



**Great Lakes Section**  
Institute of Food Technologists

## Summer 2012 Newsletter

### A Note from the Exec Board

Summer has arrived, and with it are many fun opportunities to get involved with Great Lakes IFT! Our entire exec board will be attending the IFT 2012 Annual Meeting and Food Expo in Las Vegas, so look for us at the events we've outlined below in our Upcoming Events section. Join us for a happy hour mixer before we depart on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Hopcat in Grand Rapids, or tee off at our annual golf scramble on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There is much more information about all the events and programs mentioned in this newsletter on our website, [www.greatlakesift.org](http://www.greatlakesift.org). And if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, don't hesitate to email [contact@greatlakesift.org](mailto:contact@greatlakesift.org).

We hope to see you soon!

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

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### Upcoming Events

#### **New Professionals Happy Hour**

June 20, 2012 6-9 pm

Hopcat

Grand Rapids, MI

\$5 for Members, [RSVP Online](#)

#### **Annual IFT Meeting**

June 25-28, 2012

Las Vegas, NV

**IFT New Professionals Mixer**

Tuesday, June 26th 5:30-7:00 pm  
Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant  
3987 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada

**MSU Reception**

Tuesday, June 26 5:30-7:30 pm  
Conference Room 13-14, Las Vegas Hotel and Casino

**Lansing Lugnuts Baseball Game - Family Event**

**See attached Flyer!**

**Looking for Student Volunteers to help**

July 29, 2012

Lansing, MI

[RSVP Online](#) by July 6

**Annual GLS-IFT Golf Outing**

**More details** [HERE](#)

August 1-2, 2012

Yarrow Country Club

Augusta, MI

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

Open positions are Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large

**2013 Officer Nominations due by July 6<sup>th</sup>**

- [Nominate someone here!](#)
- Cast your ballot online by July 13<sup>th</sup>
- 2013 board term is Sept. 1, 2012-Aug. 31, 2013

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**GLS-IFT Happy Hour!**

Get to know your executive board and make some connections before the next Great Lakes or National IFT meeting. It can be rough walking into a room of strangers, so come meet some of your section members first. This year we will meet at *Hopcat* in Grand Rapids for casual chatting around their craft beer, drinks, and food. Hope to see you there! Just five bucks with an RSVP, and it should be a good time. The date for this year is Wednesday, June 20 from 6 to 9pm.

**Looking for a job or need to fill a position?**

Businesses seeking applicants for employment OR students and graduates seeking employment can send their posting or resume to [contact@greatlakesift.org](mailto:contact@greatlakesift.org) to be posted on

the [Job Bulletins](#) page on the website for 6 months. Current posted positions include opportunities with **Sundance Beverages** and **Nestle USA!**

**Do you have pictures of any GLS-IFT events? Send them to [contact@greatlakesift.org](mailto:contact@greatlakesift.org) so we can put them on our website!**

## **Bylaw Revisions and Amendment**

Thank you to all who voted on the recent Bylaw Revisions and Amendment. The Bylaw Revisions passed with 95% in favor, and the Amendment regarding elections timing passed with 100% in favor. These changes will go into effect immediately.

## **GLS-IFT Student Representatives**

**Congrats to Alyssa Kilgore, the new Michigan State GLS-IFT Representative for 2012-2013!**

We are looking for current students at Wayne State and Central Michigan that would like to serve as a GLS-IFT Student Representative for the next school year. Responsibilities include serving as a liaison between the Exec Board and your school, spreading the word about GLS-IFT events, and tracking student participation and volunteers. Let us know if you are interested!

## **Supplier's Day Success!**

Thanks to all who made the 2012 Suppliers Day a great event for suppliers and attendees. We had 131 booths, over 140 attendees, and 200 people attended the Wine Dinner! Mark your calendars now... Supplier's Day 2013 will be April 24!

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## **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 students to help out the day of the event (August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:contact@greatlakesift.org)**

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

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**Have an announcement you would like to include in the Fall Newsletter? Send us your brief news to [contact@greatlakesift.org](mailto:contact@greatlakesift.org) by August 17, 2012.**

*Stay connected:*  
GLS-IFT Website  
[www.ift.org/sections/greatlakes](http://www.ift.org/sections/greatlakes)