

INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION  
Executive Committee Meeting  
October 4, 2006

**Location:** Marie Calendar Restaurant, Fresno, CA

***NCIFT:*** Eric Wilhelmsen, *Chair-Elect*; Karen Lapsley, *Past Chair*; Alvina Suhendra, *Executive Secretary*; Bruce Ferree, *Councilors*;

***Committee Chairs and Members of Nominating Committee:*** Bernadine Ferguson, *Hornblower Editor*; Wallace Richards, *CVIFT Chair*; Greg Peterson, *SJIFT Chair*; Joe Huber, *SJIFT Chair-Elect*; Bill Low, *SJIFT Past Chair*; Erin Dormedy, *Nominations*;

***Guest:*** Esther Maxkwee, Gina Sim, *CSU Fresno Student Representative*; Natalie McCarty.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM by NCIFT Chair Eric Wilhelmsen.

The minutes of the meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

***Program Update:*** Eric Wilhelmsen reported for Carolyn Coughlin that Joint meeting with IFT Fermented Foods Division and 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Brewers and Vintners Symposium that was to be held on April 5, 2007 at UC Davis has been canceled. Committee is soliciting ideas to replace the meeting.

***Treasurer:*** No report. Eric Wilhelmsen will follow up with Maria Giovanni regarding this year budget.

***CVIFT:*** Wally Richards reported that the CVIFT Mini Supplier Night will be held on October 26, 2006 at Hilmar Cheese. Currently there are 20 suppliers that have signed up for the event. Wally further reported that CVIFT is also planning to have a tour meeting in March or April 2007. Wally will also start working on identifying potential candidates for the subsection future chair and requested for NCIFT to share CVIFT membership list with him.

***Note:*** Bruce Ferree recommends subsections to utilize the IFT Distinguish Lecturer program for their program/event.

***SJIFT:*** Greg Peterson reported the plans for SJIFT Golf Tournament for October 5<sup>th</sup> is on track. There are about 130 people signed up for the event. He further reported that the SJIFT Mini-Suppliers Night and Symposium, 'Topics in Food' will be held on January 17, 2007, follow by CSU Fresno Student Recognition Night on March 22, 2007. The SJIFT is also scheduled to hold subsection executive committee meetings on November 6, 2006, February 26, May 27, and July 2007.

**MBIFT:** Bernadine Ferguson reported that the committee has decided to solicit MBIFT members regarding their interest on the continuation of the subsection. She presented a drafted questioner that would be sent to the subsection members to executive committee for feedback. The decision on whether to merge the subsection will be further discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** Diane Barrett and Carl Anderson have been appointed as the co-chair of the committee on the 1st Nominating Committee meeting that was held on September 27, 2006. Both Diane and Carl have accepted the position.

**Membership:** No report.

**Hornblower:** No report.

**Employment Assistance:** Stacey Hawley reported that there are a total of 118 subscriber members for NCIFT Employment Listserv, 4 new subscribers were added in August/September. She further reported that 6 jobs were posted on the listserv in August and 7 jobs have been posted this month.

**College and Student Relations:**

- UC Davis - Eric Wilhelmsen reported that Carol Cooper is working on the date for the UC Davis Student Recognition Night.
- CSU Fresno - Gina Sim and Eser Maxkwee reported that CSU Fresno Food Tech Club is up and running. The club will plan a tour to food manufacturing in the near future.
- San Jose State - No report.

**Suppliers Night:**

- Mark Caporale has volunteered to chair the 2007 Suppliers' Expo.
- Suppliers' Night will be held on April 24, 2007 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Dave Sholty is working on the venue for the golf tournament.
- The symposium will be held in the afternoon with Barbara Cassens from FDA as the main speakers along with her three other associates.

**Food Defenses Awareness Training:** Bruce Ferree reported that nearly 150 members of NCIFT and food industry participated in at least one of four sessions of Food Defense Awareness Training Sessions in Modesto, Fresno, Salinas, and Walnut Creek in mid-September. The training was viewed as a valuable event, where attendees left with a better understanding of what it takes to deal with bioterrorist intrusions and attacks and with an awareness of the need to develop a plan for monitoring suspicious activities and a program to avoid possible "exposure" to bioterrorism. Bruce further reported that the total cost to host the trainings that came out of NCIFT budget is \$659.37. \$1,998.02 came out of IFT expenses, which covered the fee of room, meeting supplies and equipment rental.

**IFT Task Force Update:**

Bruce Ferree reported that there were recommendations at the Council meeting back in July in Orlando and the Task Forces are making progress reviewing all the feedback and attempting to incorporate as possible. This includes the Task Force on Sections and Divisions, Task force on Governance and the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. The Task Forces are scheduled to meet in Chicago on the week of October 16, 2006. There should be more to report before next year's Council meeting.

**Career Guidance:** Mary Palumbo reported that the schedule for this year science fairs is as follows:

- Sacramento Region on March 16-17, 2007 at Rosemont High School, Sacramento
- Monterey County on March 17, 2007 at Salinas
- Santa Clara Valley on March 13-14, 2007 at San Jose Convention Center

Mary further reported that there are three other fairs that NCIFT could participate in: Fresno, Tri Valley and San Francisco. She recommends adding Fresno and Bay Area fairs to the list. Executive committee decided to add Fresno and Bay Area fairs and approved the increase award budget to \$750 to support the five (5) science fairs @\$150 per award per fair.

**Committee Staffing:** Eric Wilhelmsen reported that he is in the process of filling out the vacant positions.

**Other Business:**

- Erin Dormedy, representing SJIFT, requested funding from NCIFT to sponsor the upcoming "*Ozone V: Agricultural and Food Processing Applications of Ozone as an Antimicrobial Agent*" conference that will be held in San Joaquin Valley. SJIFT subsection believe that the conference will bring international recognition to the food industry in the San Joaquin Valley as well as local university, CSU Fresno. Erin further proposed a sponsorship at the "diamond" level for \$1,000. Bernadine Ferguson moved (Bill Low seconded) to approve the \$1,000 of sponsorship for the Ozone V conference. Passed unanimously.
- Eric Wilhelmsen announced that IFT Award Committee is seeking nomination for various awards. He encourages executive committee to nominate potential candidates for national awards.
- Book Communications Committee of IFT sent a request soliciting suggestions from section on what topics need book treatment and who might serve as volume editors and authors for future IFT Press book series. Currently twenty-one books have been approved in the IFT Press series and IFT receives a portion of the royalty income from sales of these IFT Press books.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.