

Minutes of the IFT Extension and Outreach Division

General Business Meeting

Sunday, June 16, 2002

12:05 – 1:10

Anaheim Convention Center

Meeting Chair: Fadi Aramouni, Kansas State University
Secretary: Karen Blakeslee, Kansas State University. (Doug Holt, University of Missouri, substituted.)

Participants:

Julie Albrecht, University of Nebraska; Elizabeth Andress, University of Georgia; Fadi Aramouni, Kansas State University; Les Bourquin, Michigan State University; Charlotte Brennand, Utah State University; Carol D’Lima, Purdue University; Kenneth Hall, University of Connecticut; Doug Holt, University of Missouri; Pat Kendall, Colorado State University; William Mikel, University of Kentucky; Brian Nummer, University of Georgia; Ruth Patrick, Louisiana State University; Karen Penner, Kansas State University; Carolyn Raab, Oregon State University; Cindy Roberts, University of Maryland; Don Schaffner, Rutgers University; Sue Snider, University of Delaware; Edith Thomas, USDA/CSREES; (18 participants)

An agenda and copy of the minutes from the 2001 meeting were distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved by voice vote. There were no negative votes heard.

Announcements

- 1) The Division needs to prepare for elections as soon as possible
- 2) Participation by Division members in the Journal of Food Science Education was encouraged.
- 3) Election results were announced.

Chair-elect	Douglas L. Holt	University of Missouri
Secretary	Karen M. Blakeslee	Kansas State University
Members at large	Nancy C. Flores	New Mexico State University
	Robert C. Pearl	University of California – Davis
	Don Schaffner	Rutgers University

They will be joining the officers whose terms will continue in 2002-03:

Chair	Les Bourquin	Michigan State University
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Past Chair	Fadi Aramouni	Kansas State University
TPS Representative	Karen Penner	Kansas State University
Newsletter Editor	Elizabeth Andress	University of Georgia
Councilor	William B. Mikel	University of Kentucky
Members at large	Anna Hood	Mississippi State University
	John Marcy	University of Arkansas
	Juan Silva	Mississippi State University

- 4) Les Bourquin (Michigan State University) thanked Elizabeth Andress (University of Georgia) for her work on the newsletter. Elizabeth in turn thanked Brian Nummer (University of Georgia) for his work on the mechanics of getting the newsletter out.
- 5) Ruth Patrick (Louisiana State University) invited everyone to see the live oak tree planted in honor of her retirement at the entrance of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, LA. The tree and a marker are there in honor of Ruth's 31-year career in nutrition and food safety extension.

Budget

There was a brief discussion of the budget. The Division remains in acceptable financial status with about \$7,100 as a current balance. Expenses related to the newsletter are minimal, principally because the publication is distributed electronically to the vast majority of members.

The only outstanding item on the 2001-2002 budget is a software purchase that remains to be completed.

It was noted that income from dues was down considerably. This led into a discussion of membership development (see below).

It was moved and seconded to approve the budget as presented by Les Bourquin (Michigan State University). Some general discussion followed.

Several specific lines in the budget were clarified. The speaker travel for the annual meeting was to provide an honorarium for one of the symposium presenters. The miscellaneous category for the annual meeting was thought to be the contribution of the Division to the IFT general mixer, but this needed additional clarification. The money labeled for the IFT Leadership Conference is to cover travel expenses for the chair elect to attend the activity in Chicago.

The budget was approved by voice vote without changes. There were no dissenting votes heard.

Membership Development

A lively discussion about the membership of the Division ensued. Someone noted that the name change for the Division was in part to attract members who did not

hold traditional Land Grant University Extension appointments such as other University faculty and private consultants.

It was suggested that the Division consider creating a brochure to advertise the division. This led to a discussion of what were the benefits to someone joining the Division.

A partial list of the benefits of membership in the Division includes: networking, newsletter and symposium activities at the national meeting. Of these, the most important and unique to membership was the networking opportunities.

It was suggested that the Division consider funding a “mixer” at the national meeting. Kenneth Hall (University of Connecticut) and Ruth Patrick (Louisiana State University) led a discussion of some historical aspects of the division. Several important points emerged:

- 1) The mixer was an important part of the Division’s activities in the past
- 2) Financial considerations led to the discontinuation of the mixer for the past several years
- 3) Allowing informal sharing of programs and activities was probably more desirable than a formal presentation
- 4) The mixer might be a good way to involve students interested in extension or outreach careers, but who spend most of their time at the meeting involved in technical presentations. Their activities in supporting extension outreach professionals (especially University faculty) might make for an interesting topic at a “mixer” type function.

A committee consisting of Fadi Aramouni, Kansas State University; Kenneth Hall, University of Connecticut; Don Schaffner, Rutgers University; and Sue Snider, University of Delaware, was formed and charged with creating a “mixer” event for the Chicago IFT meeting in 2003.

Symposium

There was general agreement that the 2002 symposium on biotechnology was well done and well received. It was estimated that the attendance may have reached more than 250 during the course of the morning.

Several ideas for next year’s symposium were considered:

- 1) It was noted that the pattern in the past several years was to alternate food safety and food biotechnology topics
- 2) *Costs of Food Safety*. This topic was questioned for its relevance to the Division. There was some interest in expanding the idea to include chronic diseases associated with food-borne illnesses such as reactive arthritis. The title “Food Safety – Beyond Diarrhea” was suggested. There were a number of potential speakers mentioned.

- 3) *The problem of antibiotic resistance*. The CDC could be a useful partner for this topic.
- 4) *Moving beyond Our Traditional Borders*. This included ideas of internet resources, inter- and intra-agency partnerships, intrastate activities, distance education, technological issues and lessons learned. Several potential speakers were identified including someone representing the Iowa State “Ask a Food Safety Expert” project, the New England Food Safety Consortium and Kansas State’s distance education program in Food Science. A title of “*The World of Outreach*” was suggested.
- 5) *Using food color and other characteristic to identify functional/neutraceutical properties of foods*. This reflects back to what was once considered to be rather poor science but is now no longer quite so unusual. John Mliner’s work with garlic was offered as a specific example of the type of presentation that might be interesting. It was suggested that this topic might be of interest to the nutrition division as well.

A committee consisting of Les Bourquin, Michigan State University; Doug Holt, University of Missouri; Brian Nummer, University of Georgia and Ruth Patrick, Louisiana State University was appointed to prepare the symposium proposal for the IFT. A working title is required to be submitted to the IFT by sometime in September and a full proposal is needed by December.

There was some discussion of the format of the symposium. It seems that the format is set somewhat by the rest of the IFT conference. It was noted that no evaluations were done this year as a cost savings to the Institute.

There was also some discussion about the timing of the symposium. Karen Penner (Kansas State University) explained some of the logistics of symposium planning from her vantage point as Technical Program Subcommittee representative from the Extension and Outreach division. There was general agreement that the early timeslot was preferable.

Other Business

There was a discussion of forming an awards committee at the recommendation of the IFT councilors. There was no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Douglas L. Holt (University of Missouri)