

Iowa Section IFT Executive Committee Meeting
February 17, 2011 at Mondo's in Iowa City, Iowa

Members present: Belknap, Gilbert, Jin, Leas, Loucks, Lynch, Randall, Swaim

1. Introductions were made. The second undergraduate representative is Katie Lynch.
2. The secretary's report was presented. The minutes were approved without corrections. Gilbert reported that the State of Iowa 2011 Biennial Report and the IRS Form 990-N were both filled out and submitted.
3. A current member list and list of new members were generated from the National IFT website. Gilbert will continue to send Randall updated email addresses to keep the email list serve current. The Iowa Section Associate membership was updated with the majority of members renewing at the beginning of the year.
4. Swaim gave the treasurer's report. Balance 1-31-11 = \$16,139.37 with \$2025.00 of the balance being available for scholarships. Income was due to membership deposits. Belknap moved to approve the treasurer's report; Leas seconded the motion. The motion carried. Swaim also reported that she had received a quote from Adventureland Inn for the April, 2012 Iowa Supplier's Night. A discussion about what level of funds in the Iowa Section account would concern the National IFT occurred. The answer was unknown; Swaim will follow-up.
5. A report on programming was given. Belknap mentioned that it was very difficult to find tours in the Cedar Rapids area mostly because companies are not allowing tours anymore. Tour inquiries included General Mills, Quaker Oats, Flowers Bakery, Nestle, Anderson Erickson, and Genecor. Genecor is an enzyme producer with a new pilot facility in Cedar Rapids and would be a good possibility for a future tour. The Iowa Food Company Presentations were discussed for the April meeting program. Three companies were signed up including Pioneer Hi-Bred, Kemin Food Technologies, and Caremoli USA. The applications were reviewed. The idea of looking for a winery for the next meeting was discussed. Belknap volunteered to put together a mixer for the April meeting social hour. For tours in the future, Randall noted that Eurofins Scientific has a new building in Des Moines and Kemin will have a new R&D facility in the next few years.
6. Jin and Lynch reported on Food Science Club news. The SHOP is a student run food pantry and just opened in the Food Science Building. The Club trip is planned for Kansas City and will include a tour of Farmland and Frito Lay. The VEISHEA fudge committee decided on white chocolate raspberry as the new fudge flavor. The product development teams are submitting proposals to IFT wellness competition with a soy-based snack item and to the Danisco competition with a gluten-free sweet roll including probiotics and a tea flavored icing for antioxidants. Other recent activities include the Sawyer Elementary Science Night hand washing demonstration and a game night social event.
7. Gilbert reported that the scholarship applications have been sent to the students and posted on the Iowa Section website. The scholarship evaluation committee will be Dr. Murphy, Dr. Reitmeier, Randall and Gilbert. There is \$2025 left in the budget from previous years fundraising. Randall will be in charge of sending out the donations letter soon.
8. A chair-elect nomination is needed. On the every-other-year rotation, the nomination would come from the University this year. Randall will inquire with Dr. Wilson on possibilities. Kelley Kellen is likely finishing her 3 year term, so one new member-at-large nomination is also needed. Gilbert will check with Kellen to confirm that her term is expiring this year.
9. For community activities the success of the November food and coat drive was discussed. The idea of having an additional food drive at the April meeting was suggested. We decided to have a donation jar at the registration table and the Iowa Section would match funds to donate to a local food pantry.
10. National IFT requested to visit a meeting. Wilson was assigned to check on this, but no feedback was given before the meeting.
11. The motion to adjourn was moved by Gilbert and seconded by Belknap and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Kate Gilbert, Iowa Section IFT Secretary