

Iowa Section IFT Transition Executive Committee Meeting

May 27, 2010 at Westside Family Dining in Grinnell, Iowa

Members present: Belknap, Canon, Gilbert, LaGrange, Lopez, Loucks, Olson, Randall, and Swaim

1. Introductions were made. New contact information was gathered.
2. The secretary's report was presented. Motioned by Belknap and seconded by Swaim, the minutes were approved. Comments were made about the Iowa Section website. When the new National IFT website was launched, a new server was used. Many Iowa Section IFT website documents were lost. These issues will be looked at and fixed during the summer.
3. LaGrange presented the treasurer's report. Balance 05-27-10 = \$15,248.50 with \$2025.00 of the balance being available for scholarships. The decrease in funds was due to scholarship checks being written and presented at the April meeting. Motioned by Loucks and seconded by Olson, the treasurer's report was approved as written.
4. A discussion about having an updated list of new Iowa Section IFT members was held. There appears to be no easy way to find out when new individuals join the section. Gilbert will contact National IFT to determine if there is a way to find out about new members.
5. The IRS is still sending confusing forms. Documents will stay in Gilbert's name to avoid further confusion.
6. Meeting ideas for the 2010-2011 year were discussed. It was mentioned that we still could have the IFT speaker who missed the last February meeting, Dr. Gravani, speak at a meeting. Iowa State requested a joint speaker for November.
7. Randall reported for the September meeting we could tour Mariposa Herb Farms, but the owners requested that no competing company members attend as there would be proprietary information. Mariposa Farms is located near Grinnell. The Phoenix Café & Inn is the targeted dinner location. The café serves local foods and has a wine and coffee bar. Loucks will assist Randall with the September meeting details.
8. For the November meeting, an IFT speaker will be invited for the program. The tour could be Caremoli, Barilla, and/or the Snus Hill Winery. Canon and Kellen will assist with meeting details.
9. For the February meeting, possibilities include a Millstream Brewery tour or Old Creamery entertainment in the Amana area. This would be another possibility for another IFT speaker. Belknap will assist with meeting details.
10. For the April meeting, a tour of Sparboe egg facility in New Hampton was suggested by Randall. Dates for the April meeting were discussed. It was decided that it would be advantageous to avoid VEISHEA if student participation was desired. Clark and Leas will assist with meeting details.
11. Other meeting possibilities included a tour of Frisian Farms Gouda cheese facility, a honey facility or Oskaloosa Food Products.
12. Loucks inquired as to how speakers and topics are chosen for meetings.
13. When tours are being planned, it was decided that two tours should be set up so the executive team can go on the tours and still have their meeting before social hour starts.
14. New contact information will be sent out to the rest of the team by Gilbert.
15. Anyone wanting to judge at the Iowa State Fair food department is welcome to do so.
16. No further business was presented. It was motioned by Belknap and seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. We adjourned and enjoyed dinner.

Submitted by: Kate Gilbert, Iowa Section IFT Secretary