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Meeting dates

2012-2013

September 20th,
2012 "Bring a friend
night"

November 8th, 2012

February 21st, 2013

April 18th, 2013

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Greetings from the Secretary

Hello Iowa IFTers,

I hope everyone is out and about enjoying their summer! Fall is just around the corner and the new Executive Committee has been busy establishing goals for our section and planning programs for the upcoming year.

Be on the lookout for more details about our September meeting, which is scheduled for September 20th this year. We hope to see you there. Start recruiting an industry friend or cross functional team member to attend with you! Meal discounts will be offered for those that bring a new member with them.

Also be on the lookout for Iowa Section IFT in social media, as we hope to gain more attention through media outlets such as Face book and/or LinkedIN.

See you soon!

Kelly Belknap

Iowa IFT Section Secretary

**Bookmark the Iowa Section IFT web page @
www.ift.org/sections/iowa/.**

Job Postings—Check out job postings or post job openings for your company. Jobs are still being posted!

Webpage Content—If there is something you want to post that is related to our section or you see something that needs to be updated, please contact Kelly Belknap at:

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Iowa Section Member Spotlights



Name: Stephanie Clark
Company: Iowa State University
Location: Ames, IA



Job Title: Associate Professor, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition; Associate Director, Midwest Dairy Foods Research Center

What is something interesting about your job?

I love serving as the advisor to the Dairy Products Evaluation Team and the Food Product Development Team—our students are so energetic and creative!

What is your favorite food? Blueberries and fresh chevre (goat cheese) or Manchego (aged Spanish sheep cheese)

What is the strangest food you have ever eaten (this could also include an odd pairing of foods)?

I have had the good fortune to serve as a volunteer in Armenia three times (for a total of 6 weeks). On one of my visits, I was given some natural chewing gum, from tree sap. Indeed it was chewy, but it tasted like bitter mint-flavored rubber and the after-taste lingered. Pure lamb lard was another experience there. It is considered a delicacy...

What are your hobbies?

Gardening, ballroom dancing, biking, watercolor, oil painting, card-making, theater

What is your favorite part about being an Iowa Section IFT member? Networking in a low-stress setting (national IFT is just so big!)

Members:

Would your company like to host a meeting or tour?

Contact Senya Finney today!

Be sure to checkout photos of the Culinary Challenge on our website!

Iowa Section Member Spotlights

Name: Tyler Christner

Company: J.M. Swank Company

Location: North Liberty, IA

Job Title: Customer Operations Specialist

What is something interesting about your job?

The food ingredient distribution business is one where you work with all types of customers. What makes my job interesting is the types of customers I deal with on a daily basis. One day I could be selling to a large business, and the next day I could be talking to a startup company looking to grow their business. That aspect allows me to grow with that company over time.

What is your favorite food?

Donuts or Thai food. I can't break the tie, but I would never have a donut after Thai food.

What is the strangest food you have ever eaten (this could also include an odd pairing of foods)?

This would have to be the pork/crab cakes at Chino Latino in Minneapolis. The whole menu is a collection of fusion foods.

What are your hobbies?

I would say my hobbies are golf and traveling. I at least try to golf weekly, but my nine month year old girl Collins has slowed that. I intend to get her into the game so I can get on the course a couple of times a week! Might have to give it a couple of years though.

What is your favorite part about being an Iowa Section IFT member?

I would say the aspect of belonging to an organization bigger than my company and community. I have only been a member for a couple of months, but I know it will allow me to interact with industry leaders that will broaden knowledge in the food industry.

Congratulations to Iowa Section IFT Scholarship Winners:



Lumeng Jin
Kemin Sponsored Undergraduate



Babu Chinnasamy
MFPC Scholarship



Hannah Fuller
Eurofins Scientific
Industry Scholarship



Gerui Li
Kemin Sponsored Graduate

Iowa Section IFT Minutes of the May Executive Committee Transition Meeting

Iowa Section IFT Transition Executive Committee Meeting
May 9, 2012 at Grinnell Steakhouse in Grinnell, Iowa 4 p.m.

Members present: Belknap, Busch, Canon, Christner, Clark, Finney, Gilbert, Leas, Loucks, Randall, Shaw, Swaim and Wilson

1. **Introductions** were made. New contact information was gathered.
2. The **secretary's report** was presented. Motioned by Lester and seconded by Canon, the minutes were approved. Thank you cards were filled out for Judges and the MC of the Culinary Challenge.
- 3a. Swaim presented the **treasurer's report**. Balance 04-30-12 = \$20,031.27
Loucks suggested that the line on the report for Suppliers Night be itemized without the scholarships. New Treasurers report was emailed to the committee on 5-15-12.
Increase on funds was due to Supplier's Night income.
- 3b. Swaim presented the 2010-2012 finished **budget** as a reference for the 2012-2013 budget. The travel grant amount was set at \$500 previously, but will be increased to \$1000. Clark motioned to approve the proposed budget and was seconded by Gilbert.
- 3c. Loucks will look into getting a Square card reader so the section can accept credit cards at meetings.
4. **Scholarships** were discussed. Clark and Leas agreed to coordinate scholarships. The section is getting good sponsorship from Iowa companies, but had poor student participation. Next year the scholarship forms will be sent to the entire FSHNET via Breanna Wetzler. Clark will handle. Clark also suggested that few questions be changed on the resume portion on the scholarship and that career plans should be a separate essay.
5. **New Member Update:** Busch reported that she attended a conference call on recruiting new members. Geography seems to have a significant impact on meeting attendance. Finney suggested that the section utilize social networks to boost participation and will look into Linked In and Facebook. Christner volunteered to send new members a welcome email and to manage the email lists. Other ideas suggested were drafting a letter to employees, designating one meeting "bring a friend night".

Meeting Minutes (continued)

6. **Meeting ideas** for the 2012-2013 year were discussed.

A.) Meeting dates were set for Sept 20th, Nov 8th, Feb 21st, and April 18th.

B.) Finney suggested we do company presentations again in April.

C.) Tour ideas for this year include: Tassel Ridge Winery, Frisian Farms, PURE-foods, Burke, Proliant, Embria, Apiary, and Sparboe.

D.) Speaker ideas included Doug Powell (KSU, food safety & functional foods), Starbucks coffee and chocolate pairing and a marketing company rep to talk about trends.

E.) A summer social was also discussed. There was no interest in participating in the Iowa State Fair judging. There was interest in attending a day game for the IA Cubs.

7. **Suppliers Night** was discussed in some length. Busch reported that 35 suppliers attended, 1 cancelled day of. There were 107 net attendees. This is up 3-5 booths from 2010. There seemed to be a lot of last minute sign ups. Some companies could not attend due to other Midwestern sections hosting their supplier's night the same week. Attendance was 17 and 20 people per session for the FONA talks. It was recommended that the booth fee increase for the next event.

8. Shaw volunteered to head up community service drives for meetings. The group would like to participate in a coat drive in November.

9. **Strategic Leadership Forum:** Loucks will attend the forum at this year's National IFT in Las Vegas.

10. For other items, Leas will move to a two year term. Busch has set a goal that the section create a mission statement. **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 Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

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