



Chicago Section
Institute of Food Technologists

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CSIFT Announces Slate of Candidates for 2015 Leadership Election

We are pleased to announce the upcoming 2015 CSIFT Leadership Election to be held from February 17 until March 18, 2015.

The Nominating Committee would like to present to you the slate of candidates for the positions of Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and members of the Executive Committee. All candidates have accepted their nominations and provided biographical information on their current occupation, education, current and past CSIFT/IFT activities, and purpose for running for the open positions.

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Chair Elect Joy Dell'Aringa



Joy Dell'Aringa is the National Food Director for EMSL Analytical, Inc, leading the Food Division and directing all technical aspects of the food microbiology analytical offerings.

Joy is a member of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Section IFT, and is also the co-chair for the Membership Committee for the CSIFT. She is involved in cross-committee task forces to help elevate, unify, and grow the Chicago Section IFT using her background in business development, marketing, management and technical applications to contribute to the robust and diverse backgrounds of the CSIFT member roster.

Under Joy's leadership, the Membership Committee has seen exponential growth, adding three new subcommittees designed to reach the large Chicago Section membership constituency: Membership Outreach & Events, Ambassador Program, and Student Outreach & Events.

Joy holds a Bachelor's degree in Microbiology and a Master's degree in Plant and Soil Science, both from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She has experience in the food and beverage industry, environmental and industrial hygiene industry, and clinical as well as academic research fields. Joy is a Certified Food Safety Professional, a Registered Microbiologist through ASM in Food and Dairy Microbiology and she is also a Certified National HACCP Team Member.

Joy currently lives in Chicago with her husband Brandon, son Lucas, daughter Emma, and two sweet Chihuahua's Lilu and Gracie.



Secretary

Jennifer Farrell



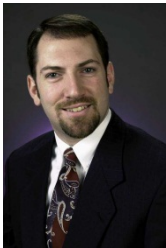
Jenn has been a member of IFT since 2008, joining the student section as a freshman at Purdue University. Since graduating with a Food Science B.S. in 2012 she has joined the Chicago Section, attending meetings and volunteering at various events. In 2013 she joined the Scholarship Committee, helping the team advertise the scholarships available and write FoodBytes newsletter articles on past winners.

I started my professional career at a food service beverage company called Leahy IFP as a Research and Development Scientist developing juices and juice drinks. I am currently at Unilever as a Specification Specialist in Research and Development working with the food service beverage and savory teams.

In my spare time I like to try new restaurants (that have a good craft beer list) with friends and travel to see my family as much as possible.

Treasurer

James Colby



Jamie Colby has served as Treasurer of the Section for the past two years and will finish his 3rd year of appointment in 2015-2016. His previous IFT experience includes holding the position of Membership Secretary of the Minnesota Section in 2004-2006.

Jamie is a Group Leader at Kraft Foods Group in Glenview, IL managing a group of Packaging Engineers. He has been employed with Kraft for 11 years and holds a B.Ch.E. Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota.

Executive Committee (vote for 3 members)

Susan Abraham-Rivera



Susan is the VP of Food Safety and Quality at **AgriFIS, Inc.** Susan and her Food Safety Team at AgriFIS conducts audits and assessments, develops food safety and quality assurance programs for GFSI - SQF, BRC certifications and prepares companies for FDA, USDA, CFIA inspections including FDA-FSMA compliance. The team also builds programs for Organic, Kosher and Halal certifications for food companies. Susan and her Technical Team at AgriFIS, conducts Food Safety Training for companies including HACCP, HARPC, GFSI-SQF, BRC, FDA and CFIA inspection readiness. Her Supplier Team assists companies with their Supplier and Co-packer Quality Management. Susan and her Analytics Team at AgriFIS, helps companies with Shelf Life, Challenge and Validation Studies including Product Development, Specification Development, Nutritional, Microbial, Chemical and Sensory Analysis.

Despite a very busy work schedule, Susan has found the time to serve as Chair of the Professional Development Committee of the Chicago Section IFT. The team has organized a host of successful events ranging from scientific



technical sessions to soft skill development workshops geared towards food industry professionals. Susan and her team has grown the professional development area into one of the most active and dynamic committees at CSIFT. Susan is now looking to contribute to the Executive Committee so as to assist other areas of the Section.

Susan holds a Ph.D. from the University of Guelph, majoring in Food Science, Microbiology and Biotechnology and a Master's Degree from the University of Waterloo. She is also HACCP certified amongst her other qualifications.

Dan Best



Dan Best has been an IFT member since his student days in the 1970s and a member of the Chicago Section IFT since moving to Chicago in 1986. He served as Chair of the Rocky Mountain Section of the IFT as well as Chair of the Chicago Section IFT and (twice) as the National IFT's Marketing and Management Division. He has periodically served on the CSIFT Executive Committee and chaired various committees, including (at present) the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Dan has been a food industry consultant under his company, BEST VANTAGE, Inc., since 1995 and worked for various food and food-related organizations prior to then. He likes to help companies prosper. He obtained his B.S. in biochemistry and psychology from the U. of Wisconsin (Madison), an M.S. in food science and nutrition from Colorado State University and an MBA (finance) from the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN). He is probably best known for asking questions and enjoying a glass or two of good wine at the CSIFT meetings.

Mike Carson



I would like to humbly request your vote to be re-elected to the executive committee for the Chicago section of IFT.

The past 2 years working with Section leaders have been very rewarding. I'd love to continue being able to support our passionate volunteers in their efforts to improve the Section, as well as nourish Section outreach committee endeavors like Membership, New Professionals, and Scholarship.

Education: Attended University of Illinois from 2004-2008. Bachelors Degree in Food Science and Human Nutrition

2008-2010: Technical Sales for Ingredients Inc

2010-2013: Midwest Sales Manager for Van Hees Inc

2013-present: R&D Project Leader at Bunge Oils

2009-2012: Chicago Section New Professionals Chair

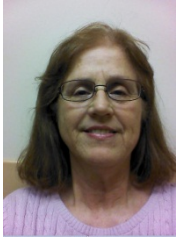
2009-2013: IFT NP Task Force Member

2013-2015: IFT NP Task Force Co-Chair

2012-Present: Chicago Section IFT Exec Board Member



Laura Gray



Occupation: R&D Manager, Winona Foods

Education: MS Food Science, University of Minnesota; BS Food Science, Cornell University

Current and Past CSIFT/IFT Activities:

Executive Committee – 2007- Present

Section Councilor – 1990-2007

National Host Section Family Activities Committee Chair – 2013-Present

Long Range Planning Committee Member 2010/11

Tanner Committee Chair – 1993 -1995

Tanner Committee Member – 1995- 1996

Professional Member IFT

Chicago Section member 1985-present

Purpose for Running: I have been a member of the Executive Committee for many years and have enjoyed the challenge of the decision-making that is required to keep the Section running effectively and looking to the future. I would consider it a privilege to be able to serve the members of CSIFT as an Executive Committee member for another term.

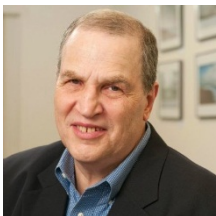
Manoj Shah, CFS



I am Kraft Foods Retiree and would like to continue to actively participate and promote the CSIFT mission and goals. I am very active in Chicago Section IFT as a current Executive Committee Member serving on several committees, and a past Chicago Section IFT Ellery H. Harvey Service Award Recipient. I have also volunteered for the IFT Evan Turak Scholarship recipient selection, IFT 2015 Annual meeting Abstract selections, and the National Host Section IFT 2015 annual MTG Technical Tour Committee chair.

Highly-experienced Research Scientist who has developed and commercialized multiple new products and processes at a Multi-National Food Company. Global Research Sustainability Champion. Rice and Bread crumb expert.

Sanford Wolgel



Sanford Wolgel, PhD, CFS, Managing Director, KCNM Consulting, provides innovation management, due diligence and expert witness services. Recently, Dr. Wolgel was a Business Development Consultant to the University of Chicago Center for Technology Development & Ventures, which spun out a start-up company to commercialize an innovative, sustainable food processing technology. Previously, he was Director of R&D, Imperial Sugar Co., where he successfully launched an Open Innovation platform; and

Director, Product and Market Development, Source Foods Technology, a General Mills' spin-off and the first US company to manufacture and market omega-3 fish oils.



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Earlier in his career, Dr. Wolgel collaborated with Gerber Baby Foods to launch the first mainstream organic baby foods in the US. He earned a PhD in biochemistry at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Wolgel is a qualified expert witness on functional and nutritional ingredients for foods and dietary supplements and a Certified Food Scientist.

Dr. Wolgel has been an IFT member for more than 20 years and is a professional member. Dr. Wolgel has served the Chicago Section as Secretary; Chair Professional Development Committee; and Chair, Members in Transition Committee; and currently serves as Historian.