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Summer Updates

Hello Iowa Section IFT Members!

I hope everyone has been enjoying the mild summer so far! In previous newsletters we have reported on some changes regarding National IFT and the Iowa Section. More specifically, the proactive move the Iowa Section is taking to participate the "unified membership" model. Although change isn't always the easiest to navigate, the Iowa Section leadership team has been hard at work trying to better understand the proposed changes and find ways to make sure they fit for our section. One change that comes with unified membership is model by-laws set forth by National IFT. Our older bylaws were in desperate need of a refresher, and this gave us the perfect opportunity. A working group was formed to work with National IFT to find solutions that will work for both parties. Our team was able to successfully propose a few changes to the model bylaws. Although there were some compromises, we will work hard to transition into the new bylaws over the next year. Here are some of the changes you may notice in the upcoming years:

- Elections will take place earlier in the year—think January or February
- An Audit committee will be officially formed to evaluate past records
- A Finance committee will be formed to plan for the future
- A Nominations and Elections Committee will be formed
- The committees will take more section member participation, so keep that in mind

We will have copies of the proposed bylaws at upcoming meetings, so be sure to take a look and let us know if you have comments or questions!

Best Regards,
Kelly Belknap
IA-IFT Secretary

2014 - 2015 Event Dates:

- **September 18th**
Tour of John Morrell in Mason City
- **November 20th**
- **February 19th**
- **April 16th**



Iowa receives Section of Excellence Award 2013-14!

In order to be recognized as a Section of Excellence, the section must meet or exceed several criteria. They include the following:

- the section Annual Report and Financial Report are submitted by the deadline

- membership exhibits growth
- at least three meetings are held in the year
- the section website/newsletter is up-to-date
- the section demonstrates their commitment to future generations of food scientists and their community.

Thank you to those that helped make this happen!

Congratulations to the 2014 Scholarship Recipients!

Thank you to our wonderful scholarship donors!

Stephanie Blaser \$550 Outstanding Undergraduate Iowa Section IFT (\$500) / Bob Olson (\$50)

Justin Banach \$550 Outstanding Graduate Iowa Section IFT (\$500) / Bob Olson (\$50)

Molly Paterson \$500 Kemin

Kelsey McCarty \$250 Kemin

Hannah Hansen \$500 from Eurofins Scientific

Lauren Millen \$500 from Eurofins Scientific

Celia Bravard \$500 from ACH Food Companies, Inc.



Food Science Club News

The Iowa State Flight Bites team for the Disney-IFTSA product development competition placed 2nd in the nation. This was announced last week at the annual meeting in New Orleans. Flight Bites are a "Planes"-themed whole grain and fruit snack for kids. Team members Celia Bravard (captain), Katie Ranard, Gail Barnum, Rebecca Gordon, and Karen Valde presented a fun and creative skit showcasing their product for the judges. They did a great job, and we want to congratulate them on all their hard work over the past school year!



Congratulations to Hannah Hansen has been selected as IFTSA's 2014-2015 North Central Area Representative.

Culinary Challenge Recap

1st Place:

Team MAD Appetizer: MAD (Meat A Different) Burger



From L-R: Lisa Schmidt, Celia Bravard, Andrea Weiss, John 'Ta Jones, Erica Beirman

New Member Spotlights!

Jenna Hukee
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What is something interesting about your job? Getting the chance to learn something new every day and help professionals find a career within the Sciences!

What is your favorite food? Homemade Norwegian Lefse with a pastry filling.

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

What are your hobbies? My hobbies are Yoga, reading, running, and spending time with family and friends!

What is your favorite part about being an Iowa Section IFT member? My favorite part is being able to promote our IFT Section across the state. Also, getting the chance to learn and speak with business leaders within the Food Industry in Iowa about new trends and current events.

Andrea Weiss
Frontier Co-op
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What is something interesting about your job? We manufacture over 5000 finished goods, so every day is slightly different. As the Product Development Manager for both Frontier Natural Products and Simply Organic, I have to stay current on ingredients, trends, and regulations around natural and organic. The fun comes into play when I get to create new organic seasoning blends.

What is your favorite food? Sweetheart Cookies (a butter spritz sandwich cookie filled with raspberry jam, and then dipped in white chocolate)

What are your hobbies? In my free time I enjoy baking, reading food blogs, spending time with family and friends, listening to music, watching movies, and riding my motorcycle.

What is your favorite part about being an Iowa Section IFT member? The network of industry, education, and student members. Every meeting I meet someone new that strengthens my connections within the industry. I think it's great how we support the student members through all of the various activities. Being an industry captain for the culinary challenge this past April was a great experience and is something I would recommend to any member wanting to be more involved with the section.

September Meeting at John Morrell in Mason City

We are excited for our September meeting, which will be here before you know it. The meeting will be on Thursday, September 18th and will include a visit to the John Morrell plant in Mason City. The visit will include a video presentation, tour of the plant and a product cutting and tasting. Social hour and dinner will follow. More details will be included in the September newsletter. For now, put September 18th on your calendar. The fun starts at 2:30 pm.

SAVE *the* DATE

September 18, 2014:
tour starts at 2:30 pm



Suppliers' Night Recap

Suppliers' Night 2014 was a great success. Thank you to everyone who participated. For more information, check out our recap page: http://www.iftiowa.org/en/meetings/suppliers_night/



May Transition Executive Meeting Minutes

May 13th, 2014 at Prairie Canary in Grinnell, Iowa 3 p.m.

Members present: Bailey, Belknap, Benner, Busch, Christner, Gilbert, Gent, Hukee, Loucks and Shaw

1. **Introductions** were made. New contact information was gathered. Hukee will take over as Member-at-Large for Christner. Brittany Bailey will take over as Chair-Elect. Bailey moved to appoint Busch as Past Chair. Loucks seconded.

2. The **secretary's report** was presented. Belknap communicated that more work had been done on the website. The website had been utilized for the organization's elections and several job postings have been added. Belknap also suggested ordering IA IFT section thank you cards. Thank you cards were filled out for the Culinary Challenge. Belknap is going to connect with PayPal and EventBrite to see if there is an easier way to manage funds.

3. Loucks presented the **treasurer's report**. Balance 04-30-14 = \$23,134.99 Loucks reported that there are more deposits for May. A revenue report on Suppliers' Night was also presented. Profit for this year's event was \$2,895.44. Bailey and Loucks wish to take a look at student meals. Loucks will finalize this year's budget for the financial report and send out the draft of our budget for next year.

4. Gilbert presented **a recap of the 2013-2014 year**. Much was accomplished, including a new website, mission statement and "brand". A video was also completed and contributes some fun to our website. The section held 3 meetings with tours at Bodean's/Blue Bunny, Kemin, and Evergreen packaging. \$3,350 was awarded to students for 7 scholarships.

5. Gilbert also provided a **recap of Suppliers' Night and the Culinary Challenge**. This was discussed in length, especially how to get more people to walk the show. A joint suppliers' night with a career fair was considered. Busch suggested that we re-evaluate the event to see if this is something to continue in the future.

6. Goals for the upcoming year were established. Busch will complete a new member packet. A sub-committee for updating By-Laws was formed. Belknap, Loucks, Bailey and Shaw will work together on this. Belknap, Bailey, and Loucks will be at National IFT in New Orleans and will address some of our concerns with the proposed bylaws with Erin Carter of National IFT. The top concerns are finding enough people to run for positions and holding elections in January.

7. Scholarship grading was briefly discussed. It was suggested that undergrad and graduate students be evaluated on separate grading systems. Shaw will look at the scholarship evaluation process and propose changes make it easier to compare graduate and undergraduate students.

8. **Meeting ideas** for the 2014-2015 year were discussed.

A.) Meeting dates were set for Sept 18th, Nov 20th, Feb 19st, and April 16th.

B.) Tour ideas for this year include: Tassel Ridge Winery, A dairy, an aquaponics farm, John Morrell in Mason City, Cookies Barbeque sauce in Wall Lake, Merrill Townsend in Des Moines.

C.) A Bring a friend night was also discussed.

D.) An April meeting with speakers and perhaps a panel discussion was suggested. Possibly having the meeting in Ames would be good, so it is close for students.

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Meeting Minutes Cont.

9. Benner gave an update from the **Food Science Club**. VEISHA was cancelled and therefore the club did not raise many funds from fudge sales. Two product development teams were working on products. "Flight Bites" will be presented at National IFT PD competition. The club will also be hosting the regional college bowl competition on Campus. Hannah Hansen has been selected as the IFT student area representative. The section would like to financially contribute to the regional meeting. A T-Shirt sponsorship was suggested.

10. **Strategic Leadership Forum**: No one will be able to attend the forum at this year's National IFT in New Orleans.

11. Other items, August 31: **Annual Reports** are due and Gilbert will submit; October 31: **Financial Reports** are due. Hukee agreed to write the Section's newsletters for the upcoming year. Gent will also look at membership lists and MailChimp.

12. No further business was presented. It was motioned by Belknap and seconded by Gent to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

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