

Iowa Section IFT Executive Committee Transition Business Meeting

May 6, 2008

Grinnell, Iowa 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Jabaay, Randall, Burnett, Lopez, Kulchaiyawat, LaGrange, Gilbert, Boylston, Kellen, Kramer, and Collier

1. Minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. LaGrange submitted the Treasurer's Report. Balance as of 5-7-08 = \$6414.69.
3. Boylston thanked all who attended the transition meeting.
4. We reviewed the past IA-IFT year and what worked and what didn't work.  
Some of these were: scholarship fundraising worked and Supplier's Night was successful despite the conflicts with other sections on the same night. Student attendance is low as well as ISU faculty. We need to remind both before meetings and try and not have Thursday night student meetings that conflict with our meetings.
5. Lopez reported on ideas gleaned from the Strategic Leadership Forum. Ideas were as follows: (a.) Get involved in community service such as FFA, 4-H, Fair judging, or Fair sponsorships. (b.) contact food industries on [manta.com](http://manta.com) to generate membership in section and meeting topics (c.) use [manta.com](http://manta.com) as contacts to send out brochure after it is developed (d.) create a Supplier's Night with surrounding IFT groups like Omaha and Kansas City. (e.) expand on social activities for our group (f.) make use of the IFT officers and speakers and have a big "kick" off meeting if possible.
6. Scholarships were discussed. We will raise separate money yearly for our scholarships as we demonstrated it can be done successfully from this year's example. We have \$500 in the fund for next year already.
7. Boylston brought up her idea of getting Science teachers in the communities interested in promoting Food Science as a career. She thought we might invite teachers in the area where we hold our meetings and offer them student dinner prices to attend. We might generate interest for students who like chemistry to become Food Scientists.
8. Jabaay discussed brochure development to give to Iowa companies on IFT. He will make this his project for 2008-09 and Kelley Kellen volunteered to assist with this project.
9. No other business was presented, so we adjourned at 5:30 pm. for dinner.

Submitted by: Toni Burnett, Iowa Section IFT Secretary