

Institute of Food Technologists
Ohio Valley Section

Minutes

An executive committee meeting of the Ohio Valley Section of the Institute of Food Technologists was held on February 7, 2007. Board members present on the call were Dave Barfuss, Carol Borland, Karen DeWitt, Orlan Jennings, Jennifer Kaiser, Tim Lawlis, Rachel Liggett, Dan McElwee, Kim McGinty, Debby Poskanzer, Ed Rigelsky, Lisa Sanders, Kumar Vasist, Becca Weinstein, and Kay Young.

1. Reports from Meeting Organizers
 - a. March 15th meeting will be held at Confluence Park in Columbus. Brian Deeds will speak on Sports Nutrition/Weight Management
 - b. May 17th meeting Picnic in the Park at Sharon Woods in Cincinnati. Dinner will be under \$20.00, there will be a \$2 charge for parking. Speaker TBD
 - c. June Golf Outing—nothing to report, Kay gave Steve all the recommendations
 - d. April Expo-Ed has 51 confirmed reservations and 15-20 in process. Discussion followed about having a dinner-it was left to Ed to decide but the general discussion was that it is not something the suppliers expect; generally OVIFT members are the only attendees. The drink tickets will be done again.
 - e. Feb Meeting in Columbus Student Recognition Night; Speakers will be Denise Smith OSU Food Science Chair and Taylor Wallace IFT Student Association President and grad student at OSU
2. Old Business
 - a. UC IFT student chapter has been approved; Lisa suggested for a future meeting to have Taylor Wallace speak at a welcome reception for them. They are one of 3 finalists for the RCA competition being held in New Orleans at the RCA convention 3/8/07. Discussion followed about distribution of monies for RCA vs. IFT attendees. The committee of Lisa, Kay, Orlan, Bala and Jennifer will look into this. Orlan will tally what and where the monies are spent for OSU students.
 - b. Scholarship committee met and decided on the following awards: Litchfield grad student – Taylor Wallance, Chism undergrad – Rachel Crockett, OVIFT undergrad (4) – Michael Cocco, Ashley Weatherington, Jenny Wu, Sandra Zurbrugg; Discussions for future consideration-there were only 5 undergrads that applied for scholarships. The committee was concerned that the last scholarship given went to a student they did not feel was deserving due to grades and time in the program. They questioned could the OVIFT scholarship be given to a deserving grad student even though it is specifically for undergrad. Needs to be explored and to see if changes are needed.
 - c. March IFT Council meeting in Chicago 3/22-3/24: Debbie P has booked flight out of Louisville, Karen DeWitt going-driving, Rachel L, Kay Y is going for Carol-flying, Dave? Kumar? Lisa -decided should go because of the leadership conference-going-driving. Suggested we pay up to \$300 for travel expenses.
 - d. Advertising committee report-Debbie P: There have been no volunteers

- e. Elections-Steve D: There is a full slate
- 3. New business
 - a. Next teleconference meeting 3/7/07