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IFTSA Nondiscrimination Statement

The Institute of Food Technologist Student Association does not discriminate against any individual or group on the basis of but not limited to, gender, ethnicity, creed, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, age, national origin, veteran status, or any emerging marginalized groups. It is the policy of this organization to be open and welcoming to all students.

Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard for, but not limited to, gender, ethnicity, creed, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, age, national origin, veteran status, or any emerging marginalized groups.

Harassment, whether verbal, physical, or visual, based on any of these characteristics is a form of discrimination. Any behaviors in violation of this statement or that create a non-welcoming environment for other students is not condoned and may result in termination of the volunteer role or removal from the Institute of Food Technologist Student Association volunteer programs indefinitely.

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IFTSA Leadership

Key Responsibilities and Deadlines

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Executive Office

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PRESIDENT

Mission of Position:

The President is an officer responsible for the overall welfare and direction of the Student Association (IFTSA) and head of the Executive Office. The President shall preside over all meetings of the IFTSA Board of Directors, maintain fiscal responsibility, and ensure that the IFTSA proceeds in the strategic direction of the Institute and the IFTSA.

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve as the voting student representative on the IFT Board of Directors.
 - Serve as a voting member of the IFTSA Board of Directors (BoD) in the case of a tie vote.
 - Convene and preside over all meetings of the IFTSA BoD and other general meetings of the IFTSA.
 - See that all legally adopted resolutions and motions of the IFTSA BoD are carried out and implemented by the appropriate representatives.
 - Work with the IFT staff and the Executive Office to prepare the annual goals and budget and ensure that they are in line with the strategic direction of the IFT and the IFTSA.
 - Appoint volunteers, if necessary, to open leadership positions and working groups with focused objectives, responsibilities, reporting structures, and deadlines (see protocols under Task Force Section) with approval from the IFTSA BoD.
 - Maintain a list of all active Task Forces and send reminders for reports & updates, as needed.
 - Prepare an agenda for all IFTSA Board meetings in cooperation with the IFT Staff Liaison and ensure that it is properly communicated to the IFTSA BoD and all IFTSA volunteers in a timely manner.
 - Assist the IFT Staff Liaison with the schedule of events for the IFT annual meeting and upon approval from the BoD, disseminate the schedule to all IFTSA leadership.
 - Organize and implement the Student Association-sponsored sessions at the IFT annual meeting.
 - Organize, or designate an appropriate group or person to organize, the Mid-Year Meeting (MYM).
 - Coordinate, or designate an appropriate volunteer to coordinate, special non-required programs or events for the year
 - Prepare the IFTSA Annual Report upon request of the IFT Staff Liaison.
 - Prepare updates on the state of the association three times annually in coordination with Executive Committee. Attend all relevant meetings and conference calls of the IFTSA BoD.
 - Complete an End of Year (EoY) report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
 - Make sure that volunteers, members and student representatives fully understand their responsibilities and deadlines.
 - Assist the President-Elect in assuming the duties of IFTSA President
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- Attend all required meetings and calls for the IFTSA BoD and relevant task forces and work groups.
 - Adhere to the IFT Code of Conduct

Important Deadlines:

September:

- Confirm MYM date and location and communicate this to the IFTSA BoD.
- Begin working on the IFTSA-sponsored sessions for the IFT annual meeting (due in December)

May:

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- Send memo to both outgoing and incoming IFTSA leadership; congratulate and welcome newly elected candidates and invite all to attend the IFTSA Board meeting at the IFT annual meeting.

Pre-Annual Meeting:

- Develop budget and annual plan with President-Elect; communicate it to BoD at the IFT annual meeting.

June:

- Coordinate the invitation of the IFT Presidents and Executive Vice President to the IFTSA Mixer and Closing Ceremony at the IFT annual meeting and communicate the State of the Student Association.

Funding:

The President is fully funded to the MYM and IFT annual meeting. All travel over \$350 must be pre-approved by IFT Staff Liaison in writing.

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PRESIDENT-ELECT

Mission of Position:

The President-Elect is an officer responsible for supporting the IFTSA Board of Directors in the event of the President's absence as well as learning about IFT and the IFTSA in preparation for their subsequent year as President. The President-Elect is a member of the IFTSA Executive Office.

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve as an *ex-officio*, non-voting member of the IFT Board of Directors.
- Serve as a voting member of the IFTSA Board of Directors.
- Assist IFT Staff Liaison with the development of the IFTSA annual goals, revised objectives (if necessary), and budget for the following fiscal year for approval by the IFTSA BoD.
- Assign and coordinate IFTSA Board Liaisons.
- Recommend new Student Association leadership in consultation with staff, the Executive Office and the IFTSA Nominating Committee for the following year for approval by the IFTSA BoD.
- Serve as Chair of the IFTSA Strategic Planning Committee (see Strategic Planning Committee section).
- Assist the President with development of the IFTSA sponsored sessions at the IFT annual meeting.
- Work with President and IFT Staff Liaison to plan the IFTSA Closing Ceremony
- Attend all required meetings and calls for the IFTSA BoD and relevant task forces and work groups.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
- Volunteer to help with other programs, initiatives, and working groups when necessary.
- Adhere to the IFT Code of Conduct

Important Deadlines:

October:

- Work with the President on the development of the IFTSA sponsored sessions at the IFT Annual Meeting.

March

- Recruit and approve members of the Strategic Planning Committee.

April/May:

- Appoint students to IFTSA leadership positions following the announcement of IFTSA election results.

Pre-IFT Annual Meeting:

- Work with staff and the IFTSA Executive Office to prepare the following year's annual plan & budget for review and approval by the IFTSA Board of Directors

IFT Annual Meeting:

- Work with President and IFT Staff Liaison to plan the IFTSA Closing Ceremony and coordinate the passing of the gavel by the IFT President.

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Funding:

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PAST PRESIDENT

Mission of Position:

The Past President is responsible for supporting the current President and the IFTSA Board of Directors, ensuring that the progress and success of the Association continues according to its strategic plan. They are a member of the IFTSA Executive Office and responsible for wrapping up any unfinished business from their term as President.

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve as *ex officio*, non-voting member of the IFT Board of Directors.
- Serve as a voting member of the IFTSA Board of Directors.
- Serve as a non-voting Trustee (one-year term) on the Feeding Tomorrow Board of Trustees.
- Serve as Chair of the IFTSA Nominating Committee (see Nominating Committee Section).
- Work with the current and incoming President to develop the annual goals and budget.
- Organize and implement the new Board Orientation during the IFT annual meeting.
- Attend all required meetings and calls for the IFTSA BoD and relevant task forces and work groups.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
- Volunteer to help with other programs, working groups, and developmental processes when necessary.
- Adhere to the IFT Code of Conduct

Important Deadlines:

October:

- Begin advertising IFTSA nominations and collecting nominations for all IFTSA positions. Be sure to include nomination methods within your communications. Reach out to IFTSA volunteers and other students to nominate individuals; continue this throughout the year.

January/February:

- Work with the IFTSA Staff Liaison to confirm all details of the Nominating Committee and nominations process.

March/April:

- Send names to IFT Staff Liaison and IFTSA Board of Directors for review and approval and to the VP of Digital and Social Media to post online.
- Notify those selected and those not of the nominations process.

April/May:

- Work with the Executive Office/Committee and IFT Staff Liaison to appoint the volunteer leaders for the following year.

Funding:

The Past President is fully funded to the MYM and IFT annual meeting. All travel over \$350 must be pre-approved by IFT Staff Liaison in writing.

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FACULTY & INDUSTRY ADVISOR

Mission of Position:

The Faculty/Industry Advisor is responsible for guiding the IFTSA leadership in their strategic direction. They are present to confirm that current and developing programs fit within the mission of the organization and will reflect positively on its professional image among food professionals. They are a member of the IFTSA Executive Office. Advisors are requested to serve a three-year term.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide guidance during IFTSA Board meetings and conference calls by sharing academic and industry perspectives.
- Attend BoD meeting at MYM and IFT annual meeting.
- Provide guidance and assistance, as requested, by IFTSA leadership.
- Assist IFTSA Staff Liaison in identifying and reaching out to potential corporate donors.
- Assist staff and IFTSA OOP with outreach to industry, department heads and other university stakeholders.
- Attend all relevant meetings and conference calls of the IFTSA BoD and IFTSA Executive Office.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
- Volunteer to help with other programs, working groups, and developmental processes when necessary.
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Board of Directors

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VICE PRESIDENT of DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Mission of Position:

The VP of Digital and Social Media is responsible for overseeing and controlling all social media and digital attributes of IFTSA including the development of original and/or thoughtful content for the IFTSA blog, Science Meets Food.

Key Responsibilities

- Oversee the coordination of content across all IFTSA digital and social media including: the Science Meets Food blog, Facebook, Instagram, and emerging platforms.
- Keep calendars and regularly communicate with other IFTSA leadership regarding media content.
- Maintain the brand identity of the IFTSA, in conjunction with IFT staff.
- Liaise with IFT marketing staff to cross-promote relevant IFT content.
- Use web analytics to inform content strategy and anticipate community needs.
- Attend all required meetings and calls for the IFTSA BoD and relevant task forces and work groups.
- Change and update the password on a monthly basis for the blog. Inform IFT Staff Liaison and other appropriate IFT staff of the change.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
- Serve as a Board Liaison to an assigned area.
- Adhere to the IFT Code of Conduct.

Important Deadlines:

Monthly:

- Change and update permissions for Science Meets Food, all IFTSA social media pages, Google Analytics, etc.
- Utilize Hootsuite to plan social media postings for the calendar year.

Quarterly:

- Assemble updates from IFTSA Chapters for social media and blog posts regarding chapter activities.

Funding:

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VICE PRESIDENT of MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Mission of Position:

The VP of Membership Engagement is a position responsible for supporting, communicating with, and exploring new program ideas to meet the needs of the entire IFTSA membership, regardless of chapter affiliation.

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve as a designated representative for members independent from a chapter.
- Recruit and lead a committee of volunteers to engage students both independent and affiliated with a chapter including but not limited to: social and professional development events/programs and regular communication.
- Serve as IFTSA lounge chair at IFT Annual Meeting. Work with IFT Staff Liaison to plan, set up, manage, maintain, and take down the IFTSA congregation areas (booth, lounge), utilizing a work group if necessary.
- Prepare and present IFTSA First Timers' presentation at IFT Annual Meeting in collaboration with VP of Chapter Engagement.
- Collaborate with IFT Staff Liaison and VP of Chapters Engagement to advertise and manage onsite logistics at the student party at the annual meeting. Recruit volunteers to work at party (check-in, drink tickets etc.) and collaborate with VP of Digital and Social Media to promote in advance.
- Attend all required meetings and calls for the IFTSA BoD and relevant task forces and work groups.
- Coordinate the program assessment process by collecting records from all IFTSA programs and provide a snapshot of program assessment to the IFTSA BoD annually.
- Serve as a member of the Program Review Committee every three years when established.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
- Serve as a Board Liaison to an assigned area.
- Adhere to the IFT Code of Conduct.

Important Deadlines:

September:

- Discuss membership recruitment and retention plan with IFTSA BoD.

April:

- Contact IFTSA leadership and chapter presidents to request volunteers to staff the student congregation areas at the annual meeting.
- Work with IFT staff to finalize details and location for IFTSA networking party for promotion of event

May:

- Finalize volunteer schedule for the IFT Annual Meeting.

IFT Annual Meeting:

- Manage operation and staffing of IFTSA congregation areas.
- Recognize student leaders at the Closing Ceremony.

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VICE PRESIDENT of VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

Mission of Position:

The VP of Volunteer Development is a position responsible for recruiting and matching student volunteers with leadership opportunities, communicating with all student leaders within chapters and on IFT divisions, sections, and workgroups, and providing resources for student leadership development.

Key Responsibilities:

- Proactively identify and advertise student volunteer opportunities through IFT Volunteer Central. (May include work groups, student representatives to divisions and sections, or opportunities at the IFT annual meeting.)
- Match volunteers with appropriate positions.
- Foster communication and provide guidance to student representatives in IFTSA chapters and IFT divisions, sections, and workgroups. May include participating or sitting in on work groups as needed.
- Collaborate with the incoming VP of Volunteer Development and IFT staff, plan, promote, and manage the Chapter Leaders Workshop at the IFT Annual Meeting. The workshop should familiarize future chapter leaders with the fundamentals of IFT and IFTSA and how to recruit and support new members within their chapter. The workshop should focus on leadership development and provide an environment for leaders to foster relationships and to share and learn best practices from other chapter leaders and current and future officers of the IFTSA.
- Schedule volunteers (incoming chapter leaders, BoD) to staff and serve as IFTSA representatives in the lounge during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Develop programs to promote leadership skills in IFTSA members and leaders (webcasts, round table discussions, activities during MYM and Area Meetings etc.).
- Manage the OFG VIP program, including distributing opportunities, tracking points, and planning quarterly calls.
- Work with IFT staff to keep IFTSA leadership informed of student leadership activities at chapter, division, and section levels.
- Assemble and distribute a directory of contact information for student representatives on workgroups and task forces to IFTSA leadership and IFT Staff Liaison.
- Attend all required meetings and calls for the IFTSA BoD and relevant task forces and work groups.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
- Serve as a Board Liaison to an assigned area.
- Adhere to the IFT Code of Conduct.

Important Deadlines:

September

- Recruit student members for positions on work groups and task forces (e.g. volunteer opportunity postings on Volunteer Central) and distribute applicants to appropriate student leaders. Recruit and form work group under VP of Volunteer Development if needed.

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October:

- Create directory of IFTSA volunteers and disseminate to IFTSA leadership.

April/May:

- Finalize Chapter Leaders Workshop program and agenda; Send invitation to all newly elected chapter leaders explaining the funding structure, schedule and expectations for the workshop at the IFT Annual Meeting. Send out sign-up sheet for Student Lounge volunteers.

IFT Annual Meeting:

- Manage Chapter Leaders Workshop.

Post-IFT Annual Meeting:

- Work with IFT Staff Liaison to ensure that all travel grants are sent to the chapter presidents that participated in the workshop. Email out and evaluate Chapter Leaders Workshop evaluation forms.

Funding:

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VICE PRESIDENT of CHAPTER ENGAGEMENT

Mission of Position:

The VP of Chapter Engagement is responsible for training and engaging Area Meeting Chairs throughout the year to aid in planning local Area Meetings and College Bowl Competitions. They also engage with and communicate to all IFTSA Chapters.

Key Responsibilities

- Manage Area Meeting Chairs.
- Conduct Area Meeting Chair training with the Incoming VP at the IFT Annual Event along with planning and executing training Webcasts throughout the year.
- Host monthly calls with Area Meeting Chairs to ensure planning is on schedule.
- Communicate and engage with IFTSA Chapters.
- Review, assess, and make recommendations based on Chapter Health data with the assistance of the IFT Staff Liaison.
- Discuss with Board Liaisons the best line of communication (for both inactive chapters and/or small chapter engagements).
- Communicate necessary information (IFTSA updates, competition deadlines, etc.) with all IFTSA Chapters.
- Develop all presentations to be distributed and presented by chapters (fall/spring presentations) and the Area Meeting presentation.
- When applicable, notify chapters of inactive status and bring to board for approval.
- Communicate minimum chapter requirements to chapters and follow up with those not meeting them. If a chapter fails to complete minimum chapter requirements by June 1st, begin the process of contacting and communicating with them about missing items. When applicable, notify chapters of inactive status and bring to board for voting.
 - If a chapter does not turn in the necessary information within 60 days of this notice, place the chapter on probation.
 - Communicate conditions of probationary status to the last known Chapter President and Chapter Advisor.
 - If no representatives can be reached, investigate whether the chapter exists as a student organization as recognized by its respective school.
 - If a chapter remains on probation for two or more years, make a recommendation to the IFTSA BoD to sunset the chapter.
- Assist the VP of Volunteer Development with the planning for Chapter Leaders Workshop.
- Develop and update Chapter Operations Manual and post to IFT Connect.
- Organize, the Festive Foodie event (chapter gift exchange):
 - Update registration and rules document to distribute to chapter leaders.
 - Organize and facilitate exchange of packages between chapters.
 - Create a publishable output from the event.
- Attend all required meetings and calls for the IFTSA BoD and relevant task forces and work groups.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
- Adhere to the IFT Code of Conduct.

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Important Deadlines:

September:

- Send IFTSA presentation to all chapter leaders
- Plan Area Meeting Chair training schedule
- Work with IFT Staff Liaison to ensure all chapters complete Officer Report Form

October:

- Plan and begin executing the Festive Foodie event.

November:

- Send first half of Chapter Health Survey

January:

- Post all Area Meeting dates and locations to the IFT website.

February:

- Develop Area Meeting presentation and share with volunteers giving presentations
- Request Area Meeting bids for following year

March-April:

- Area Meetings take place
- Collect all host agreements and bids

May:

- Send second half of Chapter Health Survey
- Distribute End of Year Reports to Area Meeting Chairs

June:

- Evaluate Chapter Health Survey and share results with IFTSA Board of Directors

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VICE PRESIDENT of COMPETITIONS

Mission of Position:

The Vice President of Competitions is a position responsible for overseeing all IFTSA competitions and awards throughout the year and during the IFT Annual Meeting. They should act as a resource for the competition chairs, assisting them with the execution of their competitions and guiding them through any complications or rule changes. The VP of Competitions may assist the Nominating Committee in appointing competition chairs for the year following their term.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with any research and planning for new IFTSA competitions.
- Coordinate the judges recruitment program with IFT Staff Liaison and competition chairs to recruit and appoint appropriate judges for prelim and final round of each competition.
- Coordinate with competition chairs and IFT Staff Liaison to conduct prelim round and final round judges training as well as college bowl judges and moderator training.
- Keep IFTSA leadership and membership informed of competition details including: deadline reminders, competition updates, and submission numbers.
- Communicate any suggestions for improvement to the Student Association's competitions to the President before the end of term.
- Assist the President and IFT Staff Liaison in the planning and coordination of the IFTSA Closing Ceremony at the IFT Annual Meeting, specifically with respect to the announcement of the competition winners.
- Oversee correct planning and implementation of all IFTSA competitions and provide assistance throughout year and at the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Work with IFT Staff Liaison and competition chairs to arrange for appropriate recognition of competition judges on behalf of the IFTSA.
- Ensure that a location has been identified and judges have been confirmed for all area meetings and College Bowl Competitions.
- Attend all required meetings and calls for the IFTSA BoD and relevant task forces and work groups.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
- Volunteer to help with other programs, initiatives, and working groups when necessary.
- Lead the Rules Change Subcommittee
- Serve as a Board Liaison to an assigned area.
- Adhere to the IFT Code of Conduct.

Important Deadlines:

September

- Welcome Competition Chairs and communicate annual goals and objectives.
- Confirm that any additions or modifications to competition rules for the current year have been posted online and updated in the rules section for the respective competition.

October

- Plan and execute competition promotion by generating the innovative content by coordinating with competition chairs and VP of Digital and Social Media.

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- Open up judges recruitment on volunteer central and announce in the IFT Divisions.

November/December

- Judges recruitment and assignment to respective competitions and round according to their professional expertise and experience
- Confirm that College Bowl Competitions judges have been identified for area meetings prior to the MYM.
- Confirm schedule of events for the competitions with their respective chairs and communicate room request information and specific needs to the IFT Staff Liaison for scheduling at the IFT Annual Meeting.

January/February

- Request from the IFT Staff Liaison that buzzer systems are sent to Area Meetings.
- Confirm that judges for Product Development Competitions have been identified.
- Coordinate and organize judges training for prelim round of judges.

March

- Coordinate and organize college bowl judges and moderator training.
- Submit IFT Annual event competition photo requests to VP of Membership Engagement and IFT Staff Liaison

April/May

- Contact competition chairs to confirm competition finalists and offer assistance for their IFT Annual Meeting.
- Confirm that all chairs have submitted their competition finalists to the IFT Staff Liaison for travel grant and award purposes.
- Work with competition chairs on competition brochures and PowerPoint slides for competition finals

June

- Coordinate and organize the final round judges training.
- Work with President and IFT Staff Liaison to organize the IFTSA Closing Ceremony.
- Make sure appropriate competition chairs are aware of their role in the IFTSA Closing Ceremony.

IFT Annual Meeting

- Ensure successful execution of all IFTSA competitions.

Post IFT Annual Meeting

- Ensure that IFT Staff Liaison has all the information needed to distribute awards and monetary rewards.
- Assist the future VP of Competitions with making additions or modifications to competition rules for the next year.

Funding:

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MEMBER AT LARGE

Mission of the Position:

Provide flexibility to the BoD in order to engage in new endeavors and to provide additional voices/opinions to the Board. The Member at Large may be designated as a strategic voice to the Board of Directors and assist in developing the organization's holistic strategy, and will have a variety of responsibilities related to IFTSA programming and strategy throughout the year.

Key Responsibilities:

- Represent the interests of IFTSA members, especially those of underrepresented groups, in BoD discussions.
- Specific tasks of the Member at Large will vary year to year due to the dynamic nature of strategic initiatives, but may include developing programs, working with chapters, IFTSA members, and/or other IFTSA volunteers.
- Lead, support, and provide direction to strategic initiatives as needed.
- Actively participate in work groups, task forces, and committees.
- Attend all required meetings and calls for the IFTSA BoD and relevant task forces and work groups.
- Onsite management of Student Food Innovators (SFI).
 - Includes: Leading presentations and discussions, being present or delegating other SFI work group members to be present at all SFI events, serving as main point of contact onsite to mentors and participants.
 - Participating in planning calls and providing feedback during the planning process.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term serving in role.
- Serve as a Board Liaison to an assigned area.
- Adhere to the IFT Code of Conduct.

Important Deadlines:

- Important dates are dependent on the specific task assigned to each Member at Large.

Funding:

Members at Large are fully funded to the MYM and partially funded to the IFT Annual Meeting; they receive a \$300 travel grant and are reimbursed for their transportation costs to and from the meeting (flight, mileage) up to \$350. All travel over \$350 must be pre-approved by IFT Staff Liaison in writing.

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Area Meeting Chair

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AREA MEETING CHAIR

Mission of Position:

Area Meeting Chairs are responsible for organizing an area meeting and college bowl competition among their constituent institutions once during the academic year. They receive \$500 per year from the IFTSA for expenses related to the Area Meeting. Additional funds are provided to the area that won the national college bowl competition the previous year. Soliciting donations from local companies and alumni is recommended. (Before soliciting, please inform the IFT Staff Liaison. Often departments will help defray the costs of printing and mailing: don't be afraid to ask!)

Key Responsibilities:

- Plan Area Meeting/College Bowl Competition including, but not limited to: securing appropriate funding and facilities, advertising to chapters and members in the area, recruiting speakers and College Bowl judges, and organizing any related social activities.
- Work with the Vice President of Chapter Engagement to establish and maintain close contact with representatives (chapter presidents, department heads, and advisors) from student chapters in the area.
- Provide feedback from your Area Meeting including successes and challenges to your successor and the VP of Chapter Engagement.
- Work with the Vice President of Chapter Engagement to provide additional support for newly chartered or prospective chapters.
- Assist the Nomination Committee by providing names of eligible and interested candidates for appointed and elected IFTSA leadership positions.
- Attend all relevant meetings and conference calls with the Vice President of Chapter Engagement.
- Complete an EoY report prior to the end of the volunteer term (August 31st) with all information and updates from term as Area Meeting Chair.
- Conduct the Area Meeting Bid & Host Agreement process as follows:
 - AMCs will be provided with their area's [Host Agreement](#) to determine their status:
 - Rotation: the chapter set to host the next AM will be contacted to submit a bid
 - No rotation: all chapters are contacted to submit a bid
 - AMCs will receive a scripted email to share with their chapters, this email will invite the chapters to submit bids for the next AM, and it will include a blank copy of the Bid Form.
 - Interested chapters or those set to go next in the rotation will fill out the Bid Form completely and email it to their respective AMC, VP of Chapter Engagement, and IFT Staff Liaison.
 - Bids need to be submitted at least **one week** prior to the AM but can also be accepted on site.
 - During the AM, prior to the start of College Bowl:
 - Facilitate a discussion on the upcoming AM and incoming AMC by reading out the [Bid Script](#).
 - Invite chapters that submitted bids to make a pitch or invite all chapters to submit bids.
 - Coordinate an unofficial vote to determine the next AMC and AM host. The vote must be **unanimous**.
 - Fill out and sign the Host Agreement form completely. The form must be completed and signed by a representative from each University present (Advisor is recommended, however, if not present the next in line is Chapter President, followed by College Bowl captain).
 - Immediately, photocopy and send the form to the VP of Chapter Engagement and IFT Staff Liaison.

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- An updated host agreement must be signed **prior to the start of College Bowl**; the College Bowl competition **shall not** start until the Area Meeting Bid & Host Agreement process has been completed.
- After the AM:
 - Ensure that all chapters receive a link to an online survey to submit their vote.
 - Regularly remind chapters to submit their vote prior to the deadline (May 1st).

Important Deadlines (see also Area Meeting Chair checklist):

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| September | Assemble volunteer team and designate a Co-Chair (if needed)
Draft a sponsorship letter and have it approved by IFT Staff Liaison
Create proposed budget of Area Meeting.
Determine a date to host the Area Meeting, with consideration of schedules from all institutes within the area |
| Oct. – Nov. | Begin looking for a location, moderator, and judges for your area meeting College Bowl Competition. Begin soliciting donations for area meeting (keeping end of industry fiscal year in mind: October, January, March timelines). Set date for last sponsorship deadline before March. Confirm location and request buzzers (if needed) prior to the November Board of Directors Meeting. |
| Jan. – Feb. | Confirm judges and moderator for your event. |
| Mar. – Apr. | Hold Area Meeting and College Bowl Competition, preferably between March 15th and April 15th. Notify the VP of Chapter Engagement, IFT Staff Liaison and VP of Competitions of Area College Bowl Competition winners. |

Funding:

Area Meeting Chairs will receive up to a \$500 stipend to attend the Chapter Leaders Workshop and Area Meeting Chair training during the Annual Event for the year preceding their term.

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AREA MEETING CHAIR CHECKLIST

June-July

- Communicate with current Area Meeting Chair to review communication challenges and best practices.

September-December

- Form a group to assist in the planning of the Area Meeting.
- With the help of the chapter president, determine where the meeting is being held, begin looking for sponsors, judges and a moderator for your area meeting.
- Prepare sponsorship letter and have it approved by IFT Staff Liaison
- Create proposed budget for area meeting.
- Ask chapter presidents to supply contact information for their chapter's college bowl captain and advisor(s).
- Provide necessary information regarding the Area Meeting and College Bowl Competition to schools in area.

January-February

- Finalize the sponsors/ judges/moderator for your meeting; send the names to the College Bowl Chair.
- Thank the sponsors, judges, moderator for their agreeing to participate, and start looking for appreciation gifts to give them.
- Finalize the hotel reservation for the teams.
- Finalize the location of the dinner, breakfast and lunch during the area meeting.
- Develop the area meeting program and send it to the chapter presidents to share with their chapter.
- Double check on all reservations, equipment, directions, laptops, personnel, arrivals contracts

March

- Make sure everybody received the schedule and is aware of the date and time and location of the meeting (include directions).
- Finalize your own travel and double check your program for any changes, additions, or modifications.
- Ensure that you have ample volunteers to help out with logistics setting up and during the meeting

April

- Send the signed host agreement and bid to host the following area meeting to IFT Staff Liaison.
- Send a final report and thank you letter to the judges, moderator and all sponsors (cc IFT Staff Liaison).
Optional: include some pictures and a thank you note signed by you and all the chapter presidents.

Where to look for Funding and Sponsors:

- Talk to the officers in your local Section, they know the companies that usually sponsor student activities.
- Talk to the local IFT Sections of the chapters participating in the area meeting.
- Look at the list of sponsors from the last area meeting.
- Look at food companies based in the same state/city/region as the area meeting.
- Talk to graduates from the university where the meeting is held. Alumni are more motivated to get (or give) funding for local IFT events.

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**Creating an expected budget (expenses, items needed) to provide potential sponsors when requesting support might help secure monetary or in kind donations.

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Selection of Area Meeting (AM) location and Area Meeting Chair (AMC):

The host chapter and chair of the next AM will be determined by the following process:

1. Chapters interested in hosting will submit a bid
 - **What?** Bids must include, at a minimum, the name of the proposed AMC and the host chapter
 - **How?** Bids will be submitted via e-mail to the current AMC
 - **When?** Bids should be submitted at least one week prior to the AM, unless exceptions are granted by current AMC
 - **What if?** If an area has an established rotation system, the next chapter in the rotation will submit a bid
 - **What if?** If no bids are submitted by the end of the AM, the VP of Chapter Engagement will work with area leaders to implement a rotation system
2. The current AMC will compile and send all bids to the VP of Chapter Engagement and the IFT Executive Office
3. At the AM, the AMC will facilitate a discussion about the next AM, and chapters that have submitted a bid can make a pitch for their bid
4. Following the AM, chapters will vote on which bid to select for the next AM
 - **How?** Each chapter president will receive a link from the IFT Executive Office to an online survey and will cast one vote on behalf of their chapter. Chapters do not have to send representatives to the AM in order to vote
 - **When?** The survey will open at or immediately after the AM and close 2 weeks later. All votes must be finalized by May 1st
 - **What if?** If an area with a rotation system receives multiple bids, a challenger bid which receives more votes can trump the bid of the next chapter in the rotation
5. The IFTSA Executive Office and VP of Chapter Engagement will tally the votes and announce the next Area Meeting host chapters and AMCs

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Competition and Award Chairs

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CHAIR of the IFTSA AND MARS WRIGLEY PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION

Mission of Position:

The Chair of the IFTSA and Mars Wrigley Product Development Competition is responsible for managing all aspects of the competition, from promotion to execution at the IFT Annual Meeting, while upholding its integrity and prestige.

Key Responsibilities:

- Publicize the competition through the IFTSA website, IFTSA communications, and university department heads.
- Submit announcement to IFTSA leadership with competition deadlines, any pertinent rule changes and your contact information for dissemination to their respective groups and for publication in the IFTSA blog and posting on the Web.
- Check competition email account regularly and respond to student questions.
- Confirm judges (for both preliminary and final rounds) remaining on the panel and coordinate to select replacement judges for those rotating off the panel (judges may serve three-year terms and are not allowed to serve consecutive terms).
- Work with judges to facilitate timely distribution and evaluation of entries.
- Send IFT Staff Liaison and VP of Competitions list of finalists for travel grant purposes, award purposes and for inclusion in the IFTSA Closing Ceremony Program and other IFT Annual Meeting publications.
- In cooperation with the IFT Staff Liaison, verify the eligibility of all team members at the time of their preliminary proposal submission.
- Notify finalists two and a half months prior to the IFT Annual Meeting and send them the contact information of the IFT Staff Liaison for travel grant information.
- Assist VP of competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating the training of judges.
- Coordinate with IFT Staff Liaison and VP of Competitions to schedule rooms for all events at the IFT Annual Meeting, including the team meeting, oral presentation, and product sampling.
- Determine preparation facilities needed by teams and confirm availability with the IFT Staff Liaison.
- Organize and manage the competition finals during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Verify that release forms are signed by all judges prior to tasting the products.
- Recognize participating teams and announce finalists at the IFTSA Closing Ceremony during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Create innovative content and coordinating with VPs of Competitions and Digital and Social Media for timely promotion of the competition.
- Contact IFT Staff Liaison with competition results for publication.
- Submit any proposed competition rule changes to the VP of Competitions for approval through the Rule Change Subcommittee and final approval by the IFTSA BoD.
- Submit any changes in the Rules and/or Procedures to the sponsor company for their review.
- Send judges' comments to competition participants following the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Thank judges.
- Update any pertinent information regarding the position before your term ends.

Important Deadlines:

September Send competition information and rules to the VP of Digital & Social Media for inclusion in the fall communication.

Confirm competition information on IFTSA website is correct.

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October	Execute the competition promotion by coordinating with VP of Competitions and VP of Digital and Social Media.
Nov/Dec	Confirm judges and alternate judges for the competition and send them the competition rules.
February	Deadline for preliminary proposals – confirm eligibility of proposals and send proposals to judges (February 15). Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating prelim round judges' training.
March	Notify finalists and provide their contact information to IFT Staff Liaison for travel grant information. Send confidential list of finalists to IFT Staff Liaison, VP of Competitions, IFTSA Presidents and IFT communications staff. Confirm schedule of events for competition with VP of Competitions including room request information and set up information.
May	Deadline for final written proposals. Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating final round judges' training.
May/June	Notify VP of Competitions of any special equipment needs for finalists. Confirm competition schedule and room assignment with IFT Staff Liaison and send this information to judges, finalists, and sponsor company. Provide IFT Publications staff with competition information (finalist and product info, etc.) prior to the IFT Annual Meeting for publication and promotion. Circulate information and invitations of student celebration night to the finalists and judges
IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure successful execution of IFTSA Product Development Competition. Announce winners at IFTSA Closing Ceremony.
Post-IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure that IFT Staff Liaison has all the information needed to distribute awards and monetary rewards.

Funding:

The Chair is partially funded to the IFT Annual Meeting; they receive a \$300 travel grant and are reimbursed for their transportation costs to and from the meeting (flight, mileage) up to \$350. All travel over \$350 must be pre-approved by IFT Staff Liaison in writing.

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CHAIR of the DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS for DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COMPETITION

Mission of Position:

The Chair of the IFTSA Developing Solutions for Developing Countries Competition (DSDC) is responsible for managing all aspects of the competition, from promotion to execution at the IFT Annual Meeting, while upholding its integrity and prestige.

Key Responsibilities:

- Work with Feeding Tomorrow on the selection of yearly competition theme.
- Publicize the competition through the IFTSA website, IFTSA communications, and university department heads.
- Check competition email account regularly and respond to student questions.
- Create innovative content and coordinating with VPs of Competitions and Digital and Social Media for timely promotion of the competition.
- Work with the IFT Staff Liaison to publicize the competition internationally.
- Submit announcement to IFTSA leadership with competition deadlines, any pertinent rule changes and your contact information for dissemination to their respective groups and for publication on the student blog.
- Confirm judges (for both prelim and final round) remaining on the panel and coordinate to select replacement judges for those rotating off the panel (judges may serve three-year terms and are not allowed to serve consecutive terms).
- Work with judges to facilitate timely distribution and evaluation of entries.
- Send IFT Staff Liaison and VP of Competitions list of finalists for travel grant purposes, award purposes and for inclusion in the IFTSA Closing Ceremony Program and other IFT Annual Meeting publications.
- In cooperation with the IFT Staff Liaison, verify the eligibility of all team members at the time of their preliminary proposal submission.
- Notify finalists two and a half months prior to the IFT Annual Meeting and send them the contact information of the IFT Staff Liaison for travel grant information.
- Coordinate with IFT Staff Liaison and VP of Competitions to schedule rooms for all events at the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Determine preparation facilities needed by teams and confirm availability with the IFT Staff Liaison.
- Organize and manage the competition finals during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Recognize participating teams and announce finalists at the IFTSA Closing Ceremony during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Contact IFT Staff Liaison with competition results for publication.
- Submit any proposed competition rule changes to the VP of Competitions for approval through the Rule Change Subcommittee and final approval by the IFTSA BoD.
- Submit any changes in the Rules and/or Procedures to the sponsor company for their review.
- Send judges' comments to the competition participants following the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Thank judges.
- Update any pertinent information regarding the position before your term ends.

Important Deadlines:

September Send competition information and rules to Department Heads and appropriate Divisions for distribution, and to the VP of Digital and Social Media for inclusion in the fall communication.

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October	Execute the competition promotion by coordinating with VP of Competitions and VP of Digital and Social Media
Nov/Dec	Confirm judges and alternate judges for the competition and send them the competition rules.
February	Deadline for preliminary proposals – confirm eligibility of proposals and send proposals to judges (February 15). Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating prelim round judges' training.
March	Notify finalists and provide their contact information to IFT Staff Liaison for travel grant information. Send list of finalists to IFT Staff Liaison, VP of Competitions, IFTSA Presidents. Confirm schedule of events for competition with VP of Competitions including room request information and set up information.
May	Deadline for final written proposals. Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating final round judges' training.
May/June	Notify VP of Competitions of any special equipment needs for finalists. Confirm competition schedule and room assignment with IFT Staff Liaison and send this information to judges, finalists, and sponsor company. Provide IFT Publications staff with competition information (finalist and product info, etc.) prior to the IFT Annual Meeting for publication and promotion. Circulate information and invitations of student celebration night to the finalists and judges.
IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure successful execution of IFTSA Product Development Competition. Announce winners at IFTSA Closing Ceremony.
Post-IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure that IFT Staff Liaison has all the information needed to distribute awards and monetary rewards.

Funding:

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CHAIR of the IFTSA SMART SNACKS for KIDS COMPETITION

Mission of Position:

The Chair of the IFTSA Smart Snacks for Kids Product Development Competition (SSFK) is responsible for managing all aspects of the competition, from promotion to execution at the IFT Annual Meeting, while upholding its integrity and prestige.

Key Responsibilities:

- Publicize the competition through the IFTSA website, IFTSA communications, and university department heads.
- Submit announcement to IFTSA leadership with competition deadlines, any pertinent rule changes and your contact information for dissemination to their respective groups and for publication on the student blog.
- Check competition email account regularly and respond to student questions
- Confirm judges (for both prelim and final round) remaining on the panel and coordinate to select replacement judges for those rotating off the panel (judges may serve three-year terms and are not allowed to serve consecutive terms).
- Work with judges to facilitate timely distribution and evaluation of entries.
- Send IFT Staff Liaison and VP of Competitions list of finalists for travel grant purposes, award purposes and for inclusion in the IFTSA Closing Ceremony Program and other IFT Annual Meeting publications.
- In cooperation with the IFT Staff Liaison, verify the eligibility of all team members at the time of their preliminary proposal submission.
- Notify finalists two and a half months prior to the IFT Annual Meeting and send them the contact information of the IFT Staff Liaison for travel grant information.
- Coordinate with IFT Staff Liaison and VP of Competitions to schedule rooms for all events at the IFT Annual Meeting, including the team meeting, product sampling, and oral finals.
- Determine preparation facilities needed by teams and confirm availability with the IFT Staff Liaison.
- Organize and manage the competition finals during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Verify that release forms are signed by all judges prior to tasting the products.
- Recognize participating teams and announce finalists at the IFTSA Closing Ceremony during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Create innovative content and coordinating with VPs of Competitions and Digital and Social Media for timely promotion of the competition.
- Contact IFT Staff Liaison with competition results for publication.
- Submit any proposed competition rule changes to the VP of Competitions for approval through the Rule Change Subcommittee and final approval by the IFTSA BoD.
- Send judges' comments to the competition participants following the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Thank judges.
- Update any pertinent information regarding the position before your term ends.

Important Deadlines:

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| September | Send competition information and rules to Department Heads for distribution and to the VP of Digital and Social Media for inclusion in the fall communication.

Confirm competition information on IFTSA website is correct. |
| October | Execute the competition promotion by coordinating with VP of Competitions and VP of Digital and |

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Social Media

Nov/Dec	Confirm judges and alternate judges for the competition and send them the competition rules.
February	Deadline for preliminary proposals – confirm eligibility of proposals and send proposals to judges (February 15). Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating prelim round judges' training.
March	Notify finalists and provide their contact information to IFT Staff Liaison for travel grant information. Send list of finalists to IFT Staff Liaison, VP of Competitions, IFTSA Presidents. Confirm schedule of events for competition with VP of Competitions including room request information and set up information.
May	Deadline for final written proposals (May 15). Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating final round judges' training.
May/June	Notify VP of Competitions of any special equipment needs for finalists. Confirm competition schedule and room assignment with IFT Staff Liaison and send this information to judges, finalists, and sponsor company. Provide IFT Publications staff with competition information (finalist and product info, etc.) prior to the IFT Annual Meeting for publication and promotion. Circulate information and invitations of student celebration night to the finalists and judges
IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure successful execution of IFTSA Product Development Competition. Announce winners at IFTSA Closing Ceremony.
Post-IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure that IFT Staff Liaison has all the information needed to distribute awards and monetary rewards.

Funding:

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CHAIR of the COLLEGE BOWL COMPETITION

Mission of Position:

The Chair of the IFTSA College Bowl Competition (CB) is responsible for managing all aspects of the competition, from promotion to execution at the IFT Annual Meeting, while upholding its integrity and prestige.

Key Responsibilities:

- Publicize the competition IFTSA website, IFTSA communication, and university department heads.
- Submit announcement to IFTSA leadership with competition deadlines, any pertinent rule changes and your contact information for dissemination to their respective groups and for publication in the newsletter and posting on the Web.
- Check competition email account regularly and respond to student questions.
- Work with IFT Staff Liaison to recruit volunteers to work with teams that do not have a faculty coach.
- In cooperation with the IFT Staff Liaison, verify the eligibility of all members on the winning teams following the area meetings.
- Send finalists the contact information of the IFT Staff Liaison and send the IFT Staff Liaison the contact information of the finalists for travel grant information.
- Create innovative content and coordinating with VPs of Competitions and Digital and Social Media for timely promotion of the competition.
- Solicit, categorize and record questions as stated in the rules and guidelines of the competition.
- Ensure the screening of submitted college bowl questions and maintain the integrity of the question bank.
- Revise questions sent back from area competition judges, as needed and where appropriate.
- Coordinate with IFT Staff Liaison and VP of Competitions to schedule rooms for CB events at the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Confirm judges (for both prelim and final round) remaining on the panel and coordinate to select replacement judges for those rotating off the panel (judges serve may three-year terms and are not allowed to serve consecutive terms).
- Organize and manage all aspects of the competition during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Following the finals at the IFT Annual Meeting, all equipment and materials should be packed up and moved to the designated place for pick-up and shipment back to the IFT office.
- Recognize participating teams and announce finalists at the IFTSA Closing Ceremony during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Contact IFT Staff Liaison with competition results for publication.
- Submit any proposed competition rule changes to the VP of Competitions for approval through the Rule Change Subcommittee and final approval by the IFTSA BoD.
- Update any pertinent information regarding the position before your term ends.

Important Deadlines:

September Contact the department head and student chapter president of each university asking them to encourage participation at their institution. Recruit a panel of reviewers from different universities, governmental agencies, or members of the food industry to review and edit new questions, as well as update the existing database.

Begin establishing a system for gathering, reviewing and classifying questions. Send new questions to the panel of reviewers and revise the returned questions in the database.

Confirm that competition information on IFTSA website is correct.

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October	Request submission of 25 new CB questions from all participating teams to be submitted by January 31. Execute the competition promotion by coordinating with VP of Competitions and VP of Digital and Social Media
December	Confirm schedule of competition with VP of Competitions including room request information and other modifications to the set up.
March	Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating judges' and moderator training.
April	Collect contact information of team members from the winners of each area competition and disseminate information to the VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison. Contact the incoming competition chair; discuss duties of the position and review upcoming responsibilities to be shared during the IFT Annual Meeting.
May	Confirm volunteers to help during the competition finals with timing and scorekeeping. Supply judges and the moderator with a copy of the questions and answers that will be used during the competition finals. Schedule conference calls for judges, moderator and VP of Competitions to review questions in detail.
May/June	Receive changes from competition judges, revise questions and prepare for IFT Annual Meeting. Provide IFT Publications staff with finalists information prior to the IFT Annual Meeting for publication and promotion. Circulate information and invitations of student celebration night to the finalists and judges.
IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure successful execution of IFTSA College Bowl Competition.
Post-IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure that IFT Staff Liaison has all the information needed to distribute awards and monetary rewards.

Funding:

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CHAIR of the CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mission of Position:

The Chair of the IFTSA Chapter of the Year (CoY) Award is responsible for managing all aspects of the competition, from promotion to execution at the IFT Annual Meeting, while upholding its integrity and prestige. The focus of the award is to recognize IFT student chapters that embody IFTSA's strategic promises and ultimately empower students to achieve their full potential.

Key Responsibilities:

- Publicize the competition through the IFTSA website, IFTSA communication, university department heads and the IFTSA blog in the early fall.
- Collect CoY submissions, distribute the submissions to the judges, score them and compile the results of the competition.
- Results should be shared with the IFTSA Presidents, VP of Competitions and the IFT Staff Liaison.
- Recognize participating chapters and announce winners at the IFTSA Closing Ceremony.
- Submit any proposed competition rule changes to the VP of Competitions for approval through the Rule Change Subcommittee and final approval by the IFTSA BoD.
- Update any pertinent information regarding the position before your term ends.

Important Deadlines:

September	Contact the department head and student chapter president from each university asking them to encourage participation at their institution. Confirm competition information on IFT website is correct.
March	Send reminder to competing chapters about May 1 deadline. Execute the competition promotion by coordinating with VP of Competitions and VP of Digital and Social Media
April:	Deadline for chapter submission. Contact IFT Staff Liaison with schools that are participating in the CoY competition.
May/June	Complete scoring and send names of winners to IFT Staff Liaison so plaques and certificates for the winners can be prepared. Circulate information and invitations of student celebration night to the finalists and judges.
IFT Annual Meeting	Announce winners at IFTSA Closing Ceremony.
post-IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure all information is provided to distribute awards and monetary rewards.

Funding:

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CHAIR of the UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COMPETITION

Mission of Position:

The Chair of the IFTSA Undergraduate Research Competition (URC) is responsible for managing all aspects of the competition, from promotion to execution at the IFT Annual Meeting, while upholding its integrity and prestige. The focus of the competition is to provide undergraduate students with an opportunity to develop their written and oral presentation skills.

Key Responsibilities:

- Publicize the competition through the IFTSA website, IFTSA communication, and university department heads in the early fall.
- Check competition email account regularly and respond to student questions.
- Confirm judges (for both prelim and final round) remaining on the panel and coordinate to select replacement judges for those rotating off the panel (judges may serve three-year terms and are not allowed to serve consecutive terms).
- In cooperation with the IFT Staff Liaison, ensure that judges are confirmed for the competition finals during the IFT Annual Meeting. Emphasize the need for judges to provide constructive feedback and advice on ways to improve their presentation skills.
- Send finalists the contact information of the IFT Staff Liaison for travel grant information and provide them with the location and time of the competition finals.
- Create innovative content and coordinating with VPs of Competitions and Digital and Social Media for timely promotion of the competition.
- Direct, manage and serve as the session moderator for the oral competition during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Recognize competition finalists and winners during the IFTSA Closing Ceremony during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Submit any proposed competition rule changes to the VP of Competitions for approval through the Rule Change Subcommittee and final approval by the IFTSA BoD.
- Send judges' comments to the competition participants following the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Thank judges.
- Update any pertinent information regarding the position before your term ends.

Important Deadlines:

September	Send competition information to department heads for distribution and include a reminder in the SA fall communication. Confirm competition information on IFT website is correct.
December	Confirm IFT members to serve as judges and review/evaluate the submitted abstracts.
January	Execute the competition promotion by coordinating with VP of Competitions and VP of Digital and Social Media
February	Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating prelim round judges' training.
March	Final deadline for abstracts. Send procedures and rules to all prospective participants. Remind students of the letter needed from their department head. Notify IFT Staff Liaison of all participants to confirm their IFT membership status.

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Screen abstracts for compliance with competition rules and immediately upload abstracts for judges to review. (be sure the name of author is deleted).

April Deadline for receipt of abstract scores from judges. Email list of finalists to all contestants, the IFT Staff Liaison, VP of Competitions, and IFTSA presidents.

May Advise finalists to email the IFT Staff Liaison with their contact information travel grant purposes.

Request preparation of certificates, for finalists and participants, from IFT Staff Liaison to be presented at IFT Annual Meeting.

Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating final round judges' training.

May/June Inform finalists, with cc to their Department Head, of competition logistics: include a) the date, time and room of URC Session; b) a reminder to number their slides in proper sequence; c) when and where to turn in their presentation; d) a copy of the session program; and e) a reminder to contact the IFT Staff Liaison for their travel grant if they have not already done so.

Circulate information and invitations of student celebration night to the finalists and judge

IFT Annual Meeting Ensure successful execution of IFTSA URC.
Announce winners are the IFTSA Closing Ceremony

post-IFT Annual Meeting Ensure that IFT Staff Liaison has all the information needed to distribute awards and monetary rewards.

Funding:

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CHAIR of the GRADUATE RESEARCH VIDEO COMPETITION

Mission of Position:

The Chair of the IFTSA Graduate Research Video Competition (GRVC) is responsible for managing all aspects of the competition, from promotion to execution at the IFT Annual Meeting, while upholding its integrity and prestige. The focus of the competition is to provide graduate students the opportunity to share their research in a fun, creative way.

Key Responsibilities:

- Publicize the competition through IFTSA communication channels including: social media, student digest, and Science Meets Food blog as appropriate. Work with VP of Competitions and VP of Volunteer Development to determine strategy, including potential use of videos from past competition finalists.
- Check competition email account regularly and respond to student questions
- In cooperation with the IFT Staff Liaison, verify the eligibility of all participating students at the time of their abstract submission.
- Coordinate competition judges with IFT Staff Liaison, VP of Competitions, and Campden BRI
- Recognize competition finalists and winners during the IFTSA Closing Ceremony during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Submit any proposed competition rule changes to the VP of Competitions for approval through the Rule Change Subcommittee and final approval by the IFTSA BoD.
- Send judges' comments to the competition participants following the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Thank judges.
- Update any pertinent information regarding the position before your term ends.

Important Deadlines:

September	Send competition information to department heads for distribution and include a reminder in the IFTSA fall communication. Confirm competition information on IFT website is correct.
January	Execute the competition promotion by coordinating with VP of Competitions and VP of Digital and Social Media.
February	Confirm competition judges.
April	Final deadline for submissions. Notify IFT Staff Liaison of all participants to confirm their IFT membership status. Screen abstracts for compliance with competition rules and immediately upload abstracts for judges to review (be sure the name of author is deleted).
Mid-April	Deadline for receipt of abstract scores from judges. Email list of finalists to all contestants, the IFT Staff Liaison, VP of Competitions, and IFTSA presidents.
May	Final proposal is due from all finalists.

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Advise finalists to email the IFT Staff Liaison with their contact information travel grant purposes.

Request preparation of certificates, for finalists and participants, from IFT Staff Liaison to be presented at IFT Annual Meeting.

Inform finalists, with cc to their Department Head, of competition logistics: include a) the date, time and room of GRVC Session; b) a reminder to number their slides in proper sequence; c) when and where to turn in their presentation; d) a copy of the session program; and e) a reminder to contact the IFT Staff Liaison for their travel grant if they have not already done so.

IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure successful execution of IFTSA GRVC. Announce winners are the IFTSA Closing Ceremony
Post-IFT Annual Meeting	Ensure that IFT Staff Liaison has all the information needed to distribute awards and monetary rewards. Follow up to determine what needs to be done to arrange travel for the winner to the UK and pass along information to the incoming chair as appropriate.

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CHAIR of the IFTSA EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Mission of Position:

The Chair of the IFT Student Association (IFTSA) Excellence in Leadership Award (EiL) is responsible for managing all aspects of the award including promotion and execution, while upholding its integrity and prestige. The focus of the award is to recognize an undergraduate and a graduate student member of IFT, whose exemplary leadership embodies IFTSA's strategic promises and, ultimately, empowers fellow students to reach their full potential.

Key Responsibilities:

- Publicize the award through IFTSA communication channels including IFT website, IFTSA communications, social media, student digest, and blog as appropriate.
- Check award email account regularly and respond to student questions.
- Confirm three IFT members to serve as judges to review and evaluate submitted entries.
- In cooperation with the IFT Staff Liaison, verify the eligibility of all participating students at the time of their submission.
- Work with judges, IFT Staff Liaison, and VP of Competitions to schedule interview calls for finalists.
- Send winners the contact information of the IFT Staff Liaison for travel grant information and provide them with the location and time of the award ceremony.
- Recognize award winners during the IFTSA Closing Ceremony during the IFT Annual Meeting.
- Submit any proposed rule changes to the VP of Competitions for approval through the Rule Change Subcommittee and final approval by the IFTSA Board of Directors.
- Update any pertinent information regarding the position before your term ends.

Important Deadlines:

September	Send award information to department heads for distribution and include a reminder in the SA fall communication. Confirm award information on IFT website is correct.
December	Confirm three IFT members to serve as judges and review/evaluate the submitted entries.
January	Execute the competition promotion by coordinating with VP of Competitions and VP of Digital and Social Media.
February	Assist VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison in coordinating judges' training.
March	Final deadline for entries. Send procedures and rules to all prospective participants. Remind students mandatory requirements to submit an essay and two letters of recommendation along with their resume and application. Notify IFT Staff Liaison of all participants to confirm their IFT membership status.

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Screen entries for compliance with award rules and immediately upload credentials for judges to review.

- April Deadline for receipt of entries scores from judges. Notify the finalists and arrange the interview timings in coordination with the judges.
- Early-May Interviews of the finalists.
- Mid-May Deadline for receipt of final round scores from judges. Notify the finalists of the results.
- Advise winners to email the IFT Staff Liaison with their contact information travel grant purposes.
- Request preparation of certificates, for winners, from IFT Staff Liaison to be presented at IFT Annual Meeting.
- Inform winners, with cc to their Department Head, of competition logistics: include a) the date, time and room of award ceremony ; b) a copy of the session program; and c) a reminder to contact the IFT Staff Liaison for their travel grant if they have not already done so.

IFT Annual Meeting Announce winners during the IFTSA Closing Ceremony.

Post-IFT Annual Meeting Ensure that IFT Staff Liaison has all the information needed to distribute awards and monetary rewards.

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Other Chair Positions

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Blog Editor

Mission of Position

The Blog Editor is responsible for overseeing the operational activities involved with the Science Meets Food blog under the Digital and Social Media branch of the IFTSA and working in partnership with the VP of Digital and Social Media in revising and sharing content materials developed for the blog.

Key Responsibilities

- Serve as the associate editor of the Science Meets Food blog in coordination with the VP of Digital and Social Media.
- Upload finalized blog articles to WordPress and ensure formatting is consistent across the blog.
- Coordinate with volunteer blog writers to ensure deadlines are met and any gaps in blog programming are addressed.
- Communicate and maintain with the VP of Digital and Social Media the blog article calendar on a weekly basis.
- Attend optional Science Meets Food brainstorming sessions with Science Meets Food blog writers to generate ideas for upcoming blog programming.
- Attend mandatory Digital and Social Media team bimonthly meetings and maintain regular communication with the team.

Important Deadlines

September:

- Obtain login rights and permissions for Science Meets Food.

Quarterly:

- Receive updates disseminated from the VP Digital and Social Media regarding IFTSA Chapters for blog posts regarding chapter activities.

Funding

The Blog Editor will receive up to a \$500 stipend to attend the Annual Event and receive on-site training during the Annual Event for the year preceding their term.

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Social Media Manager

Mission of Position

The Social Media Manager is responsible for overseeing the operational activities involved with the social media platforms used by the IFTSA in partnership with the VP of Digital and Social Media and reinforce brand identity of the IFTSA throughout all channels.

Key Responsibilities

- Maintain ongoing social media postings in coordination with the VP of Digital and Social Media to support the ongoing mission of the IFTSA.
- Build community across all social media platforms through regular engagement with readers and followers.
- Work together with the VP of Digital and Social Media to use web analytics (Google Analytics, Hootsuite Analytics, etc.) to develop social media strategies for improving engagement based on quantitative metrics.
- Share relevant marketing content for promotion with the IFT marketing staff.
- Attend Digital and Social Media team bimonthly meetings and maintain regular communication with the team.

Important Deadlines

September:

- Obtain login rights and permissions for all IFTSA social media pages, IFTSA Gmail Account, Google Analytics, and future social media tools.
- Utilize Hootsuite to plan social media postings for the calendar year.
- Liaise with IFT Staff Liaison to develop a social media strategy is for the year. Clarify what role IFT staff plays and what roles the Social Media Chair and VP of Digital & Social Media play in managing our social media platforms.

Quarterly:

- Receive updates disseminated from the VP Digital and Social Media regarding IFTSA Chapters for social media regarding chapter activities.

Funding

The Social Media Manager will receive up to a \$500 stipend to attend the Annual Event and receive on-site training during the Annual Event for the year preceding their term.

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Standing Subcommittees

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mission of Group:

The Nominating Committee (NC) is responsible for selecting the slate for the IFTSA Board of Directors. Their goal is to ensure a diverse and capable pool of candidates, strengthening the breadth of representation by the Student Association. Ensuring the inclusion and willingness to advocate for underrepresented groups, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, major, geographic area, and other categories.

Committee Composition:

- IFTSA Immediate Past President (Chair, non-voting)
- IFTSA President – Elect
- IFT Staff Liaison
- Two IFT student members
 - Outgoing IFTSA Board of Directors member
 - IFTSA General Member
- Two IFT Members
 - Possible options include IFTSA Advisor, IFT Division Leader, IFT Board of Directors member, etc.

Key Responsibilities:

- Seek nominations for all IFTSA slated leadership positions.
- Promote the nomination on the IFTSA website, in all IFTSA communications. Communicate the benefits of getting involved and all the volunteer opportunities available in the IFTSA.
- Confirm the online nominations resources are updated and functioning properly.
- Collect photos and bios from each candidate, prepare the ballot and submit it to the IFT Staff Liaison.
- Work with IFT Staff Liaison to conduct the electronic election and promote it to the membership.
- Inform all non-winners of the other opportunities (appointed positions) available to them if they are interested.
- In conjunction with the IFTSA President, notify all winners and IFTSA membership of the nomination results.
- In the event of a slate petition, will validate the petitioning members and coordinate the election

Important Deadlines:

August

- Nominating Committee appointments made by the IFTSA Office of the President for the Nominating Committee are submitted to the IFT Office of the President

September

- Communicate action plan and important deadlines for the Nominating Committee to all members of the committee.

October

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- Send announcement and updated Nomination information to the VP of Digital and Social Media and IFT Staff Liaison for distribution.
- Contact current IFTSA volunteers and student chapter presidents inviting them to self-nominate or nominate a peer for a volunteer position

January

- Deadline for receiving nominations. Report to IFTSA BoD and IFT Staff Liaison the tentative slate of candidates and list of potential volunteers. Have IFT Staff Liaison check eligibility of all candidates.

Mid-February

- The final slate (with bios and photos of candidates) is due to IFT Staff Liaison.

End-February/Mid-March

- Advertise the slate to the general membership.

April

- Report confidential election results to IFTSA Presidents and advisors. Report general election results to all candidates and to the VP of Digital and Social Media for public announcement.

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RULE CHANGE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mission of Group:

The Rule Change Subcommittee is assembled as needed and responsible for considering all proposed rule changes to the IFT Student Association Competitions.

While changes in IFTSA Competition rules are sometimes necessary, frequent changes to the established rules can cause confusion to contestants and competition chairs. This subcommittee provides a formal mechanism to consider IFTSA rule changes, especially considering the amount of financial support given by sponsors and organizational credibility leveraged through these competitions.

Key Responsibilities:

The Subcommittee will meet, as needed, to consider proposed rule changes to IFTSA Competition. Suggested changes can be accepted from IFTSA members, IFTSA task forces, IFTSA competition chairs, and/or the IFTSA BoD. Once considered, the subcommittee will recommend (by majority vote) to the IFTSA BoD whether the rule change should be accepted. If the vote is not unanimous, a minority report can accompany the recommendation. The IFTSA BoD will have the final vote on the proposal, which they can pass, fail, or send back to the Rule Change Subcommittee for further consideration. Rule change reports will be compiled by the IFTSA VP of Competitions and IFT Staff Liaison for historical purposes.

Membership:

The membership of the Rule Change Subcommittee is listed below. Members not specified will be appointed by the IFTSA President.

Composition:

The Rule Change Subcommittee is comprised of all competition chairs, two (2) at large members, and the Vice President of Competitions, who serves as the Chair. The Chair should ensure that the incoming Vice President of Competitions is a member of the committee.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mission of Group:

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) is responsible for reviewing and revising the IFTSA strategic plan, including the strategic promises and strategic objectives. The goal of the committee is to ensure that the IFTSA strategic plan reflects the current priorities of the Student Association and continues to align with the vision and mission of the organization.

Committee Composition:

- IFTSA President – Elect (Chair)
- IFTSA President
- IFTSA Immediate Past President
- IFT Staff Member
- IFTSA Advisor
- Three IFT student members
 - One member of the current/outgoing IFTSA Board of Directors
 - Two members of the incoming IFTSA Board of Directors
 - One must be the President – Elect designate, the other may be any member of the incoming IFTSA Board of Directors

Key Responsibilities:

- Review current IFTSA strategic objectives.
- Reflect on the current strategy of the IFT Student Association and provide suggestions to improve the strategic priorities of the organization.
- Suggest revisions to the strategic plan that will guide future strategic goals and work.

Important Deadlines:

March

- Appoint members to the Strategic Planning Committee and request approval from the IFT Office of the President.

April – May

- Review (and revise, if necessary) the current IFTSA Strategic Objectives.

May – June

- Present revised strategic plan to current IFTSA Board of Directors for their review and approval.

June – July

- Presented the updated strategic plan to current and incoming IFTSA leadership and provide direction SMART goal ideation for incoming Board of Directors.

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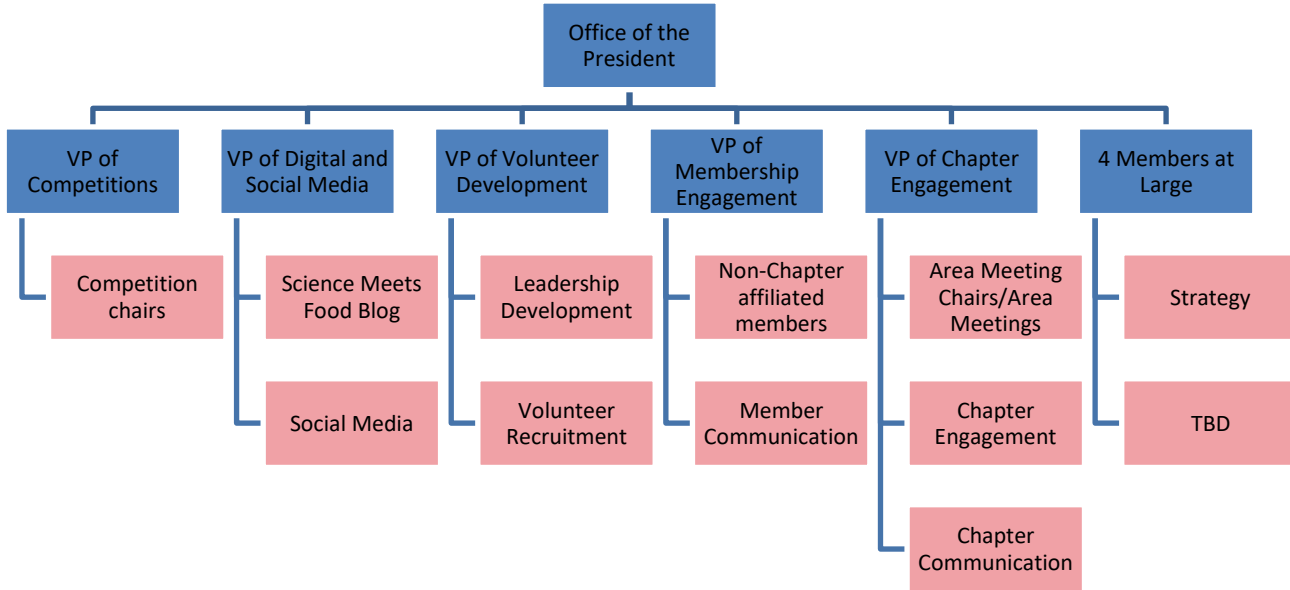
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IFTSA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Board Liaison

Mission of Position:

The Board Liaison is a point-of-contact on the IFTSA Board of Directors, who strengthens the connection between the Board and their respective region’s chapter leaders in order to engage members, cultivate a sense of belonging, and increase member retention in future years. Liaisons serve as the primary connection to the greater IFTSA organization and will reinforce the information provided by IFTSA, as well as its leaders, while also fostering camaraderie with IFTSA at the regional and national level. Liaisons will also strive to understand chapter leaders’ needs and how the IFTSA Board of Directors can address their questions and/or concerns more effectively to retain members and inspire engagement. Board Liaison area assignments will be identified by the President-Elect prior to the start of the term.

Key Responsibilities:

- Establish and maintain frequent contact with chapter leaders (Presidents, Vice Presidents) and advisors in their assigned area.
- Complete regular reports to track engagement and provide feedback.
- Communicate with President-Elect and other Board Liaisons to discuss program success and the needs of chapters within all IFTSA areas.

Important Deadlines:

Sept.-Oct.	Establish personalized contact with chapter leaders and advisors in assigned area. Introduce Area Meeting Chair (AMC).
January	Facilitate virtual group call with chapter leaders and advisors in assigned area.
March-April	Attend area meeting (if possible) in assigned area. Facilitate virtual call with chapter leaders and advisors and Area Meeting Chair 2-3 weeks following the area meeting.
June-July	Participate in Chapter Leaders Workshop at IFT Annual Meeting. Prepare final report for assigned area and make recommendations, as necessary.

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IFTSA TASK FORCE PROTOCOL

I. Protocol for appointing Task Forces

A specific task is communicated by a requester to the IFTSA President who, in turn, presents the proposed task to the IFTSA Board of Directors.

- A. If there is concurrence among the IFTSA BoD, the President or Board member(s) appointed by the President, shall write the charges and recommend members for the Task Force. The requester may recommend members to the IFTSA President. The President will also appoint a Board member to serve as the IFTSA Board Liaison to the Task Force, if the Task Force Chair is not a Board member. The charges may be amended by the IFTSA BoD. After a task force is approved by the IFTSA BoD, the IFT Board of Directors must approve the Task Force.

Written charges of the Task Force should include the following:

- 1. Name of the Task Force
 - 2. Members of the Task Force (leave blank for the IFTSA President and Task Force Chair to complete)
 - 3. Date of appointment
 - 4. Historical Background with appropriate attachments, if necessary
 - 5. Charges of the Task Force with specific deadlines
 - 6. Expected outcomes with specific deadlines
 - 7. If there is no concurrence among IFTSA BoD members, a reply or recommendation regarding the proposed task and charges will be communicated to the requester within 30 days of submission
- B. The IFTSA President appoints the Chair of the Task Force and IFTSA Board Liaison (if the Chair is not a Board member). The Chair and IFTSA President appoint Task Force members within 30 days of Board approval.
 - C. A database of Task Forces, their charges and progress reports will be maintained by the President, in coordination with the VP of Volunteer Development. The President will issue reminders for the submission of required Task Force status summaries two months out from all BoD meetings.

II. Appointing a liaison to the Task Force

The duties of the Task Force Chair/IFTSA Board Liaison to the Task Force will be:

- A. To be the primary IFTSA Board of Directors contact to the Task Force.
- B. To communicate with the Task Force Chair and determine if assigned tasks are clearly understood.
- C. If the charges are clear to the Task Force members as written, to review the reports, if any, determine if the Task Force is meeting the charges by the stated time lines, discuss the Task Force's progress with the Task Force Chair, and make recommendations to the IFTSA Board of Directors.
- D. If the charges are unclear to the Task Force members as written, to request the IFTSA President to redefine the work to the Task Force. Follow the protocol for assigning Task Forces.
- E. To track the progress of the Task Force:
 - 1. By reviewing the mid-year and annual status summary reports with the Task Force Chair.
 - 2. By maintaining communication with the Task Force Chair.

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- F. To make recommendations to the IFTSA BoD on the status of the Task Force.

III. Review and Disbanding of Task Forces

The IFTSA Board of Directors reviews all Task Force status summary reports. If necessary, the IFTSA BoD may require other status reports, in addition to the scheduled mid-year and annual reports.

- A. The IFTSA Board of Directors may disband a Task Force when:
 1. The charges have been completed. This is the expected end result of their effort.
 2. The charges are not followed or have been changed without prior approval of the IFTSA President.
 3. The required summaries and status reports are not submitted.
 4. The activities of the Task Force are considered ongoing and should be reassigned to a standing committee.
- B. If periodic oversight of the changes of a disbanded Task Force is necessary, the IFTSA Executive Office may assign this function to a new Task Force.

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Disciplinary Process

Purpose:

Every volunteer leader of IFTSA has accepted the responsibilities of their position with this organization, including, but not limited to, those found in the Bylaws, Operations Manual, and in the mission and vision statements. The disciplinary procedures outlined here ensure that each leader will uphold their fiduciary commitments and responsibilities including conducting themselves in a manner becoming of an IFT member.

Overall Process:

When information of a potential infraction is received it should be reported to the IFTSA OOP. The members of the OOP will decide if the infraction occurred and if so whether the violation was major or minor. If the information is brought against a member of the OOP, that member will be disqualified from participating in this disciplinary process as a member of the OOP. If the potential infraction is minor, a three strike system will be implemented. If the infraction is major, the information will be brought to the IFTSA BoD for a vote of removal.

Three strike system:

- Strike one: A verbal warning will be sent from the OOP to the individual responsible. In this warning, the violation will be presented to the individual responsible. It should contain a summary of events leading to the violation and the disciplinary actions that will occur if violations continue.
- Strike two: A developmental conversation shall occur between the IFTSA OOP and the individual. In this meeting, the individual and the OOP will create an action plan. All members present will sign this plan.
- Strike three: The information shall be brought to the IFTSA BoD. The BoD will hear from both the individual involved and the OOP. After deliberating, the BoD will vote on removing the individual from their volunteer position. Two-thirds (or similar fraction based on numbers present) of the BoD must vote in favor of removal for the vote to pass. If the individual is a member of the BoD they must abstain from voting and will not count towards the two-thirds fraction of present voting members. If the vote to remove does not pass, the individual will remain in their volunteer position. Every violation following the third strike shall be brought straight to the BoD for the strike three proceedings.

Major violations:

- Major violations, including, but not limited to, matters relating to ethics, harassment, and discrimination will be brought straight to the BoD.
- The BoD will hear from both the individual involved and the OOP. After deliberating, the BoD will vote on removing the individual from their volunteer position. Two-thirds (or similar fraction based on numbers present) of the BoD must vote in favor of removal for the vote to pass. If the individual is a member of the BoD they must abstain from voting and will not count towards the two-thirds fraction of present voting members. If the vote to remove does not pass, the individual will remain in their volunteer position. Every violation following the third strike shall be brought straight to the BoD for the strike three proceedings.

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APPENDIX A – COMMON ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

Ad Hoc

A group that is assembled for a specific project and disbanded following its completion.

AMC

The Area Meeting Chair, which is an appointed individual that is responsible for planning and hosting their region's Area Meeting.

Annual (IFT Annual Meeting & Food Expo®)

The annual meeting of IFT held in the summer.

BoD or Board (Board of Directors)

Can indicate both IFT and IFTSA Boards. These are the primary governing bodies of the Institute. The SA BoD includes the three Presidents, five Vice Presidents, four Members at Large, Advisor(s), and IFT Staff Liaison.

CBC (College Bowl Competition)

National quiz bowl tournament between University Food Science Chapter teams.

CLW (Chapter Leaders Workshop)

Training program for Chapter Leaders to gain knowledge of IFT and to develop leadership skills.

CoY (Chapter of the Year)

Competition among food science chapters based on their level of activity and involvement over the year.

DSDC (Developing Solutions for Developing Countries Competition)

A product development competition where IFT Student Members create a product designed to address a substantial need/issue (varies yearly) in developing countries.

EiA (Excellence in Leadership Award)

Award given to top Graduate and Undergraduate student showing premier leadership qualities within their Chapter and IFT.

EoY (End of Year)

Report that is provided by volunteers at the end of their term that outlines all of the activities, information, and updates accrued during their time serving in a role.

FT (Feeding Tomorrow)

The foundation of IFT.

IFT (Institute of Food Technologists)

The preeminent organization for food scientists, parent organization of IFTSA.

GRVC (Graduate Research Video Competition)

International competition for graduate students presenting their research in the field of food science.

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MAL (Member at Large)

A voting position on the IFTSA Board of Directors that is appointed by the Nominating Committee; there are four (4) MALS on the IFTSA BoD.

MYM (Mid-Year Meeting; also known as Joint Meeting)

Business meeting of the Student Association occurring in late fall or winter at IFT Headquarters; meeting is held concurrently with both the IFT BoD and the FT Board of Trustees.

NC (Nominations Committee)

IFT & IFTSA committee that is responsible for nominating and electing new officers annually.

OFG VIP (Official Food Geek Very Important Persons Program)

Program for SA volunteers where they earn points and “swag” (i.e., prizes) for completing various volunteer opportunities.

OOP (Office of the President)

A group of students appointed to serve in the SA’s Executive Office that includes the IFTSA Immediate Past President, President, and President-Elect.

Ops (Operations)

Name of this manual and the logistical guidelines for officers.

PDC (Product Development Competition)

National competition between food science chapter teams. Finals occur annually at the IFT Annual Meeting.

Rep (Representative)

A student who is representing the SA on an IFT workgroup, task force, committee, etc..

IFTSA or SA (Student Association of the Institute of Food Technologists)

Group designated for student members within IFT.

SFI (Student Food Innovators)

Curated programming for first-time attendees that happen onsite at Annual.

SMF (Science Meets Food)

The official blog of IFTSA.

SPC (Strategic Planning Committee)

A standing committee charged with reviewing and updating IFTSA’s strategic plan.

SSFK (Smart Snacks for Kids Competition)

A product development competition where IFT Student Members create a healthy snack product for kids.

TF (Task Force)

Group approved by the IFTSA BoD and tasked with completing a specific charge for the SA.

URC (Undergraduate Research Competition)

International competition for undergraduate students presenting their research in the field of food science.

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