

INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION
Executive Committee Meeting
April 5, 2006

Location: Girasole Grill Restaurant, Pleasanton, CA

In Attendance: *Executive Committee 05-06*

NCIFT: Karen Lapsley, *Chair*, Eric Wilhelmsen, *Chair-Elect*; Carolyn Coughlin, *Chair-Elect-Elect*; Carol Cooper, Bruce Ferree,

Councilors; Susan Spafford England, *Member-at-Large*; Eric LeBarbe, *Member-at-Large Elect*
Committee Chairs and Members of Nominating Committee: Bernadine Ferguson, *Hornblower Editor*; Dave Sholty, *Reception/Hospitality*; Sharon Cook Roesler,

Suppliers' Night Chair; Bill Root, *Historian*; Suvaluh Asavasanti, Brad Olson, Megumi Takahashi *UC Davis Student Representatives*;

Guests: Earl Weak, Jim Roesler

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by NCIFT Chair Karen Lapsley.

Committee Reports:

MBIFT: Bernadine Ferguson reported that about 6 people from the Monterey Bay area got together and are planning a program for the next six months. Mark Meyers is working on it.

SJVIFT: Bernadine Ferguson reported all is going well. There will be a student night April 20 at the El Tambien restaurant in Fresno. They are getting a speaker from a local company.

CVIFT: No update. Karen Lapsley will follow up for clarification.

A slate of officers for each section is needed. There was brief discussion about supporting subsections and the need to recruit new members.

Treasurer: Maria Giovanni submitted her report via e-mail. The signors on all NCIFT section accounts are now current. She is in the process of determining, through National IFT, subsection financial accountability and will follow up with the subsections.

Per the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the section's books should be audited by an outside auditor. Eric Wilhelmsen moved (Sharon Roesler seconded) to authorize Maria to find an outside auditor and proceed. Passed unanimously.

A preliminary budget for 2006-2007 will be needed by the June Executive Committee meeting, to be approved at the August Executive Committee meeting.

Membership: Bernadine Ferguson reported for Yildiz Karaibrahimoglu. There are currently 1236 members and there are about 20 new members to be added. She is asking for a breakdown of the membership by types of members. The e-mail consists of 775 members. Yildez asked for about \$150 for a sign and easel to use when there is no room to use the NCIFT banner. Eric Wilhelmsen moved (Bruce Ferree seconded) to authorize up to \$300 for signage and a portable support system. Passed unanimously.

Reception/Hospitality: Dave Sholty reported that he has reserved Wentz for Thursday, December 7, for the Holiday Meeting. Prices and speakers will be discussed at the next meeting. There will possibly be a price increase.

Program Arrangements: Eric Wilhelmsen reported that we are done for this year. The next big meeting will be the Annual IFT Meeting in Orlando.

Hornblower: Bernadine Ferguson reported that there was no May/June *Hornblower* because she didn't receive any articles. She is working on the Directory issue which will be printed.

Nominating/Elections: Mary Palumbo sent the election results. The new officers are:

Chair	Eric Wilhelmsen
Chair Elect	Carolyn Coughlin
Executive Secretary	Alvina Suhendra
Membership Secretary	Yildiz Karaibrahimoglu
Treasurer	Maria Giovanni
Councilors	Bernadine Ferguson and Ted Herrera
Alternate Councilors	Debbie Lohmeyer and Rob Robbins
Member-at-Large	Christopher Ham and Eric LeBarbe
Nominating Committee	Sharon Cook Roesler, Rick Falkenberg and Dale Olds

A total of 16% of the members voted in the election.

Employment Assistance: No report

By-Laws: No report

Long Range Planning: Eric Wilhelmsen has the last long range planning summary report. He will scan a copy for the minutes. Recommended actions will be discussed at the next executive committee meeting.

College and Student Relations: The newly elected student representatives present were introduced.

NCIFT Member of the Year: Karen Lapsley will look into this.

Supplier's Night and Recreation/Golf: On schedule for May 1 and 2.

- 109 table tops (109 in 2005)
- 51 golfers (35 in 2005)
- 15 Tee sponsors (12 in 2005)
- 14 for dinner (9 in 2005)
- 10 volunteers for golf
- 11 volunteers for the Expo

E-mail notices are still being sent to members. Pre-registration is required for the symposium. Sharon is asking for a new chair for this committee.

Cruess Scholarship/Student Travel: Dana Gong e-mailed her report. Cruess Scholarship is done except for an article for the *Hornblower*. Travel grant applications were e-mailed to UC Davis, CSU Fresno and San Jose State. The committee will meet in mid-May to award the grants. In the past the budget was for \$6,000. The discussion was to award the same amount this year. If more is needed, it can be discussed at the next executive committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The students asked if the members had any fund-raising ideas for the students. One suggestion was to check with Diane Barrett about catering her workshops. Another was to cater a meeting of NCIFT members in conjunction with the product development competition.

2. Dr. John Whitaker sent a request for support in publishing the third volume a series on pioneers in food science which would highlight contributions of food scientists on the West Coast. He requested \$1,500 to pay for printing charges. After discussion the committee members felt that there was not enough information to support this proposal. They did not feel that \$1,500 would be enough to cover printing. It was suggested that he talk to National IFT.

3. Bruce Ferree announced the council meeting at the Annual Meeting will be a full-day.

4. Recommendations for Consideration in the 2006-2007 program: Results of a questionnaire sent to members:

- Number on suggestion – plant tours
- Joint meetings with other associations were suggested, although there were few comments on which associations (confectioners were mentioned).
- Need to provide meeting to service industry
- Need to provide innovative education

Action items:

- Need to get a program oriented person in each section together with Carolyn Coughlin to coordinate calendars of NCIFT and sub-sections
- Need to repopulate the committees
- Need to expand the circle
- Need tentative program plans by June 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.