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2015 - 2016 Event Dates:

- September 17th
- November 19th
- February 18th
- April 21st

Summer Updates



From L to R: Angela Shaw, Krista Gent, Jenna Williams, Brittany Bailey, Jessica Schaumburg, Kate Gilbert, Carson Lilly, Laura Weigel, Linda Loucks. Not pictured: Mackenzie Russo

Introducing the 2015-2016 Executive Team! Our annual transition meeting was held in Grinnell on June 25th. There's a lot to look forward to in the upcoming year!

Be sure to get the September 17th meeting on your calendar. We will be traveling to Sioux City to visit the American Popcorn Company and are looking forward to seeing you there!

Best Regards,
Krista Gent, IA-IFT Secretary

Iowa receives Section of Excellence Award Again!

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 & 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 & their community

Thank you to those who helped make this happen!

Congratulations to the 2015 Scholarship Recipients!

Thank you to our wonderful scholarship donors!

Jessica Schaumburg \$750 Outstanding Undergraduate from Frontier Co-op (\$250) & Iowa Section IFT (\$500)

David Manu \$750 Outstanding Graduate from Frontier Co-op (\$250) & Iowa Section IFT (\$500)

Abigail Sparks \$750 from Eurofins Scientific

Sumreet Singh Johar \$750 from Eurofins Scientific

Carmen Au \$500 from Kemin

Lauren Millen \$5000 from Kemin



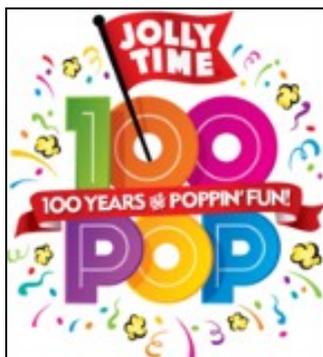
April Meeting Recap

Thank you to all who participated in the April meeting! We had a great turnout at Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy.

We enjoyed a great tour of the farm including the bottle calves, milking facility and the kangaroos! To end the tour we were treated to product tastings. We concluded dinner by choosing among many flavors of hard pack ice cream for dessert.



September Meeting at American Popcorn Company



September 17th,
2015

We are excited for our September meeting, which will be here before you know it. The meeting will be on Thursday, September 17th & will include a tour of the American Popcorn Company plant in Sioux City. Social hour & dinner will follow. More details will be included in the September newsletter.

“The American Pop Corn Company of Sioux City, Iowa, is an independent and family-owned company that, for 100 years, has produced and marketed JOLLY TIME Pop Corn, the first-ever branded popcorn. JOLLY TIME offers a variety of traditional and microwave popcorn products in grocery stores nationwide and in nearly 40 countries around the globe. It has the only microwave popcorn endorsed by Weight Watchers®, in addition to the only microwave popcorn made with the Smart Balance® patented blend of oils. JOLLY TIME Pop Corn is gluten-free and is made using GMO-free popcorn. Learn more at www.jollytime.com.”

Food Science Club News

It may be summer, but students in the Iowa State Food Science Club have been busy. There was a great turnout of students and faculty who attended the IFT Annual Meeting and Food Expo. Congratulations to all of these students for their hard work!

- Hanyu Yangcheng won IFT's Global Student Innovation Challenge sponsored by Tate and Lyle with his dairy food stabilizer system, KIK.
- Lily Benner won the Manfred Kroger Dairy Foods Division Oral Competition with her project *Integrating Ultrasound into High Temperature Short Time Processing for Extending Milk Microbial Shelf Life*.
- Justin Banach presented two posters: *Free Sulfhydryl and Microstructural Changes in Model High-protein Nutrition Bars Formulated with Extruded or Toasted Milk Protein Concentrates* & *Sensory and Textural Properties of High-protein Nutrition Bars Formulated with Extruded Milk Protein Concentrate*.
- Dr. Lester Wilson's lab group, consisting of Dr. Gail Nonnecke, Nicole Eagin, Christine Eckert, RJ Lysne, Lauren Millen, Kendall Ryan, and Jessica Schaumburg presented a poster on *Determining the Optimum Harvest Time for Aronia Berries to Maximize Their Antioxidant and Sensory Properties*.
- Jessica Schaumburg received an IFT Feeding Tomorrow scholarship.



Member Spotlight!



Name: Laura Weigel

Company: Aerotek

Location: West Des Moines, IA

Job Title: Scientific Account Manager



What is something interesting about your job? I get the opportunity to partner with many scientific companies in central Iowa by helping to place qualified candidates in their open job positions as well as learn about their business!

What is your favorite food? Pizza!

What is the strangest food you have ever eaten? Tuna tartare

What are your hobbies? My hobbies include running, yoga, sand volleyball and hanging out with friends/family.

What is your favorite part about being an Iowa Section IFT member? My favorite part about being an IFT member is learning more about the food industry within Iowa!

Annual Meeting Section Summit & Forum Recap



National IFT hosted 2 meetings for section leaders at the Annual Meeting. Both were informative and helpful.

- Kate Gilbert attended the Section Summit to learn about the legal and financial principles behind the proposed section by-laws and affiliation agreement. The result of the meeting was that National and the Sections are finding some middle ground. The Iowa Section still has a few issues to discuss with National, but we are getting closer to documents we feel comfortable signing.
- The second meeting was the Section Forum. Brittany Bailey, Angela Shaw and Kate Gilbert attended. The goal of the Section Forum was to allow section leaders to talk and gather best practices and new ideas from other sections. There was also quite a bit of discussion on understanding section membership and their needs.

The Iowa Section Executive Committee would like your feedback on a number of things, so be looking for a survey from us in the near future. We realize surveys are generally not a top priority, but encourage you to take a little time to let us know what you want from the section. We are always willing to hear feedback.

April Executive Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2015 Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy, Hudson, IA

Members present: Belknap & Busch (via phone), Gent, Gilbert, Lilly, Loucks, Shaw, & Schaumburg

1. **Introductions** & announcements were made.
2. Belknap gave the **secretary's report**. Belknap thanked everyone who helped with the April newsletter. Belknap is working on getting a list of secretary duties that are done on a regular basis for the transition meeting.
3. Loucks presented the **treasurer's report**. The checking balance was \$20,734.51 as of March 31st.
4. Shaw briefly went over **April meeting details**. The meeting included a tour of the Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy farm, a video of their ice cream making process and product tasting. A dinner & business meeting will follow with the presentation of student scholarships.
5. Schaumburg & Lilly gave the **Food Science Club update**. The club enjoyed their club trip to Minnesota. They toured several companies such as General Mills & Malt-O-Meal. The Iowa State Food Science Department hosted the IFTSA Regional meeting this spring. The event went very well. Lilly informed the group that next year regions are redistributing, and the University of Missouri will be added. The regional meeting will be held in Minnesota next year.
6. **Scholarships** were discussed. All money for scholarships has been collected from the donating companies. \$1500 was donated by Eurofins Scientific, \$1000 was donated by Kemin Industries, \$500 was donated by Frontier Natural Products Co-op, & \$1000 was donated by the Iowa Section IFT. The section handed out four \$750 scholarships & two \$500 scholarships. It was decided that next year the scholarship application will be available to students in the fall. This will allow them ample time to ask for letters of recommendation. We will no longer accept late applications. It was also noted that Gilbert will receive an e-mail when the student's letters of recommendation are received so she can e-mail the student to notify them.
7. New committees & **Elections** for the 2015-2016 year were discussed. Shaw will run for Chair-Elect. Loucks will continue to serve as our treasurer for one more year. Loucks suggested that a student in the business college may be a good replacement for her after her term next year. Gent will run as secretary. Mackenzie Russo (3 year term) & Laura Weigel (2 year term) will run for members at large. The election ballot was almost ready to be sent out to members via e-mail. The plan was to send it out around the first week of May.
8. **IFT15** was discussed. There will be a new sections meeting held on the Friday before the National IFT Expo. Kate will be attending this meeting. National IFT will also host the Section Leadership Summit again this year the Saturday of IFT. Bailey, Shaw, & Gilbert showed interest in going. A final decision will be made by June 22nd. It was noted that we have \$1000 budgeted for travel expenses. This money may possibly be needed by Shaw & Gilbert for the meetings.
9. The biennial **suppliers' nights** was discussed at length. The main conversation focused on if there should even be a 2016 supplier's night. An alternative of having a professional development event was also discussed. It was noted that we made about \$2,800 on the last suppliers' night. It was decided that we first need to set a date & decide if the event should be in the fall or the spring. We will then decide on a location & who we want involved.
10. Gent moved to adjourn the meeting & was seconded by Busch. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Krista Gent, Incoming Secretary.

June Transition Executive Meeting Minutes

June 25th, 2015 at Prairie Canary in Grinnell, Iowa 3 p.m.

Present: Bailey, Belknap, Busch, Gilbert, Gent, Lilly, Loucks, Schaumburg, Shaw, Weigel, & Williams

1. **Introductions** were made. New contact information was gathered. Gilbert will transition to Past President for outgoing Busch, Bailey will transition to President, & Shaw will transition to President Elect. Gent will take over as Secretary for outgoing Belknap. Weigel will take over as Member-at-Large for Gent & Russo will take over as Member-at-Large for outgoing Shaw.
2. **Secretary's report:** Gilbert motioned to amend the meeting minutes to state that we made \$2,800 instead of \$28,000 on the April 2014 suppliers' night & the motion was seconded by Busch. Gilbert moved to approve the amended minutes & was seconded by Williams. Both motions passed. Belknap communicated that she & Gent are working on transitioning after Gent's maternity leave.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Loucks reported that the balance as of May 31st, 2015 was \$17,838.45. Loucks also reported that there will soon be more deposits for the April meeting from PayPal. The budget sheets were explained, & it was noted that there will be greater travel expenses for this year compared to last year. It was decided that we will use last year's proposed budget for now & the executive committee will re-evaluate it at the September meeting.
4. **Food Science Club Update:** Lilly stated that it was summer & club meetings will resume again in September. She also gave a recap on IFTSA again & was impressed with how well it went.
5. **Scholarship Update:** The section handed out four \$750 scholarships & two \$500 scholarships this year. Bailey commented that the new scoring matrix for scholarship recipient selection was much improved, however the language also needs to be in the scholarship application so that the students know what they need to highlight about themselves. We will also make it clear on who is eligible to apply. It was decided that next year the scholarship application will be available to students in the fall. This will allow them ample time to ask for letters of recommendation. We will no longer accept late applications. Gilbert will work on a way for either her or Dr. Clark to inform the students about references received & those that are still needed.
6. **National Recognition:** The section was awarded the seal of excellence for last year. Also, Andrea Weiss and Angela Shaw were selected as our outstanding volunteers. Belknap will order plaques.
7. **Meeting ideas:** Meeting dates were set for Sept 17th, Nov 19th, Feb 18th, & April 21st. Tour ideas for this year include: American Popcorn, General Mills, Hy-Vee Distribution, Osceola Foods, ISU Dining, Iowa Food Co-Op, West Central Co-Op, Mrs. Clarks, Tones, PurFoods, & Tassel Ridge Winery.
8. **Transitioning & Task Distribution:** All will help transition their replacements. It was decided that the President Elect, Secretary, & Treasurer would have access to PayPal. It was also decided that the PayPal reader would remain with the President Elect. Members At Large were assigned tasks. Russo will be in charge of our social media sites as well as taking pictures at events. Williams will be in charge of the website. Weigel will keep track of membership including updating our Mailchimp e-mail list & sending out new member packets/e-mails to those who join the section.

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9. **Suppliers' Night 2016:** The option to suspend Suppliers' Night indefinitely was discussed. It was determined that a survey or member/supplier feedback in some form was needed to make this decision. Once feedback is obtained discussion will be resumed at the September meeting.
10. **Career Development Event:** Discussion of a new event to replace Suppliers' Night resumed. The title of the event, event activities, the target event attendee, & other goals & objectives were discussed. There were many good ideas given, however a decision for the direction & focus of the new event was not determined. The new event will continue to be discussed via conference calls & at the September meeting. It was decided to have a yearlong platform on professional development to start things off. This will include having career development centered social hour activities, dinner presentations, and possibly more.
11. **Goals for 2015-2016:** Goals were established for the upcoming year.
 - A new member packet will be completed.
 - By-Laws & Affiliation Agreement will be finished.
 - Most board members will attend website training.
 - Recruitment will be increased
 - We would like to see at least 5 new companies attend a meeting
 - Members At Large will work on a post card to send out to members in close proximity to the meeting locations
 - New companies will be invited to present at meetings
12. Gent moved to adjourn the meeting & was seconded by Williams. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Krista Gent, Secretary



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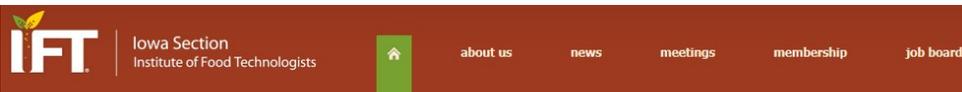
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