to year. It also allows for any Member interested in getting involved with CSIFT to "dip their toes in the water", or, to "dive in"!

Just like the Irish Rivers in this month's word search, CSIFT is fluid and ever changing. With the exception of our Business Office, all the positions above are volunteer positions. While each of us may have our own reasons for *why* we volunteer, it is the opportunity to work together that makes volunteering fun, interesting and educational.

Read the minutes in this month's Newsletter to learn what each of the Committee's are working on and to learn more about CSIFT.

If you have an idea, or want to learn more...reach out and let me know....say hello at one of our dinner meetings, pick up the phone or email me.

Yours in CSIFT,
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*Current CSIFT Committees

Auditing	Thomas Gush
Awards	Diane Dawson
By-Laws	Mona Reinhard
Continuing Education Committee	Terri Cummings
C-FAR	Nathan Matusheski
Communications	Susan Nielsen
Directory	Bill Becht
Employment	Gary Wills



Finance	Luci Landberg Maass
Golf Outing	Mike Hosler
Historian	Dave LeVally
Hospitality/Student Night	John Chambers
House	Jan Miller
Long-Range Plan	Atul Khare
Marketing	Laura Colby (interim)
Members in Transition	Sanford Wolgel
Membership	John Schuette
Minuteman	James Anderson
Host Section Activities – N/A at this time	Linda Perucca
Newsletter	Anna Lovis
Nominating	Diane Dawson
Program	Uwe Nienaber
Scholarship	John Budin
Supplier's Night	Joseph Stout
Tanner	Zuoxing Zheng
Website	OPEN
Young Professionals	Suraya Gabel/Mike Carson