

Iowa Section IFT Executive Committee Meeting

February 18, 2010 at the Ox Yoke Inn, Amana Colonies, Iowa at 4:00 pm

Members present: Boylston, Canon, Collier, Gilbert, Kellen, LaGrange, Lopez, McCarty,
Olson, Swaim, & Wilson

1. Introductions were made.
2. The secretary's report was presented. Motioned by Wilson and seconded by Collier, the minutes were approved. In addition to the minutes from the November meeting, comments on the IRS and the tax status of the Iowa Section were shared. Gilbert took over the correspondence with the IRS to try to clarify the non-profit status of the section. The latest communication classified the Iowa Section IFT as a 501 c 6 organization although the National IFT files as a 501 c 3 organization. A new 990-EZ form was filed with an explanation letter to the IRS. In the meantime, a W-9 form will be completed for those companies needing the information for the Iowa Suppliers Night.
3. LaGrange presented the treasurer's report. Balance 02-18-10 = \$12,534.70 with \$3025.00 of the balance being available for scholarships. The main increase in funds from November was from receiving Iowa Suppliers Night table registrations. Motioned by Olson and seconded by Wilson, the treasurer's report was approved as written. The need for a receipt book was discussed and it was decided that LaGrange will purchase one before the April meeting.
4. Meeting updates were made by Wilson. The National IFT speaker, Dr. Gravani had to cancel for the February meeting, but is willing to reschedule for next September or November.
5. Swaim reported on the upcoming Suppliers Night. Currently 11 tables have been registered with 5 or 6 signed up for door prize bingo. The goal is to register 30 tables. To further advertise the event, another round of emails and a National IFT email blast will be sent out along with a postcard reminder. Dr. Beattie will be holding a HACCP seminar before the Suppliers Night as planned. The meeting menu is similar to the previous Cedar Rapids event. The meeting will include door prizes, scholarships, and an ISU Food Science Club update.
6. For Food Science Club News, it was reported by McCarty that our second Iowa Section IFT undergrad representative will be GiNESSA Gerlock. Club members are getting ready for the product development competitions, a club trip to Minneapolis, hosting the regional IFTSA meeting and College Bowl competition and making and selling fudge for VEISHEA.
7. The State Science Fair competition will be held in Ames March 26th & 27th. Boylston will let the planning committee know the Iowa Section would be willing to judge projects and award a top junior high and senior high food-related project. The Iowa Section contributes \$50 to each winner. The ISU FSHN department has matched \$50 for each in the past. A few volunteers from the central Iowa area will be needed for judges. The winners will be invited to attend the April meeting if possible.
8. The new scholarship applications are ready to be handed out at the meeting and distributed through the FSHN department at Iowa State. Randall was absent, but as long as she is willing, will gather scholarship funds.

9. Olson gave a proposal on what could be done with the MFPC funds the section received after the event was dissolved. The funds total ~\$3700. There was a lot of discussion, but it was motioned by Wilson and seconded by Olson with the motion carrying to use the money for an additional \$500 scholarship (the MFPC Memorial Scholarship). Other ideas to be pursued include a possible “rising star” scholarship for a young student with potential and travel grants for students presenting papers at National IFT meetings. Criteria and specifics would have to be determined for those possibilities.

10. Lopez explained the current executive team roster and where positions will need to be filled for next year. For Chair Elect, Joan Randall will be asked for approval to be nominated. Swaim agreed to be nominated for Treasurer. For Member-At-Large positions, Kelly Belknap, a member from Swank, Stephanie Clark, and Sharon Leas will be approached.

11. Community Initiatives were discussed. It was decided that the food and coat drive was a success. Also, a donation of \$100 was made to the Riverbend Food Bank in eastern Iowa.

12. No further business was presented. It was motioned by Gilbert and seconded by Kellen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. We adjourned and enjoyed an Amana meal at the Ox Yoke Inn.

Submitted by: Kate Gilbert, Iowa Section IFT Secretary