

**Iowa Section of the Institute of Food Technologists  
Minutes of the April 22, 2004 Meeting  
Adventureland Inn, Altoona, Iowa**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Attendees:** Dave Raife, Terri Boylston, Kate, Gilbert, Natalia Weinsedel, Janis Hochstetler, Tony Pometto, Anne Nelson, Elaine Wolff

1. Meeting Called to order at 3:45 pm by Raife.
2. Secretary's minutes were reviewed. Motion by Pometto and seconded by Wolff to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.
3. Raife handed out the current month's Treasurer's Report. The current balance is \$9506.31.
4. Raife made the following reports:
  - a. Scholarship Fund: Only one check has been received for the Iowa food Industry Scholarship Fund. Raife suggested that fund-raising and the future of this scholarship be discussed in-depth at the May executive committee planning meeting.
  - b. Raife noted that Iowa Section member, John Olson, Burke Corporation, and his wife had been in a bad car accident in Ames and are now recuperating. Anne Nelson volunteered to get him a get well card on behalf of the section.
  - c. Raife announced that the executive committee planning meeting would be held at the NASA Food Technology Commercial Space Center in Ames. Raife suggested a date be chosen during the weeks of May 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Members will need to email Raife their date preferences, and Raife will correspond via email as to the final arrangements.  
  
Raife asked member to bring ideas to the planning meeting for speakers, meeting sites and door prizes for next years meeting.
  - d. Three Scholarships Awards will be presented at the general meeting and two of the science fair winners will be attending the suppliers show, displaying their projects and will attend the general meeting/meal.

**Committee Reports**

1. **Student Activities:** Weinsedel reported that the college bowl team competed at the regional even at the University of Nebraska, April 3, 2004. Unfortunately, they did not win (Minnesota was the winner, with Kansas State also participating). The students have asked the section for financial support of \$1003.00 for their travel expenses. Weinsedel moved for the section to pay for the student expenses with Gilbert seconding. Motioned passed.

The students also participated in VEISHEA with a department open house. Dr. Beattie made a presentation at their last club meeting. The product development team for the NASA competition is waiting to hear the results of the competition.

It has been suggested that the students help out with hospitality at the meetings. The student representatives will take this back to the club and coordinate students to help out.

2. **Suppliers Night:** Raife reported that with the move to Des Moines and tying in with the Food Security Workshop, all thought that attendance would be boosted for both. However, the number of attendees for the workshops was very low, but the suppliers numbers were good. There was much discussion and it was determined that we need to support activities like the Food Security Workshop in the future; this will be a topic of the May planning meeting.
3. **Audit and Finance:** Wolff will audit the treasurer's books in September 2004.
4. **Nominations:** The following nomination will be made at the general meeting to fill offices for the 2004-2005 year: Program Chair (Industry): Kristen Robbins (Kemin Americas); Treasurer: Lin Wang (Grain Processing). There is still a need to fill two positions on the MFPC Board, as well as a Hospitality Chair and Finance Chair. Pometto will ask for volunteers at the general meeting.
5. **Councilor:** Boylston reported that at the National IFT Meeting this year the presidential awards will not be given at the opening session as in the past, instead there will be a special banquet for the awardees. There are many members that are not happy with this change—making it seem that these awardees are elitist to all other member. Also there is a proposal to take away the control of dues from the councilors, which is not sitting well either. The National Meeting session for the councilors would like it could be very interesting.

#### **New Business**

1. There will be door prizes at the general meeting. Big thanks to Raife, Hochstetler and Pometto for supplying the prizes.
2. Nineteen students are in attendance for tonight's student sponsorship nights with eleven companies and individuals supporting the students.

Wolff motioned for adjournment, Gilbert seconded. Motion passed. Adjourned at 4:30 pm. Members attended supplier's night before dinner and the general meeting.

#### **General Business Meeting**

Nineteen students and sixty suppliers and members enjoyed a buffet dinner at the Adventureland Inn, Altoona, Iowa. All in attendance introduced themselves and their affiliation after the dinner. Door prizes were drawn for throughout meeting.

The business meeting was conducted by Dave Raife. Raife gave the treasurer's report and noted that more industry support is needed for the Iowa Food Industry Scholarship.

Tony Pometto reported that Kristen Robbins (Kemin Americas) has agreed to be Program Chair, and Lin Wang (Grain Processing) has agreed to be Treasurer. Sam Beattie (ISU) has agreed to fill one of two positions on the MFPC Board. The nominations were accepted unanimously and motioned passed. The students will be assisting with hospitality at the upcoming meetings.

Cheryl Reitmeier presented scholarships:

Le Mai Chow—Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship (\$500)

Natalia Weinsetel—Outstanding Graduate Scholarship (\$500)

Diana White—Iowa Food Industry Scholarship (\$1000)

Reitmeier reported that there were no nominations for outstanding section member. Raife surprised Reitmeier as she was awarded a plaque as the 2004 Outstanding Iowa Section IFT Member.

Additionally, Dr. Joe Sebranek was recognized as being selected as a 2004 National IFT Fellow. He will receive his award at the 2004 National IFT Meeting.

Terri Boylston introduced the Science Fair Winners: Junior High Division Winner: JoHanna Degen, 6th grader from O.B. Laing Middle School, Algona, Iowa. Her Project was entitled "Is Bacteria on Your Soda Lid?" Her parents are Kendra and Joe Degen and her teacher is Walter Reemtsma. Senior High Division Winner: Amber Wilson, Junior from West Central Valley High School, Redfield, Iowa. Her project was "Range Chickens vs. Commercial Feed Chickens." Her parent is Dennis Wilson and teacher is Larry Schwinger. A big thank you to our volunteer judges for the Science Fair: Pat Murphy, Marry Darrow, Ean-Chee Ng, Damian Montoya, and Terri Boylston.

Lester Wilson reported on the upcoming MFPC, November 9, 2004 in Chicago, Illinois. Iowa will be hosting the 2005 event and we will need to decide when and where to have the conference so that it can be presented to the MFPC Board this coming fall. Ideas for this should be forwarded to Wilson. If you are interested in assisting with MFPC contact Wilson.

Natalia Weinsetel reported on the student activities. Students have been involved with College Bowl, NASA Product Development Competition and VEISHEA.

Terri Boylston gave the councilors report.

Meeting adjourned by Raife at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis M. Hochstetler  
Iowa Section IFT Secretary  
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