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**Professional Educators Common Interest Group  
Tuesday, May 5, 2009  
Rosen Shingle Creek/Room St. John's 27  
1:00-2:00 pm**

Attendees: Andy Proctor, University of Arkansas, USA  
Pam White, Iowa State University, USA  
Tong Wang, Iowa State University, USA  
Cliff Hall, North Dakota State University, USA  
S.A. Momin, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, India  
Carlos Torres, Univesidad Autonomy de Madrid, Spain  
Bob Mullen, Case Western Reserve University (Unknown – review registration list)  
Deland Myers, North Dakota State University, USA  
Casimir Akoh, University of Georgia, USA

AOCS Staff: Amy Lopez, Nicole Philyaw, Jeffrey Newman, Jodey Schonfeld, Gloria Cook, Barbara Semeraro (recorder)

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Andy Proctor welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Andy provided an overview of the origins of the group. The first meeting of the Professional Educators Common Interest Group (CIG) was held in May 2008 and resulted in the goal of promoting lipid education and teaching by developing web-based resources for public access. For the past year, we have worked towards that goal through the launch of a web page that allows educators to post course syllabus, text book, and course materials.
- II. **Review of 2008 Objectives** – The group met in 2008 and agreed to 1) collect and share syllabi for lipids courses, 2) ask educators to share publically available educational resources, and 3) develop a database of lipid and food science programs at universities around the world.
  - a. **Development of Website** – <http://www.aocs.org/member/profed/> It is our goal that uses of this website will lead to questions and the exchange of ideas regarding curriculum development and teaching will take place.
  - b. **Collect course syllabi, text book, and course material** – Last fall instructors were contacted and asked to submit information for the website. Several instructors responded and course material was posted to the site.
  - c. **Create a database of lipid and food science programs** – <http://www.aocs.org/member/student/uniprogram.cfm> A listing of Universities is available

on the AOCS website. It was requested that the University webpage be accessible from the Professional Educators webpage.

- III. **Develop future objectives** – The group discussed several programs and projects for the leadership team to consider. Ideas presented were:
- i. write a USDA education grant for the development of lipid education course (online textbook, ring binder of notes, etc);
  - ii. online short courses for educators (should focus be on educators or industry?) Perhaps the world Health organization would underwrite the course development and provide an audience. Should also explore international grant options (Roland Verhe could provide insight in this process);
  - iii. continue to enhance the group’s website – list of text books, reference sites, reference books. Perhaps a place to post questions/queries and comments (AOCS Connect group);
  - iv. educators become “students” to learn how to teach a newer idea from an expert;
  - v. determine the industry’s current needs and invite industry representative to hold a session;
  - vi. effective teaching practices (examinations, tests, lectures) for new faculty;
  - vii. practical applications of course material. (such as the nutrition side of lipids – nutritional applications on lipids).

- IV. **Leadership Team** – Andy called for the development of a leadership team to oversee the group’s goals for the next year. Nurhan Dunford, Rich Hartel, Randy Weselake, and Eric Decker expressed interest before the meeting. Other members on the team are Toni Wang, Cliff Hall, SA Momin, Carlos Torres, Bob Mullen, and Deland Myers.

The leadership team could start by considering the group’s vision. One suggestion for the vision was: the needs of educators to improve the learning environment.

- V. **Focus group for Product Development** – Jodey Schonfeld queried the group on how they find out and select new text books. Most educators are contacted directly by the publishing company and provided advance copies of new textbooks for review. It is also customary to receive weekly postcards promoting the new textbooks.

- VI. **Adjournment** – Deland Myers addressed the group and encouraged the leadership team to submit a “Hot Topic” for the 2010 AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo. Ideas for the Hot Topic could be from the list presented in agenda item III. Also, Deland expressed his thanks to Andy Proctor and Randy Weselake for their commitment to leading the Professional Educator’s group over the last year. Education is the center to the AOCS mission and vision.

Andy thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.