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Professional Educators' Common Interest Group

Monday, May 17, 2010

Phoenix Convention Center, Room 121C

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Attendees: Andy Proctor, University of Arkansas, USA
Deland Myers, North Dakota State University, USA
Doug Hayes, University of Tennessee, USA
Karen Schaich, Rutgers University, USA
Larry Johnson, Iowa State University, USA
Randy Weselake, University of Alberta, Canada
Sevil Yücel, Yildiz Technical University, Turkey
Guldem Ustun, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey

AOCS Staff: Amy Lopez, Gloria Cook, Barbara Semeraro (recorder)

1. Welcome and Introductions – Andy Proctor welcomed all to the group's fourth meeting.
2. Review 2009 Objectives
 - a. 2010 AOCS Hot Topic Session – the group's first Hot Topic session will be held tomorrow. The idea of offering a Hot Topic was discussed at last year's Annual Meeting, developed last summer, and finalized last fall.

Challenges and Opportunities in Lipids and oil/Fats Education and Curriculum Development. Speakers include Andy Proctor, University of Arkansas; Rich Hartel, University of Wisconsin; Crystal Snyder, University of Alberta; Steve Hill, Kraft Foods Inc.; Roland Verhé, Belgium, and Karen Schaich, Rutgers University.
 - b. Website – Amy Lopez gave a short overview of the redesigned AOCS website and the group's web pages. The group asked that Randy Weselake's book, *Teaching Innovations in Lipid Science*, be linked through their webpage. Amy completed the request by the end of the committee meeting.
3. Develop Future Objectives
 - a. Vision and direction – Promoting teaching excellence in lipid science through discussion and the exchange of ideas.

The purpose of CIG is to provide a venue for those involved in university education and industrial training in lipids and oils to promote teaching excellence in lipid science and oil technology through discussion and exchange of ideas.

The group agreed to continue with the use of this tag line in all publication material.

- b. Future objectives – the group will investigate:
 - i. Distance Learning – develop a list of available courses offered through other organizations and universities. Suggestions included Rutgers University and the University of Arizona. The group could develop courses that are not already offered.
 - ii. Study abroad program – link to website through the groups' webpage. A companion article appears in May 2010 *inform*.
 - iii. Submit articles to *inform*
 - c. Future technical session(s) – perhaps outreach to the Divisions for experts in Crystallography (Alex Marangoni), Mass Spectrography (Craig Byrdwell), and Emulsions (John Coupland or David McClements) lectures. Discussed including “how to” for grant and technical writing. The group will arrange a technical session for the 101st AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo, held on Monday afternoon including a poster session.
4. Leadership Team- all attending today's committee meeting are part of the leadership team.
 5. Adjournment – The group wishes to meet by conference call this summer.