

Iowa-Section of the Institute of Food Technologists
Minutes April 20, 2006
Clarion Hotel & Convention Center – Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Executive Committee Meeting

Attending: Bob Bahn, Janis Hochstetler, Sharon Leas, Mark Love, Aubrey Mendonca, Krisha Miller, Kristen Robbins, Lin Wang, and Lester Wilson.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:25 pm by Robbins at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center – Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
2. Leas and Miller the new student representatives were introduced to the rest of the executive council.
3. The secretary's minutes from November 17, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Wilson moved and seconded by Bahn to approve the secretary's minutes. Motion passed.
4. Wang gave the treasurer's report of a balance \$7125.91 as of March 31, 2006. There will be much income and several expenses for the nights meeting that will be reported at the transition executive meeting later this spring. Wilson moved and seconded by Bahn to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.
5. Robbins reported the Linda Svendsen, Councilor, had emailed that she would not be able to attend the Annual IFT Councilor meeting in Orlando, Florida this year and alternate councilor Terri Boylston could go, but had not planned on it. It was decided for Robbins to ask the newly elected councilor if he/she would be able to go to the councilor meeting and if not Wilson offered to be our representative. Robbins will need to report to National IFT who the Iowa Section will be sending as our councilor representative to the National IFT meeting.
6. ISU Food Science Club Report was given by Leas and Miller. The Club made and is selling fudge at VEISHEA; a field trip to Minneapolis was planned and taken; College bowl team won the regional contest and will compete at nationals.

The Iowa Section budgets \$500 for travel grants for students to national meetings. Applications for those monies were due to Wilson on March 31, 2006. Wilson and the travel grant committee met to give a recommendation to award these funds. The recommendation were that two students that are presenting papers at National IFT meeting each be awarded \$100 each and six students that are members of the college bowl team competing at the National IFT meeting be awarded \$50 each. (The college bowl students are getting monies from other entities to finance there trip) Leas moved and seconded by Love to approve the recommendation from the travel grant committee. Motion passed.

The Iowa Section also budgets \$500 for Student Club support. The student representatives requested that these monies be approved to be released to the club in support of the college bowl team expenses to the regional and national contests. Bahn moved and seconded by Wilson to approve the release of the Iowa Section IFT Budgeted \$500 for Student Club Support monies to the ISU Food Science Clubs. Motion passed.

Robbins tabled discussion about giving additional Iowa IFT funds to the college bowl team until the transition executive council meeting.

7. Robbins reported that she will be contacting all executive council members and newly elected members to plan the transition meeting. Dates were discussed and one day will be chosen from May 22-24 or May 31 or June 1 or 2. Robbins will look into a place that we would not have to rent somewhere in the Grinnell area.

8. Hochstetler reported that she would like to discuss membership at the transition meeting, specifically getting more members involved with the section meetings. Hochstetler's term is up as secretary and stated she has enjoyed working with the executive committee over the past few years.
9. Love reported on nominations for the open offices on executive council: Program Chair: Ross Jabaay- Burke Corporation; Secretary: Toni Burnett- Burke Corporation and Councilor- Gits Prabhu- PHD Technologies LLC. Love will have the name for the nomination for Alternate Councilor at the regular business meeting. He will present this slate of candidates for the membership to vote on at the meeting.
10. Mendonca reported that tonight's program will consist of recognizing the science fair award winners and judges, Iowa Section Scholarship Winners and the ISU Food Science Club will give a presentation on the past year's club activities.
11. Wilson reported that the 2006 Midwest Food Processing Conference (MFPC) will be held at November 7, 2006 in Chicago with the Chicago Section leading the planning. This will be the 25th year for the conference and the theme is "Innovation in Food Systems: How to take the silver ideas and create golden opportunities?" The tentative agenda includes: salt reduction/salt replacers, natural or organic labeling, guidelines and regulatory issues, process innovations and food safety. There will also be the Culinary Challenge. Wilson will ask for volunteers to be part of the Iowa Section contingent that is part of the MFPC planning committee at the regular business meeting.

Wilson motioned for adjournment, Wang second. Motion passed. Adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Suppliers Night

Dave Raife reported that 34 companies were represented at suppliers night show.

Dinner

Fourteen students and twenty-seven members enjoyed sit down meal with the choice of four-cheese lasagna or stuffed-chicken with garlic mashed potatoes at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In addition to suppliers night show, it was student sponsorship night (members sponsored student meals and met up and sat together at dinner to network) and awards night.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was conducted by Kristen Robbins and called to order at 7:45 p.m.

All attendees introduced themselves and affiliation.

Mendonca reported on the science fair winners

Robbins reported that National IFT awarded our section with a certificate of merit. Also National IFT has new career in food science educational materials for high school councilors. She also reported the section has \$7125.91 in the treasury as of March 31, 2006.

Cheryll Reitmeier, Scholarship and Awards Committee Chairperson, with the assistance of Robbins presented the following scholarship:

Iowa Section IFT Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship: Sharon Leas

Iowa Section IFT Outstanding Graduate Scholarship: Jovin Hasjim

Iowa Food Industry Scholarship: Ryan Husak

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Robbins introduced Kate Gilbert, president of the ISU Food Science Club. Robbins wished Gilbert and the rest of the College Bowl team good luck at the National Competition. Gilbert presented a power point presentation of the club activities. The club has been very active the past year and thanked the Iowa Section for all of their support.

Love reported the slate of nominations for the open offices on executive council: Program Chair: Ross Jabaay- Burke Corporation; Secretary: Toni Burnett- Burke Corporation, Councilor- Gits Prabhu- PHD Technologies and Alternate Councilor Mike Kramer- GPC. Robbins asked for additional nominations for each open office. None were given, nominations were closed. Wilson moved and seconded by Love to approve the slate of nominations for election to the open offices. Motion passed to elect the slate of officers nominated.

Meeting adjourned by Robbins at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis M. Hochstetler, Iowa Section IFT Secretary
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