

**Iowa-Section of the Institute of Food Technologists  
Minutes February 19, 2003  
Ronnenburg Inn - Amana, Iowa**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

Attending: Dave Raife, Bill LaGrange, Terri Boylston, Kate Gilbert, Natalia Weinsedel, Janis Hochstetler, Tony Pometto, Lester Wilson, Mark Love, Bob Olson, Elaine Wolf, Cheryll Reitmeier.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:45 pm by Raife.
2. Secretaries Minutes were reviewed with a few corrections. In regards to the supplier's night, the suppliers will receive one drink ticket and not a dinner ticket for the event. There were also a few typos. The minutes will be corrected and posted as amended on the web site. Minutes were approved as amended.
3. Raife handed out current month's Treasurer's Report. The current balance is \$8249.16.
4. Kate Gilbert was introduced as the new undergraduate student representative.
5. Raife made the following chairperson report
  - a. National IFT Committee nominations are due by tomorrow, Friday, February 20, 2004. Those interested should contact the national office.
  - b. Suppliers Night—The Food Safety and Security Workshops being planned by Dr. Sam Beattie to be held in conjunction with our Suppliers night are coming together and we hope this will spawn a good turn out for both events. All other aspects of Suppliers Night is coming together.
  - c. Donations for the Iowa Food Industry Scholarship are needed. A letter that Raife will be sending out was passed out. Raife would like a list of a specific contact person (even email addresses) at companies to address the letters to—please forward names to Raife. Discussion was held as to how to recognize companies/individuals that donate to the scholarship fund. It was agreed that names would be listed on our web page and in the newsletter.

**Committee Reports**

1. Scholarships and Awards: Cheryll Reitmeier will be handing out plaques to the last three section outstanding member awardees. Also Reitmeier and Lester Wilson will be reminding students about the scholarships available to them through the section that will be awarded in April. Also, nominations for outstanding section member are also being sought. This award will also be given out at the April meeting. Students that have received national IFT scholarships and awards will be recognized at the April meeting, Mark Love will coordinate.
2. Nominations: The nominations committee are seeking persons to fill the following offices for 2004-2005: Program Chair (Industry); Treasurer; MFPC Board (2),

Hospitality Chair and Finance Chair. Pometto will ask for volunteers at tonight's business meeting. Nominations will be presented and voted on at the April meeting.

3. Student Activities: There are about 40 students active in the Food Science Club. A letter has been prepared and will be distributed to Iowa Section Members asking for student sponsorship for the April Meeting. The April Meeting has traditionally been Student Night, where student meals are paid by a sponsoring company or individual. The Sponsor and Student are match-up and sit together for the meal and program so that they can interact. The College Bowl team will be competing at the University of Nebraska, April 3, 2004. The team is asking for monetary support from the section. Since support is all ready budgeted for this activity, the students should send a budget with the amount requested to Dave Raife, and Raife will fund the activity appropriately. There is a NASA product development team for this year.
4. Newsletter: Hochstetler reported that she has talked with Cheryl Reitmeier, and it will be ok to use the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department's address for IFT business.
5. MFPC: Survey of attendees from the 2003 MFPC was review. The Minnesota Section has decided to host the 2004 MFPC by themselves in Chicago. The date is November 9, 2004.
6. Science Fair Judging: Boylston reported that judges are needed for the Eastern Iowa and Central Iowa Science Fairs. Winners are awarded a certificate, \$50 and invited to the April Meeting to present their science fair project. The winner will also receive 2 meals, donated by the section.

Wolf motioned for adjournment, Wilson second. Motion passed. Adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

### **Business Meeting**

Ten students and twelve members attended the tour of the State Hygienic Lab in Iowa City. An overview of the services provided by the lab relating to foods was given by State Hygienic Lab Staff. Additionally, a tour of the lab was given. Many of the activities of the lab now deal with preparing for and acting upon potential bioterrorism.

Thirty-two members enjoyed dinner at the Ronnenburg Inn, Amana, Iowa. All in attendance introduced themselves and their affiliation before dinner.

The business meeting was conducted by Dave Raife. Raife gave the treasurers report and asked for industry support for the Iowa Section Food Industry Scholarship.

Cheryl Reitmeier presented outstanding member plaques to past awardees: 2003 Linda Svedsen, 2002 Lester Wilson and 2001 Dave Raife. Reitmeier also mentioned that at the April meeting we will be awarding three student scholarships and applications are available on the Iowa Section web page. We will also be awarding the Iowa Section IFT Outstanding Member Award. Nominations for this award should be forwarded to Reitmeier.

Raife next mentioned Suppliers Night –April 22, 2004 meeting. A golf outing for suppliers will be held earlier in the day if there is enough interest. He mentioned a Food Safety Homeland Security Workshop will be sponsored by ISU (Dr. Sam Beattie,

Extension Food Specialist at Iowa State is the contact) and will be held the same day as the Suppliers Night and hope we have some cross over attendance to our meeting.

Tony Pometto asked for volunteers to serve on next year's executive council. Offices needing to be filled include: Treasurer, Program Chair (Chair-Elect), MFPC Board, Hospitality Chairperson and Finance Committee.

Kate Gilbert, undergrad student representative reported that the April meeting would also be student sponsorship night. As tradition, industry sponsors the student's meal for the April meeting and the student and sponsor sit together.

Lester Wilson reported that the 2004 MFPC would be hosted by Minnesota on - November 9, 2004 at the Rosemont in Chicago. Iowa will host in 2005. Iowa needs two more representatives on the MFPC board. See Wilson if you are interested.

Terri Boylston reported that the Iowa section would be judging the upcoming science fairs in Eastern Iowa and in Ames. Judges are needed. We will invite the winners to the April meeting.

Mark Love introduced Dr. Charles Hurburgh, ISU Departments of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering and Food Science and Human Nutrition. His presentation was about Pharmafoods.

Respectfully submitted, Janis M. Hochstetler  
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