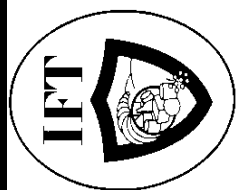


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Suppliers' Night

Monday, February 26, 2007

Location:

Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center Portland-Lloyd Center
1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, Oregon, 97232
(503) 281-6111

Registration: FREE

TECHNICAL SESSIONS (1:30-4:15 PM)

Halal Certification and Growing Halal Markets

Speaker: *Dr. Sabir Ali, Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA)*

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Speaker: *Rabbi Moshe Wilhelm, Rabbinic Council of Oregon*

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Directions from Portland International Airport:

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Message from the Chair

Mike Govro

Hello everyone,

As Suppliers Night approaches, I am reminded how many great volunteers our section has. From the executive committee to the volunteers for Suppliers Night and other committees, we have a lot of people who give their time and effort to make our section vibrant. Why do they do it? I asked a few and here's what they said:

Dann Barnard, former section Chair and current Suppliers Night Chair said "I enjoy working with the students. I appreciate having the opportunity to explain to them what the food business is really about." Dann also said he has become good friends with other members and enjoys working with smart people who share similar interests.

Ellen Bradley, probably our most active member through the years said "I've learned leadership skills that apply in other areas of life, and I've enjoyed meeting and working with people in the industry."

Jo Wayne, keeper of the job listserve said when she moved to Oregon, IFT gave her a chance to meet others in the food industry, and now it allows her to maintain those relationships. "It's easy to get isolated in your own work," she added.

Counselor Julie Ruder echoed the responses of the others about the importance of having the network of professionals that IFT provides, and said she felt the exposure was good for her company.

And like the others, my involvement in the section has helped me build a network of food industry professionals that has been invaluable in performing my job as well as providing a source of candidates for positions at ODA. I look forward to calling on that network as we continue through a period of high turnover due to retirements.

So why do I tell you this? Because it's time to solicit candidates for leadership positions for the coming year. Past Chair Ellen Bradley is collecting names for the ballot, and if you're interested in a position, don't wait for her call. Call her now and tell her you're interested! She may not know you're interested in increasing your level of involvement. I hope to see you all at Suppliers Night. See the article in this newsletter for details. We expect another great event this year.

Mike Govro,
OSIFT Chair

Suppliers' Night 2007 We Need You!

Every non-profit organization needs its fundraiser. In this way, Oregon IFT is no different than your favorite public broadcasting network. We need our members to step forward and show their support in return for the benefits they receive the rest of the year. Unlike a membership drive, however, we do not ask for any money, but for a few hours of your time. The financial contribution comes from our suppliers—your suppliers. For over 30 years, suppliers to our industry have been coming to Portland to support our organization. They do so by participating in this event by paying a fee to have a table in the exhibit hall—and this is why you can enjoy this event for free.

In the short time that I have been involved in the Suppliers' Night effort, I have been amazed at the enthusiasm most supplier participants have shown with regard to their participation. I see the same names year after year. Sometimes the names appear as representing a new or different supplier, but these people, too, recognize the value of the network that exists with the IFT organization and they have come to depend on us as we depend on them.

With all of this in mind, I want to appeal to you to think about what Oregon IFT makes available to you. The monthly meetings are always available for furthering your education and networking with others in the industry; many folks have found jobs or filled positions through the use of our employment bureau; we are very proud of our

support of the OSU Food Science Department and its students through scholarships and funding participation in our activities; and, lastly, we offer this fabulous opportunity to do all of this by coming to the Portland Double Tree Lloyd Center on Monday, February 26, 2007. Come for the Technical Sessions; come visit with your suppliers (old and new); come to mingle with friends; come for the food; and, finally, come to keep the Oregon Section Institute of Food Technologists a strong and viable organization.

I truly look forward to seeing you all on the 26th.

Dann Barnard
OSIFT Suppliers' Night Chair



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IFT Positions for the Future with Inaugural Strategic Leadership Forum

Over the past several years, two groups of dedicated IFT volunteer members and staff have spent significant time investigating best governance practices for associations and working to ensure that IFT is positioned to operate as effectively as possible for the future. The Task Force on Governance and the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws (CBL) have worked in tandem to develop recommendations and documentation designed to enhance the governance of IFT. Throughout their efforts, both groups have focused on the ultimate goal of improving the membership experience.

Their work will be showcased and discussed during a new event this year, the Strategic Leadership Forum to be held from March 22 to 24 in Chicago. In addition to participation in the Strategic Leadership Forum, Councilors have been asked to participate in a special Council meeting being held on Friday, March 23 during the Forum.

The focus of the March Council Meeting will be on further discussion about the recommendations for a new IFT governance structure. At their meeting in Orlando last June, by a vote of 73 to 34, Council approved in principle the report recommendations of the Task Force on Governance. Council also approved the streamlined Constitution outlining the fundamental governing principles of our association, which was ratified last fall by IFT members by a vote of 2,433 to 104. The purpose of the upcoming Council Meeting will be to review and vote on the final recommendations of the Task Force on Governance and the language developed by CBL pertaining to the recommendations.

A primary goal of the Task Force recommendations has been to create a governance model that will allow for more engagement and direct participation by IFT members as well as increased opportunities for input into the strategic direction of our

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Oregon Section IFT

2006-2007 Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars now! Meeting times are the same unless noted:

4:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

5:30 PM Social Hour/Registration

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Presentation

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Location: Valley River Center, Eugene

Oregon Dairy Industries Annual Conference

Speaker/Topic: *to be determined*

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Location: Northwest Viticulture Center, Salem

Speaker: **Ron Wrolstad**, OSU Food Science Dept

Topic: *to be determined*



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organization and our programs and activities. At the June 2006 meeting, Councilors requested more information about two programs recommended to achieve this goal: the Strategic Leadership Forum and a Town Hall Meeting.

Councilors will be able to experience first hand one of these programs when they attend the Strategic Leadership Forum. The Forum is designed to serve as a crucial leadership development and networking opportunity. It will engage Councilors from Sections, Divisions, along with other IFT stakeholders, and will provide both emerging and tenured leaders with the opportunity to contribute to IFT's ongoing strategy development and provide feedback to the IFT Executive Committee. The Forum will also include sessions designed to further cultivate the personal leadership skills of all attendees. This group of leaders will work with the Executive Committee to serve as a sounding board on key IFT issues that have a direct impact on all IFT members.

A Town Hall Meeting is recommended during the Annual Meeting + FOOD EXPO®. Other Town Hall type meetings could be held on a smaller scale throughout they year, during Section meetings. Divisions could hold similar meetings via the Web or phone. The objectives of these meetings are to gain valuable insight and input form all members on IFT priorities and programs, and to offer open venues for members to identify key issues affecting IFT and the profession.

Along with the recommended establishment of the two above programs, as well as other suggestions for membership engagement outlined in the report, the Task Force on Governance recommends the elimination of Council. As explained in the report, in the early days of IFT, Council served as the sole governing body, representing grassroots membership. The Executive Committee was formed to provide continuity of action between annual Council meetings. Significant changes in technology and the growth in the size of the organization have led to a

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gradual, and so far, incomplete transfer of governance roles from the Council to the Executive Committee. The Task Force on Governance recommends that, with the elimination of Council, governance responsibilities be transferred to the Executive Committee. This will also align the Board's responsibilities within IFT to the generally accepted tenets of not-for-profit law across the country.

Several other recommendations directly affect IFT members. One is the addition of two non-voting members to the Executive Committee (which the Task Force recommends naming the Board of Directors). The addition of the IFT Foundation Chair will ensure a link between the governing and fund raising bodies of IFT, and the Immediate Past President of the Student Association will add generational diversity to the Board.

Another recommendation is that IFT members directly elect members of the Nominations and Elections Committee. In addition, the Task Force recommends that members have the ability to petition to have a candidate on the Nominations and Elections ballot, as they now have, and will continue to have, for President-elect and members of the Board of Directors. IFT membership will elect the Board of Directors and the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Finally, being keenly aware of the growing trend of less time for volunteer activities, and of volunteers' demand that their work be engaging and meaningful, the Task Force has recommended that three legally required standing committees be retained – Finance, Audit, and Nominations and Elections. They further recommend the appointment of a new Task Force to evaluate and recommend an efficient and responsive volunteer structure aligned with IFT's strategic goals and annual priorities.

This is a snapshot of the Task Force on Governance report. All IFT members are strongly encouraged to view the report in its entirety, at: <http://www.ift.org/governance>.




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Audio clips from Task Force members are included at the resource link above – these clips will help to clarify various elements of the recommendations.

IFT Councilors and members of the Task Force on Governance are aware of the time constraints we all face; however, the upcoming meeting represents a milestone in the history of IFT, and should be of great interest to all IFT members. Your voice can be heard during this unprecedented event, even if you will not be physically present. Let your Councilors and members of the Task Force on Governance know your thoughts and/or questions on the recommendations in the Task Force report by sending an e-mail to: governance@ift.org.

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