

Ohio Valley Institute of Food Technologists

Minutes

An executive committee meeting of the Ohio Valley Section of the Institute of Food Technologists was held on March 2, 2006 as a teleconference between The Ohio State University Department of Food Science in Columbus, Ohio and Aerotek Scientific in Cincinnati, Ohio. Board members present in Columbus were Dave Barfuss, Carol Borland, Rachel Crockett, Jeannine Delwiche, Steve Dimler, Jennifer Kaiser, Rachel Liggett, Tedley Pihl, Bill Riddle, and Kumar Vasist. Board members present in Cincinnati were Orlan Jennings, Sophia Sperelakis, Becca Weinstein, and Kay Young. V.M. Balasubramaniam, Karen DeWitt, Mark McLaughlin, Lisa Sanders, and Mona Wolf sent regrets. A quorum of board members being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:38PM.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's report by Orlan Jennings

Treasurer's Report - March 2, 2006	
Checking Account	
As of 2/27/06	\$13,312.03
Savings Account	
As of 2/27/06	\$30,491.57

- a. Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Orlan also reported receiving thank you notes from Ohio State for \$4000 given to the scholarship fund; Food Science Club for continued monetary support, and American Red Cross for our donation last fall. It was also noted that Karen DeWitt's check to the ARC has never been cashed; Sophia Sperelakis confirmed sending it after the September meeting.
3. Secretary's report by Rachel Liggett
 - a. Rachel reported that football ticket applications were being sent to President's Club members and that we would have the opportunity to purchase 2 tickets for each home game, estimated to cost \$840. In the past, these tickets have been popular door prizes at dinner meetings. Motion was made to purchase the available football tickets for door prizes. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Chair Elect's report by Jennifer Kaiser
 - a. Jennifer reported that final details for Suppliers' Night are being planned. The venue and rentals are ready, there will be no speakers this year because the meeting room was unavailable, and student posters will be placed near the entrance. There will be hors d'oeuvres on the show floor and dinner is being planned after the show. *Volunteers are needed for the day of the event. Tedley Pihl volunteered to do the door prizes and Kay Young volunteered to help as needed.*
5. Chair's report by Steve Dimler
 - a. Steve reported that OVIFT had been awarded a Certificate of Merit for the 2004-2005 program year but he believes we qualify for a Certificate of Excellence and is working to find out why it was not awarded.

- b. It was reported that Ed Rigelsky, the incoming Chair-Elect, will attend the IFT Leadership Conference.
6. Reports from meeting organizers
- a. February by Rachel Liggett
 - i. Rachel reported that the Student Recognition and Career Night was a success with nearly 100 in attendance. Grady Chism and John Litchfield were in attendance to present the scholarships given in their honor. Mid Ohio Food Bank benefited from the collection of \$51 in cash and 104 lbs of food. Other board members commented that they liked the venue and it was suggested that we explore the possibility of putting the posters at this event to possibly tie in with the ice-breaker.
 - b. March by Tedley Pihl
 - i. Tedley reported that all the event details were now on the website and in the newsletter. Motion was made to cover the cost of dinner for tour guides. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Golf outing from Steve Swaby
 - i. Rachel Liggett reported that the details of the event and the sign-up form went out in the newsletter.
7. Unfinished business
- a. By-Laws: no discussion/still need to vote on changes
 - b. Jennifer Kaiser presented topics: (1) Regulatory issues, (2) Wilbur Chocolate, (3) Fuzzy Front End and (4) Flavortainment and further explained that due to various reasons the committee recommended #3 – Fuzzy Front End. However, no detailed information such as program description, budget, etc. was available and there was concern that the program might not be ready for fall. After much discussion, it was decided that *the program committee would write a survey asking the membership which program topic they were most interested in. Rachel Liggett agreed to load the survey into Survey Monkey for dissemination to the entire membership. Jennifer Kaiser will look into setting up web portals at Suppliers' Night for attendees to complete the survey during the event.*
 - c. Kay Young booked Valley Vineyard for September 21, 2006. Motion was made to pay the deposit to hold the date. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Jeannine Delwiche reported that the web editor's position was not included in the elections and that it is an appointed position; she is willing to continue in this capacity.
 - e. Steve Dimler announced that members may volunteer for national committees until Friday, March 3, 2006.
 - f. Steve Dimler has reported that there has been no progress on making a template to log the history of dinner meetings.
 - g. Rachel Liggett announced this year's scholarship winners. Rachel Crockett received the Grady Chism Undergraduate Scholarship; Ramesh Reddy Yettella received the John Litchfield Graduate Fellowship; and Rachel Crockett, Thais De Nardo, Ruth Lucius and Courtney McGinnis received Food Science Scholarships. Rachel Crockett expressed gratitude for receiving the awards.
 - h. Jeannine Delwiche reported that the roster for the upcoming election was full and that the deadline was met to conduct elections online.
8. New business
- a. Steve Dimler had an example of the Food Science packet sent to high school guidance counselors by IFT and asked if we should become more involved. It was reported that a few members of our board had already volunteered to give

presentations to area high schools; some had been contacted to do so and some had not.

- b. Jeannine Delwiche reported last year's student travel award granted \$250 to OSU students who met the following criteria at the end of Spring Quarter: (1) Currently enrolled full-time student; (2) Registered student member of OVIFT; (3) Attended at least 2 OVIFT meetings during the program year (NOT including Suppliers' Night); (4) (Co-)Author of accepted presentation of original research at the IFT National Annual Meeting and Expo; (5) Poster presentation given at OVIFT Suppliers' Night. Motion was made to use the same guidelines to grant student travel awards for 2006 IFT Annual Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. OVIFT will once again make an award to one Outstanding Section Member. *Nominations should be sent to Steve who will decide on the final recipient.*
- d. Teleconference set for Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 4:30PM to be held at The Ohio State University Department of Food Science (Parker Bldg, rm 120) in Columbus and Aerotek Scientific in Cincinnati; Aerotek will call OSU at 614-292-6234.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.