

Iowa Section IFT Executive Committee Meeting

September 16, 2010 at Phoenix Café and Inn in Grinnell, Iowa

Members present: Belknap, Canon, Gilbert, Leas, McCarty, Randall, and Wilson

1. Introductions were made.
2. The secretary's report was presented. The minutes were approved without corrections. Gilbert announced that the IFT Annual Report had been filled out and the website is up-to-date.
3. A new member list has been generated. Gilbert contacted National IFT and was able to find the reporting system for Iowa Section IFT member lists. It is not a convenient system, but it should be possible to keep the membership list current.
4. Swaim was not present for the treasurer's report, but a report was sent after the meeting. Balance 08-31-10 = \$15,492.50 with \$2025.00 of the balance being available for scholarships. The increase in funds was due to membership deposits. No approval was made.
- 5a. Wilson reported that National IFT is changing their distinguished lectureship program and will no longer provide funding. The benefit is supposed to be a wider list of speakers to choose from. Wilson was not sure if there will still be the \$500 available for Bob Gravani to speak in February or April, but will look into it.
- 5b. Randall reported on programming for the year. The November meeting will be held in the Ames area with 3 possibilities for tours being Caremoli, Barilla, or Anderson Erickson. Randall emailed at contact at Caremoli and the contact was going to check with the plant manager, but the tour did not seem likely to happen. For the February meeting, the Millstream Brewery in the Amanas, the cheese plant and the Tuscan Moon restaurant near Kalona, and the General Mills cheerios facility in Cedar Rapids were all discussed as options. A Heinz soup plant was also mentioned as an option. The April meeting will no longer be at the Sparboe plant because the plant will be under construction in the spring. Oskaloosa Farms egg cracking facility will be investigated by Randall.
6. Final comments and recommendations for the April meeting and supplier's night were made. The general consensus was that every other year is sufficient and we need more people to walk the floor. Ideas on ways to recruit more people to come to the show will need to be brainstormed before the next supplier's night.
7. For ISU Food Science Club news, McCarty reported that the product development team tied for 4th place at National IFT. Another product development team qualified for the national AACC competition and will be attending their annual meeting in Savanna, Georgia in October. The Club had their first meeting in September with good attendance including 7 new freshmen.
8. Scholarships for next year were discussed briefly. We have \$2025 for scholarships and will continue to encourage students to apply and spread the money to as many worthy candidates as possible.
9. This year we had 5 or 6 members participate in the Iowa State Fair food judging. Gilbert made comments about the experience and pointed out that some classes are more rewarding to judge than others. It was noticed that other judges do not critique like food scientists do. It may be good to look into the Iowa Section IFT sponsoring a class at the Iowa State Fair.
10. Wilson reported that we will need nominations for officers for next year and to think ahead for possibilities.
11. A coat and food drive will be held at the November meeting again this year for our community service activity. Belknap volunteered to coordinate the drive and find a charity close to the meeting to take the donations.
12. The motion to adjourn was moved by Gilbert and seconded by Randall and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Kate Gilbert, Iowa Section IFT Secretary