

INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGIST
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION
Executive Committee Meeting
June 1, 2006

Location: Ferree Residence, Lodi, CA

NCIFT: Karen Lapsley, *Chair*; Eric Wilhelmsen, *Chair-Elect*; Carolyn Coughlin, *06-07 Chair-Elect*; Alvina Suhendra, *Executive Secretary*; Maria Giovanni, *Treasurer*; Carol Cooper, Bruce Ferree, Trish Arzaga, Dale Olds, *Councilors*; Susie Spafford-England, Eric LeBarbe, *06-07 Member At Large*;

Committee Chairs and Members of Nominating Committee: Mary Palumbo, *Nominations*; Sharon Cook Roesler, *Suppliers' Night Chair; Reception/Hospitality*; Bernadine Ferguson, *Hornblower Editor*;

Guest: Pam Vaillancourt, *IFT Council Representative/Chair*; Jim Roesler.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by NCIFT Chair Karen Lapsley.

The minutes of the meeting on April 5th was reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports:

CVIFT: Bruce Ferree reported for Rick Falkenberg that CVIFT's fall sub section meeting will be held on October 2006. CVIFT is working on finding a replacement for the chair elect. Rick Falkenberg will publish the new officers roster.

MBIFT: Not present.

SJIFT: Bernadine Ferguson reported that SJIFT is up and running. The SJIFT Golf Tournament will be held at Brighton Crest Country Club on October 5, 2006. The SJIFT Mini-Suppliers Night will be held on January 2007, with topics in Foods.

Treasurer: \$6,000 has been allotted to fund UC Davis and CSU Fresno students to attend 2006 IFT Annual Meeting and Expo.

Membership: Not present.

Hornblower: Bernadine Ferguson announced that the dateline to submit article for "September/October 2006" Hornblower is July 20th. Bernadine also reported that she is working on compiling Membership Directory.

Program Arrangements: Joint meeting with Fermented Foods Division and 3rd Annual Brewers and Vintners Symposium will be held on April 5, 2007 at UC Davis. Dinner

meeting will be held after the symposium, it will feature Dr. Charlie Bamforth from UC Davis.

Employment Assistance, By Laws: No report.

Long Range Planning: No report.

College and Student Relations: Carol Cooper reported that UC Davis Student Banquet will be held on February 2007 at Davis. Karen Lapsley reported that she had received thank you notes from UC Davis travel grant recipients.

Suppliers Night: Sharon Cook Roesler reported that

- This year Suppliers' Night net income was \$19,462 versus \$20,592 in 2005.
- This year Golf Tournament had 129 golfers participated versus 134 in 2005. 31 Tee sponsors vs. 25 last year, and 27 participants for "dinner only" vs. 15 last year.
- The Symposium had 147 attendees: 30 paid attendees and 117 used free tickets from exhibitors. The Suppliers' Expo Committee felt that pre-registration is not effective for this type of event, since 30+ pre-registrants were No Shows and 60+ who did not pre-register attended. The symposium spending is as follows: \$5,700 was spent on Martin Yan and \$4,500 was spent for the cost of lunch (150@\$30 per person). The four (4) luncheon sponsors contributed \$3000.
- 241 Expo Tabletops were sold this year versus 234 tabletops in 2005. In 2006, we charged late registrants \$300. An estimate of 255 people attended the Expo this year.
- A Post-Mortem dinner for the Suppliers' Expo Committee and Eric Wilhelmsen was held on May 25th.

Key recommendations for next year Suppliers' Night are as follows:

- 1) Consider a different location than Oakland Convention Center for the Suppliers' Expo next year. Dave Sholty and Jim Roesler will explore Pleasanton Fairgrounds as next year venue.
- 2) Go back to only having 2 speakers for the symposium and no lunch buffet. The expanded format of 3 or 4 speakers, with a buffet lunch, has been well-received and an excellent educational opportunity for attendees. However, the additional cost does not seem to translate into selling more tabletops and increasing net income.
- 3) Consider to share the attendees information with the participated suppliers

Sharon Cook Roesler has resigned as Chair of the Suppliers' Expo Committee and Eric Wilhelmsen is seeking a replacement.

2007 Suppliers' Night and Expo will be held on May 1, 2007, whereas the Golf Tournament will be held on April 30, 2006.

NCIFT Member of the Year: No update. Karen Lapsley will follow up for clarification.

Student Travel: NCIFT Travel Grant Committee has allotted \$1,500 of 2006 IFT Travel Grant to 5 CSU Fresno students and \$4,500 were awarded to students at UC Davis (15 students) to attend 2006 IFT Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Historian: No report.

Career Guidance: No report.

New Business Follow Up:

- Eric Wilhelmsen will follow up with Paul Singh regarding the incentive to support Dr. John Whitaker's Pioneer in Food Science volume 3.

Normal Businesses:

- **Committee appointments** – Eric Wilhelmsen brought up the need to have the following committee for the section:
 - Audit
 - Program
 - Nominating
 - Auditorial
 - Editorial board
 - By Law
 - Membership
 - Cruess Scholarship Award
 - Career Guidance
- **Long Timers Recognition** - Five (5) NCIFT members will be recognized as Long Timers at the Long Timers Dinner Meeting at Walnut Creek on September 14, 2006.
- **Preparation for 2006 Council Meeting** – The section need to have 6 elected councils present at the IFT Council Meeting at Orlando. Karen Lapsley will check whether Jeff Goepfner or Sam Cunningham will be able to go to national meeting to represent NCIFT. Karen Lapsley has also volunteered to take notes during Council Breakfast and Caucus Meeting at Annual Meeting

Other Business:

Bruce Ferree reported that councilors are reviewing several Task Force reports and recommendations for 2006 Annual Meeting. These reports cover three major topics:

- How best to leverage and facilitate the use of IFT Divisions from the Task Force on Divisions
IFT has Divisions that serve as centers of knowledge and expertise for specific fields. This Task Force has worked to develop recommendations for enhancing member experiences from those Divisions. At this moment, these are only recommendations and no action is expected at the Annual Meeting - this is for discussion, only.
- Where IFT is headed from the Task Force on Strategic Development
This Task Force developed recommendations for leveraging the changes in the marketplace environment to provide an engaging member experience, facilitate the exchange of scientific knowledge, help recruit the next generation of food scientists,

and position IFT as a global leader in the creation and distribution of a safe foods supply. Task Force on Strategic Development report is presenting recommendation on where IFT will go and some methods to get there. At this moment, these are recommendations and no action is expected at the Annual Meeting - this is for discussion, only.

- How IFT will be governed/operated from the Task Force on Governance.
This task force had three charges:
(1) Recommend a governance model for IFT that facilitates flexible decision making,
(2) Revise or create systems for feedback and input from various stakeholder groups, and
(3) Suggest policies that delineate clear authority and responsibility for volunteer governance entities.

Task Force on Governance is making recommendations on how IFT will govern and function to meet the strategic objectives. In a time when organizations need to react quickly to be involved in changes in our world, IFT has a governance structure that may not allow it to react quickly enough. Issues of responsibilities in the present governance model are also discussed in the report. The recommendations include a new Executive Committee (called the Board of Directors), a limited number of 'required' committees, and two avenues for member input.

The summary of Task Force reports and recommendations will be distributed to the section listserv to solicit input and feedback from members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.