

# Chicago Section IFT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept, 12th 2011 – Morton Arboretum

Time: 4:30-5:30PM

**Attending Officers:** John Chambers, Uwe Nienaber, Vijay Arora, John Smith.

**Executive Committee:** Mike Carson, John Schuette, John Budin, Matt Hutchinson, Krista Ruhnke, Bill Becht, Jan Miller, Laura Gray, Laura Colby, Linda Perucca, Ann Menninger Johnson

**Committee Chairs:** Atul Khare, Dean Duxbury

**Guests:** Joan Kubik, David LeVally, Glen Connick, Carolyn Tayabji, Roger Clemens, Barbara Byrd Keenan

**Staff:** Mary Roth.

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

Uwe Nienaber

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

John Chambers

## **Chair-Elect Report:**

Vijay Arora

The October meeting topic is a salt debate with a high caliber speaker. Topic is timely and fits the current situation we have with salt. The venue will be the Double Tree in Downers Grove, IL with a Harvestfest theme. November is Supplier's Night. The Innovation Now forum is coming along well. Everything is 95% done. There are 12 additional booths that will be added. We have a total of 504 booths sold to be sold with 490 currently sold. The December meeting which is our holiday party event is almost complete. More details to come.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

John Smith

Report Submitted. We currently have \$463,874.60 in our bank accounts. Last year's Supplier's Night income has been added. Picker and Associates will complete our income tax forms. If anyone wants a copy of the treasures report it is available.

## **CSIFT Business Report:**

Marty Roth

Report submitted.

## **Top of Agenda / New Business**

1. Budget approval - We did change the budget format to make it more user friendly. This allows the business office to plug in the actual numbers and it will be easy to retrieve the information to see how we are the budget. Motion: To approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

1. Pilot Program – Debate on Reducing at Dominican University will be on October, 21st. The debate will bring out both sides. How it is (salt) is good for our diet and will also talk about salt reduction. It will be a balanced approach. CSIFT will charge \$20 to attendees and it will be capped at 100 people. Motion: To approve moving forward with the proposed pilot presentation. Motion seconded and approved. Approval to put an official name on the pilot program has been brought to the EXCOM. Next meeting Atul will present the new name.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Auditing Committee**

Thomas Gush

Uwe talked to Tom. He is working on the audit with Picker and Associates. Marty Roth and John Smith will work with Tom and go over the details.

### **Awards/Nominating Committee**

Pam Vaillancourt

Pam needs some help for nominating for the candidates slate for next year.

**Finance Committee:**

Luci Landberg Maass

No report.

**Golf Outing Committee**

Mike Hosler/John Fenstermacher

Rain checks were issued for everyone due to the rain. Over \$10,000 was raised for scholarships.

**Historian**

Dean Duxbury

Dean is now taking over. Porter Myrick will take the pictures at each event.

**Hospitality/ Student Night**

John Chambers

No report.

**Host Section Activities Committee:**

Linda Perucca / Pat Sullivan

No updates.

**House Committee:**

Matt Hutchinson

Report submitted. Today 126 people signed up. We have a Harvest theme next month. The location will be the Double Tree Downers Grove. Menu will include roast pork loin, trout, and butternut squash. The desert will be a pecan tart. Seasonal and specialty beers will be available as well as wine. Fee to rent the Sara Lee Facility is \$1500 if we get 200 + people and need a bigger facility. The December meeting will be a holiday theme. Possible location is Millrose restaurant in Barrington, IL. January meeting will be at Waterford banquets. Indian style food will be present. The topic is how do you market and mass produce an ethnic food line. Tonight Dinner sponsor is VJI. They are still looking for future sponsors. They are looking for a volunteer to network and reach out to companies that would have an interest in sponsoring.

**Long Range Planning Committee:**

Atul Khare

The committee has asked everyone to send all committee work plans to Atul. They recently meet as a group to figure out the long term issues such as getting more involvement from the Young Professionals / New Professionals as well as increasing membership. Atul should have something to present in October. They are also looking at how they can support the committees.

**Marketing (CFAR / Minute Person / Newsletter / Social Media / Sponsorship / Website) – Open**

Uwe is still working on and talking to people. He is looking for a Chair to replace Dean. Nate Matusheski from CFAR may be interested. He is a very energetic person that wants to do something in the marketing area. Mike Carson is working with Carolyn Tayabji for the Social Media Chair. This will be someone who can get us into a Facebook group for the section, work with our LinkedIn group, as well as helping with the CSIFT.org website.

Bill Becht note \*\*\*

Need to get info out to the industry to show what the CSIFT is doing.

Money, sponsorships, funds need to be raised.

Look to have a member from each committee give feedback to the marketing chair to make sure we are up to date on current events.

Platinum memberships - Do we give them sponsorships for every event? We are working on different packages for people to donate for marketing.

**Membership Committee:**

John Schuette

Nothing to report

**Professional Development (Career Guidance and Continuing Education / Employment / Members in Transition / Technical Programs)**

Sanford Wolgel/Gary Wills/Terri Cummings/Atul Khare

Sanford is in school right now. He is stepping out for 1 year from the Members In Transition program. This program will be taken over by Gary Wills.

**Newsletter Committee**

Anna Lovis

Report submitted.

**Program Committee:**  
See Chair Elect's Report.

Vijay Arora

**Scholarship Committee:**

John Budin

They have a meeting scheduled for later this month. Committee is working on endowments and will report back. John will connect with Uwe and the rest of the EXCOM.

**Supplier's Night Committee:**

Jim Anderson

URGENT – They need volunteers. They are in preparation for Suppliers Night.

**Tanner Committee Report:**

Zuoxing Zheng

No report submitted.

**Young Professionals Committee**

Mike Carson/Suraya Gabel

New Business item - Suraya Gabel is no longer able to volunteer.

They want to align themselves with IFT and request to change their name to New Professionals.

Motion: To change the name of the Young Professionals to New Professionals. Seconded and passed.

They will continue to have monthly meetings. Next month will be a happy hour in the suburbs.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:26 PM – Motion was seconded and carried.

**Submitted by: John Chambers CSIFT Secretary**