

Iowa Section IFT Executive Committee Transition Meeting

May 27, 2009 at the West Side Family Restaurant in Grinnell, Iowa at 4:30pm

Members present: Anderson, Boylston, Brewer, Canon, Coller, Gilbert, Jabaay, Kellen, Kramer, LaGrange, Lopez, Randall, Swaim, Wilson

1. Introductions were made for new members. Also, announcements from the new Chair were made. Lopez is expecting her first to be born in August!
2. LaGrange submitted the Treasurer's Report. Balance 5-27-09 = \$6,610.13. Also, it was reported that the Midwest IFT Event CDs mature this November (instead of last November), so the money will be transferred into the Iowa Section treasury at that time.
3. Minutes of the April 16, 2009 Executive Board meeting were reviewed.
4. Programs for the new year were discussed. Ideas include touring the American Packaging Corporation in Story City and eating at the Old Hamburg restaurant in the Viking Hotel, touring Bochner Chocolates in Iowa City and eating at the Ox Yoke in the Amana Colonies with possible entertainment from the Old Creamery Theater, touring Mariposa Farms (herbs), Natural Products (soy ingredients), and/or Wildwood Soy Yogurt in Grinnell. Other ideas were touring West Liberty Foods, finding a honey producer to visit, and learning more about the Iowa Food Cooperative centered in Des Moines.
5. The topic of how to include more philanthropy with our meetings was discussed. A coat drive for the November meeting and a food drive for the February meeting were mentioned. Also, inviting local science teachers to section meetings will continue.
6. A note about keeping attendance at meetings was made. Brewer volunteered to coordinate student nametags. Gilbert volunteered to keep track of member nametags.
7. Supplier's night will take place in Cedar Rapids this year. Sam Beattie will conduct a HACCP workshop prior to the Supplier's Night.
8. Volunteers to help with the Chair Elect with meetings are as follows: Kellen and Canon-Story City, Swaim and Coller-Supplier's Night, Randall-Grinnell or Amana/Iowa City.
9. Science Fair judging will be continued at the State level as participation has been good.
10. The scholarship application and scoring criteria will be revamped by Gilbert and Randall and then presented at a later date.
11. The membership committee of Lopez, Swaim, and Sam Beattie is working on handouts for Iowa food companies to educate/interest them in IFT.
12. A social outing to the State Fair was discussed. A sign-up for anyone interested in judging or volunteering in the Food Department will be sent out.
13. Burnett is working on the Annual Report, Jabaay will audit the books this year, and Randall is looking into a course to learn about website maintenance.
14. No other business was presented. Motion by Gilbert and second by Kramer to adjourn. Motion carried. We adjourned and enjoyed a meal at the West Side Family Restaurant.

Submitted by: Kate Gilbert, Iowa Section IFT Secretary