

Ohio Valley Institute of Food Technologists

Minutes

An executive committee meeting of the Ohio Valley Institute of Food Technologists was held on September 22, 2004 as a teleconference at The Ohio State University Department of Food Science in Columbus, Ohio and at Aerotek Scientific in Cincinnati, Ohio. Present in Columbus were V. M. (Bala) Balasubramaniam, Jeannine Delwiche, Steve Dimler, Christie Goerlitz, Rachel Liggett, Bill Riddle, and Kumar Vasist. Present in Cincinnati were Karen DeWitt, Debby Poskanzer, and Kay Young. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:58PM.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.
2. Treasurer's report given by Jeannine Delwiche (from Orlan Jennings)
 - a. Annual report to national was submitted
 - b. Current unreimbursed expenses include books purchased by Jeannine
3. Secretary's report given by Rachel Liggett
 - a. OVIFT listserv will be set up to contain the names of all members for the purpose of distributing the newsletter. Rachel and Sophia Sperelakis will be the administrators and the only ones able to post messages.
 - b. George Green of Abbott Laboratories sent a thank you note for the OSU-Cincinnati football game tickets that he won as a door prize at the Suppliers Night.
4. Chair Elect's report given by Steve Dimler
 - a. Steve and Bala attended the IFT Leadership Conference held in Chicago. Steve reported that he gained valuable knowledge and received a certificate for attendance, an IFT lapel pin and a CD of the IFT Operations Manual.
 - b. Steve decided this years Suppliers Night will be held in Cincinnati. Two options for venue are Sharonville Convention Center and Oasis. Sharonville was the location of the last event in Cincinnati and requires a \$1000 down payment. After discussion, motion was made for Steve to contract the Sharonville Convention Center and pay the \$1000 down payment. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion regarding dinner and speakers for the event. Steve will form a committee to assist him in planning the event. Steve also proposed changing the date from April 21, 2005 to April 14, 2005 and will check with National IFT to be sure there are no conflicts.
5. Chair's report given by Jeannine Delwiche
 - a. The following deadlines were reported:
 - i. Oct. 1, IFT Membership Relations Dept, Councilor Allocation Report to Sections
 - ii. Nov. 1, Chair to appoint nominating committee
 - iii. Nov. 5, Secretary to send nominating committee chair any candidates for office suggested by the Section Executive committee, plus the most recent copy of the IFT membership; Nominating committee begins to prepare election slate, verifying eligibility of candidates and making every effort to select a minimum of two candidates for each office
 - iv. Nov. 15, Treasurer to file IRS Tax Return (990 or 990T, if fiscal year ends 6/30)
 - b. Departure of officers
 - i. Carol Petereit and Connie Young have moved out of the area and need to be replaced

1. Carol was a Councilor with a term until 2005. Kumar Vasist (Alternate Councilor through 2007) will replace her for a term through 2007
 2. Connie Young was an Alternate Councilor with a term through 2007. This leaves 2 open Alternate Councilor positions to be filled.
6. Reports from meeting organizers
 - a. October given by Jeannine Delwiche (from Sophia Sperelakis): location set for Valley Vineyards, tour of wine cellar for first 40 people, wine tasting for all, people grill own NY strip steak (chicken and vegetarian lasagna also available), buffet style meal; Bob Sloane , Manager of Vanilla Creations at Givaudan will be the guest speaker, trivia contest for an ice breaker, canned food drive to benefit The FreeStore/FoodBank of Cincinnati, door prizes and raffle
 - b. November given by Jeannine Delwiche (from Laura Batdorf): Chef John Matchuk is ready to speak; fairly certain location will be Lindey's in German Village but waiting for events planner to return from vacation to finalize; maximum group size is 56; will need to request room deposit check from Orlan
 - c. January given by Kay Young: contacted Chuck Kinsella to set up tour of new culinology building at Cincinnati State.
 - d. February given by Rachel Liggett: Marjory Renita, Industry Recruitment Representative of the OSU Food Science Club, is seeking venues including Buckeye Hall of Fame, Fawcett Center, Lindey's, Drake Union and Ohio Union for the combination OVIFT/FSC Industry Night where students are matched with professionals working in various roles in Food Science. The matches are made based on students' areas of interest. Details of the budget still need to be worked out. FSC will seek donations from industry.
 - e. March given by Karen DeWitt: has spoken with 3 different companies in the Cincinnati area regarding a tour but reception to the idea has been poor; ideas are sought; Kumar offered speaking with Dole in Springfield
 - f. April given by Steve Dimler: see 4b
 - g. May: no report
 - h. Golf outing: no report
7. Unfinished business
 - a. Scholarship requirements: tabled until next meeting; Jeannine Delwiche to investigate what is done at other universities and Debby Poskanzer to investigate what is done by other sections
8. New business
 - a. Honorarium for speakers given by Jeannine Delwiche (from Sophia Sperelakis)
 - i. Motion was made to present OVIFT speakers with gift or honorarium valued at \$50 to be chosen by the meeting organizer(s). Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Consider the merits of creating a Columbus subsection of OVIFT given by Rachel Liggett
 - i. Suggested due to time constraints on everyone; mostly Cincinnati area residents attending Cincinnati meetings and mostly Columbus area residents attending Columbus meetings; several thought there were strong merits but concerns included finances and filling officer positions; it was proposed that the membership be polled regarding the direction of OVIFT in general, Debby Poskanzer to alter a Sensory Evaluation Division questionnaire for this purpose
 - c. Next meeting

- i. Teleconference set for December 7 at 4:30PM to be held at The Ohio State University Department of Food Science in Columbus and Aerotek Scientific in Cincinnati; Aerotek will call OSU at 614-292-6234

Meeting adjourned at 6:13PM.