

Iowa Section of the Institute of Food Technologists
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes Sept. 19, 2002
Amana, IA

Attending: Theresa Walters, Mia Susanto, Toshiba Traynham, Linda Svendsen, Amy Larson, Jennifer Heath, Lester Wilson, Cheryll Reitmeier, Tony Pometto

Pometto called the Executive Committee Meeting to order. Introductions were made. Minutes of the April 18 and May 14 meetings were approved. Membership is 280 according to newsletter records and 200 according to IFT records. Terms of office and officers of the Executive Committee should be updated.

New Business

- 1) Pometto discussed the development of an Iowa-IFT website with help from staff of the NASA FTCSC office. Linda Svendsen will also work on this. Pometto also suggested that the Section pay a person to keep the directory up-to-date and help with newsletter mailings. Pometto and Svendsen will investigate hiring someone.
- 2) There was no Treasurer's report.
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - a) Student Activities: Traynham was conducting a survey about why students do not attend more IFT meetings and suggested that IFT meetings be announced at Food Science Club meetings and FSHN Dept. seminars. Susanto reported that the Food Science Club was selling t-shirts (\$10) and polo shirts (\$20). Food Science Club members prepared a demonstration about hand-washing for Food Safety month and will have a booth at the ISU Memorial Union for Farm Safety Day Camp on Oct. 5. Pometto suggested that the students put an IFT logo on the displays.
 - b) Wilson reported that the Midwest Food Processing Conference will be held Nov. 12 in Chicago, IL with the Suppliers Night the following day. Student sponsorship to attend the meeting was undecided.
 - c) Larson reported the speakers, tours and dates for meetings in 2002-3. The Nov. 21 meeting will be in West Des Moines with a tour of Rock Bottom Brewery and speaker from Famous Dave's. Mrs. Clark's Foods will be featured at the Feb. 20, 2003 meeting in Ankeny. A tour of Maytag Dairy Farms, dinner at the DMACC Conference Center, and an IFT Distinguished Lecture about bioterrorism is on the agenda for the April 17, 2003 meeting.
 - d) Wilson noted that nominations will be needed for Chair-elect (from academia), Treasurer, Secretary, Member-at-Large, Councilor and Alternate Councilor in 2003.

Old Business

Svendsen attended the IFT Leadership Conference in Chicago, IL as the Iowa-section representative. Topics of discussion were student involvement and websites. She recommended the conference. The committee voted to reimburse Svendsen \$108 for mileage.

Meeting adjourned.

Business Meeting Sept. 19, 2002

Twenty members (9 students) attended the business meeting and dinner at the Amana Barn Restaurant following the play, "Lost and Found", at the Old Creamery Theatre Depot Stage, Amana, IA. Pometto welcomed members and asked each person to introduce him/herself. It was noted that Bill LaGrange has been a member of IFT since 1962.

Jennifer Heath gave the Treasurer's report. Reitmeier reported membership of 280. Traynham reported about the student survey. Walters reported that the Food Science Club members were selling t-shirts and polo shirts. Wilson reported that MFPC would be Nov. 12, 2002 in Chicago and requested that nominations for 2003 officers be sent to lawilson@iastate.edu.

Larson presented the program for 2002-3. Svendsen represented the Iowa-section IFT as Alternate Councilor at the annual meeting in Anaheim, CA. Issues of the meeting were-student dues were used to \$35 per year, Religious and Ethnic Foods was approved as a new section, nominations for Fellows were encouraged, and the Chicago-section is planning social activities for the 2003 annual meeting in Chicago.

Heath provided a 'get acquainted' game for the members. Wilson and Svendsen provided additional entertainment.

Bob Olson, coordinator of events for the 55-year anniversary of the Iowa-section IFT, and Bill LaGrange presented the original 1948 charter and related some history of the section. Members viewed photographs taken in 1961 and 1988 of 4 IFT members. Lester Wilson won the prize for correct identification of Emerson Bird (ISU), Wayne Montgomery (Pennick-Ford), Bill Marion (ISU), and Jim Schultz (Crest Foods).

Natalie Weinsetel , Jennifer Heath and Cheryl Reitmeier won door prizes donated by the Section.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Reitmeier

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