

Foodservice Division Executive Committee meeting

date/time

June 25, 2006

location

Rosen Center
Salon 13, Orlando,
Florida

details

The meeting began at 3:15 p.m., CDT (These minutes are from Steve Williams.)

In attendance: Dwaraka Rao, Bill Baran, Don Schaffner, Mary Adolf, John Randall, Brittany, Klimstra, Helen Alexanderson-Lee, Peter Snyder, Gideon Zeidler, Linda Halik, Stephanie Struble, Sheri Mock, Mary, Gail Wiseman (IFT Staff Rep.) Susan Hughes (guest Edelman/Almond Board CA).

Topics and discussion:

Meeting minutes from June 9, 2006 were approved without changes.

Peter Synder notified the Committee that he needs articles for the Foodservice Division Newsletter and requested members forward him articles prior to August 15.

Bill Baran reported that IFT had sent an update of the Foodservice Division 2006 budget covering 3rd quarter expenses only. The total account is \$64,891 and current net change is \$3,020. A 2007 budget is due Aug 1st. The Annual Division Report is due July 15, 2006.

The next conference call is being scheduled for week of August, 14'06. An email will be sent to all participants with a specific date and time.

Terry Van Winkle from TIC Gums was the guest speaker and gave an update on the Research Chef Association (RCA). Terry believes there should be greater synergy between IFT and RCA. At the RCA annual meeting held in Houston, TX this year there were 150 exhibitor booths. There are approximately 2200 members of RCA and 50% of the members are chefs. The RCA is supporting educational programs with Rutgers University, Johnson & Wells, the Culinary Institute Association (CIA) and 8 other universities that now offer 4-year degrees in Culinology.

Gideon Zeidler suggested the IFT Foodservice Division sponsor a workshop with the RCA on how to start a restaurant as a new business endeavor. IFT Foodservice Division (FSD) wants to increase linkage with the RCA at their next annual meeting scheduled for March 8-11. RCA will meet in Chicago on October 1 for Long Range Planning and it was suggested that Brittany Klimstra make a presentation to RCA on behalf of the IFT Foodservice Division.

Brittany Klimstra recommended the IFT FSD donate \$3,500 to the Y2007 IFT Fun Run which supports undergraduate and graduate scholarships. This recommendation was approved by the Committee.

Mary Adolf will email Don Schaffner international agencies that are equivalent to the domestic National Restaurant Association (NRA).

John Randall's IFT Executive Meeting update indicates the general membership voted to dissolve the "Councilor" position at the Division Level and the Divisions may be moving to a three chair model. There are currently 27 IFT Divisions and IFT may propose migrating to a "Cluster" or "Umbrella" structure in an effort to better define themes for upcoming annual meetings.

Symposium Topics for Y2007 were discussed with Peter Synder and Dwaraka Rao to lead this initiative. Symposium topics identified for Y2007 focused on Food Safety of the Supply Chain, HACCP, Bioterrorism, Modified Atmospheric Packaging and Sous Vide / Cook Chill Processing.

The Web-Page Committee wants to improve the IFT FDS website and make it more interactive and useful to the FDS membership. Brittany Klimstra suggested reviewing the RCA web-site to gain ideas and insights that could be implemented into the IFT FDS website. Brittany and Dwaraka volunteered to work on this committee along with Bill Baran.

Well deserved awards were given to Peter Synder (Outstanding Volunteer Member), Kathy Ware (Y2004-05 Chairman), Lori White, Ed O'Neil, and Brittany Klimstra 2years service as Members-at-Large and Lynn Hodulik for years of administrative assistance.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm and the group moved to the reception area in Salon 12.

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