



Great Lakes Section
Institute of Food Technologists

Spring 2012 Newsletter

A Note from the Exec Board

Hello! Thanks for subscribing to the Great Lakes Section IFT newsletter. You will find there are many opportunities to get involved in GLS-IFT. Join us for our Spring Meeting on March 27 in East Lansing, participate with your company in the job shadow program, or come browse hundreds of booths at Suppliers Night! There is a LOT more information about all the events and programs mentioned in this newsletter on our website, www.greatlakesift.org. And if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, don't hesitate to email contact@greatlakesift.org.

We hope to see you soon!

Andrea Kirk, Chair
Sarah Smith-Simpson, Chair Elect
Rachel Klataske, Secretary
John Bailey, Treasurer

Upcoming Events

Student Awards Night/Spring Meeting

Bylaws Revisions Vote

March 27, 2012 6-8:30pm

Brody Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

View the [GLS-IFT 2012 Spring Meeting Flyer](#) with all the details!

Please register for the dinner using the [Online Registration](#) or with the registration form in the flyer.

Suppliers' Day

April 18, 2012

Battle Creek, MI

Annual IFT Meeting

June 25-28, 2012

Las Vegas, NV

Annual GL-IFT Golf Outing

August 1-2, 2012

Yarrow Country Club

Augusta, MI

Did you know? You can use the Great Lakes IFT network to advertise open positions in your company!

Businesses seeking applicants for employment OR students and graduates seeking employment can send their posting or resume to contact@greatlakesift.org to be posted on the **Job Bulletins** page on the website for 6 months.

Job Shadow 2012: Growing the Partnership for Great Lakes IFT & MSU Food Science Students

2011 marked the beginning of a Job Shadow Program designed to enhance the Food Science education experience by taking a step beyond the books and into the real world of the food industry. Professional members of the Great Lakes IFT have formed a Job Shadow Committee to create and support this program. The job shadow program provides an opportunity for students to visit participating food companies for one or two days and connect with food business professional who work in the students' area of interest. Two Michigan food companies, Kalsec and Nestle participated in the pilot program the summer of 2011 and five MSU students had job shadow visits. The program has been well received and plans are underway to expand with additional visits in the Spring/Summer of 2012. There are many students who are anxious to participate but limited "job shadow" visit opportunities. In order to add more job shadow opportunities for the students, we need to add more companies to the program. The time and resources required are minimal and the committee can walk you through the steps to get started. **Please contact [Andrea Gerstle](#) at Nestle if you would like to see how you and your company be a part of the Job Shadow program.**

Put it to a Vote!

GL-IFT members will vote on March 27th at the Spring Meeting/Student Awards night to accept changes proposed by the Exec Board. View the revised bylaws before the meeting on the [GLS-IFT Website](#). There will also be copies available at the meeting.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS...

Program Committee

Chair: Scott Peterson

Help plan section meetings and events! Have direct influence over where meetings are held and speakers.

Golf Outing Committee

Chair: Sue Riippa

Be a part of our annual golf outing! We are especially looking for student to help out the day of the event (August 1st and 2nd in Augusta, MI).

Job Shadowing/Industrial Link Committee

Chair: Andrea Gerstle

Help grow this new committee to link together industry members with students in the Great Lakes section.

Membership/New Professionals Outreach

Chair: Angie Brown

Help recruit and retain members to the Great Lakes Section!

Send your interest to contact@greatlakesift.org

**Students who volunteer for a committee earn points toward travel funding to the Annual IFT Meeting.

Know someone that would be a great leader for GL-IFT?

2013 Officer Nominations due by June 29th

- Cast your ballot online by July 20th
- 2013 board term is Sept. 1, 2012-Aug. 31, 2013

Have an announcement you would like to include in the Summer Newsletter? Send us your brief news to contact@greatlakesift.org by May 18, 2012.

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GLS-IFT Website
www.ift.org/sections/greatlakes