

Iowa Section IFT Transition Executive Committee Meeting
May 19, 2011 at Westside Family Dining in Grinnell, Iowa

Members present: Belknap, Busch, Canon, Clark, Gilbert, Kellen, Leas, Loucks, Swaim and Wilson

1. **Introductions** were made. New contact information was gathered.
2. The **secretary's report** was presented. Motioned by Clark and seconded by Swaim, the minutes were approved with the addition of the Food Science Club product development team news.
- 3a. Swaim presented the **treasurer's report**. Balance 04-30-11 = \$15,564.22 with \$1075.00 of the balance being available for scholarships. The decrease in funds was due to scholarship checks being written and presented at the April meeting. The treasurer's report was approved.
- 3b. Swaim presented the 2009-2010 finished **budget** as a reference for the 2011-2012 budget. It was noted that the Section is breaking even on meeting meals and will aim to do so in the future. The travel grant amount was set at \$200 previously, but will be increased to \$500. The scholarship budgeting and actual did not match and will need to be monitored.
4. **Scholarships** were discussed in some length. A.) The section is getting good sponsorship from Iowa companies, but has a hard time collecting enough money from member donations to cover the undergraduate and graduate scholarships totally \$1000. It was suggested by Gilbert that we could use the company sponsorships for the undergraduate and graduate scholarships in addition to the industry scholarships. B.) Combining company sponsorships may help determine the number of scholarships given out. C.) The application format was also discussed. The application criteria will now include attending a university in Iowa. Leas moved and Clark seconded the motion that scholarship applicants are required to be Iowa Section IFT members. In addition, extra points will be given to students who attend Iowa Section IFT meetings. Clark volunteered to join the scholarship committee. Busch will check with the Wisconsin Section IFT to see if they will share their scholarship application criteria.
5. **New Member Update:** Belknap volunteered to send new members a welcome email. Hosts can be chosen by location. Hosts would greet members and help with nametags. This would be a great way to get more members involved in the meetings. Busch suggested a member spotlight to be added to the newsletter. Also, the Culinary Science Club at Iowa State would be interested in attending our meetings.
6. **Meeting ideas** for the 2011-2012 year were discussed.
 - A.) Company presentations were mostly successful at the April meeting. Presentations ran longer than scheduled, so fewer presentations may need to be scheduled for a program.
 - C.) Tour ideas for this year include: Tassel Ridge Winery, Frisian Farms, West Liberty Foods, Genencor, Cole's Bakery, Millstream Brewery, Templeton Rye (and invite the Aksarben Section), Restaurant companies based out of Iowa (Panchero's, Maid-Rite, Pasqual's) and Foodservice establishments like I-Cubs ballpark, Wells Fargo arena or university facilities.
 - D.) Speaker ideas included Bob Gravani, Joe Regenstein (kosher labeling), Doug Powell (KSU, food safety & functional foods), Starbucks coffee and chocolate pairing and a marketing company rep to talk about trends.
 - E.) For Suppliers' Night we discussed how to attract more attendees. A culinology challenge was suggested along with a couple sessions. It was moved by Gilbert and seconded by Belknap to have the 2012 Suppliers' Night at the Adventureland Inn in Altoona, Iowa on April 19. The motion carried.
 - The fee for the ballroom, boardroom and dining room is \$660.
 - The buffet will cost between \$12 and \$19 with a 6% sales tax and 19% gratuity added.
 - The 2010 night had 32 tables and 75 people attended.

F.) Charitable donations activities will continue. The coat and food drive in November has very good participation. In addition, \$100 was donated by members for the Pennies for the Pantry collection at the April meeting. The Iowa Section will match the \$100. Busch suggested and the group agreed that the \$200 be donated to the new SHOP food pantry on the ISU campus.

7. **Iowa State Fair Judging** was not planned this year. A new summer activity will be brainstormed.

8. **Science Fair Judging and Awards:** The Iowa Section did not participate in the science fair judging this year, but we decided we would like to do it again next year. Clark volunteered to organize the judging.

9. **Strategic Leadership Forum:** Leas, Randall and Gilbert will attend the forum at this year's National IFT in New Orleans.

10. For other items, Gilbert will check on report deadlines and will pass along the information. Also, we did not have a National IFT rep at any of our meetings. Wilson will check with National on this. (**July 1:** Submit the names of newly elected section officers to Erin Carter at ecarter@ift.org-done, **August 31:** Annual Reports are due, **October 31:** Financial Reports are due)

11. No further business was presented. It was motioned by Gilbert and seconded by Clark to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Kate Gilbert, Iowa Section IFT Secretary