

Minutes May 16, 2018 Representatives & Ambassadors Webinar

Registrants

First Name	Last Name	S/A/P/C/C
Chris	Arrington	Georgia
Deb	Bashaw	Arkansas
James	Bender	Virginia
Bonnie	Blackburn	Ontario
Marsha	Brooks	Indiana
Bonnie	Brown	Florida
Meeghan	Burnevik	Minnesota
Keshia	Craft	Nevada
Tina	Crews	Alabama
Suzanne	Daly	Wisconsin
Pam	Dewey	New Jersey
MJ	Dowling	Pennsylvania
Bonnie	Fazio Richards	Florida
Karen	Garback	Ohio
Mary	Gavenda	Illinois
Brenda	Harrington	Kentucky
Thelma	Howland	California
Cherryl	Kemp	South Carolina
Becky	Lujan	Arizona
Amy	Marsh	Idaho
Theresa	McKibbin	North Carolina
Jennifer	Noble	Mississippi
Scott	Wolfe	Colorado
Valarie	WozneyArcher	Arizona
Suzy	Zimmerman	ICES President

Jim Bender, Representative Liaison opened the May 16, 2018 Representatives & Ambassadors meeting at 8:02 pm, EST.

Jim asked if there were any corrections or omissions in the January 17, 2018 meeting minutes. Tina Crews, Alabama attended the January meeting but was not listed as an attendee. Chris Arrington, Georgia asked for it to be checked as she was sure she had attended the January meeting.

Motion #1: Jim Bender, Representative Liaison moves to approve January 17, 2018 webinar minutes to be approved as presented.

Seconded by: Bonnie Fazio Richards, Florida

Motion Carried

Motion #2: Jim Bender, Representative Liaison moves to approve March 21, 2018 webinar minutes to be approved as corrected.

Seconded by: Bonnie Fazio Richards, Florida

Correction submitted by Mary Gavenda, Illinois are:

- 1) Re tours wording to read July 24, 2018 "Jungle Jim's International Market" and July 25, 2018 tour is "Nati in a Nutshell Walking tour"
- 2) Saturday night banquet theme is an UN-Birthday party

Seconded by: Bonnie Fazio Richards, Florida

Motion Carried

May 16, 2018 webinar will be the last Representatives and Ambassadors webinar this fiscal Year as the next meeting will be at convention.

Cherryl Kemp, ICES Newsletter Chairman informed that there has been lots of valuable information submitted by Representatives and our membership.

Cherryl reminded the group to:

- Please keep up sending the articles, recipes and pictures as there is a need for more events, pictures and sugar art information for the ICES newsletter. Send communication about your Days of Sharing 2 months in advance of the event. Deadlines for information to go into the newsletter must be into the Newsletter Chairman (Cherryl Kemp) by the 20th of the month 2 months prior to publication. For example events for the July 2018 ICES Newsletter must be submitted to Cherryl by May 20th 2018.
- Encourage your membership to keep sending pictures with brief descriptions to the ICES newsletter for the members back page of the newsletter.
- Send lots of pictures and information of your recent Days of Sharing to the newsletter.
- Send in tutorials that include name/city/state.
- Send in for the newsletter at any time of the year items/articles/pictures/recipes, etc., that will be saved and printed for the appropriate month of the event sent.

Scott Wolfe spoke on behalf of Jan Wolfe regarding the Wonderland of Hats and Fashion Challenge to be held during the 2018 Ohio Convention. The Challenge Fashion Show will be from 3 to 4 pm on Saturday at the convention. Two sponsors Chef Rubber and Fondarific will be sponsoring this challenge. Hats must contain at least 75% edible materials and worn at the fashion show. Hats will be on display after the fashion show. Entrants must supply a stand to display their entry. There is still room for persons or groups to register for this Challenge. Results of the challenge will be announced at the Saturday night awards banquet.

Karen Garback, OH, Show Director, addressed the Webinar participants regarding 2018 Cincinnati, Ohio Convention.

Karen announced:

- That the number of registered attendants for the Ohio convention is higher in number at this time than in past few years.
- That the committee have registered a lot of vendors for the show.

Bonnie Fazio Richards, Florida asked what the deadline to register displays is. Answer: - Same as convention registration dates.

Keshia Craft, Nevada, asked how can we confirm Mad Hatter entries? Answer: A confirmation is sent to you when you register cakes or displays.

Bonnie Brown, Florida, asked if you are not attending convention can you send a cake/display. Answer: yes you can ask anyone attending to bring your cake/display.

Mary Gavenda, Illinois, asked approximately how many vendors for 2018 convention are registered at this time. Answer: Approximately 26 vendors are registered.

Jennifer Noble, Mississippi, asked where I can find the form to register my cake. Answer: Go to the website find Events and Challenges; go to Sugar Art Gallery rules and regulations for the form. Karen Garback is checking that the form is up and ready to fill in and submit.

Chris Arrington, Georgia, asked about the Step Challenge and rules. The Step Challenge was explained with full details, guidelines, rules and how to enter.

Convention committees are continually working to make sure any needed forms on the website are easier to find and use for submission.

Becky Lujan, Nominations/Elections chairman, addressed the topic Running for the Board. Becky encouraged the group to consider running for the board and/or to nominate a candidate you would like to see be a board member. Forms are on the website so please fill the form in and submit as soon as possible. A question was asked can you vote by proxy. Becky said yes. Send a request to Becky Lujan for an absentee ballot and then send your ballot with the person you wish to carry your ballot. You can also find the Proxy forms on the website and in the newsletter. Absentee ballots can only be used to vote on the election process and bylaws changes. If someone carries your proxy that proxy carrier can vote on all Annual General Meeting business for you.

Chris Arrington, Georgia asked if running for the Board of Directors can you still remain as the representative of your state. Answer: Yes you can remain as S/A/P/C/C Representative until you finish your 1 year term.

Becky Lujan, Budget and Finance, addressed Chapter finances. Becky noted that the Chapter audits are almost complete. They have 2 audits left to do. Becky and committee are working on the training they plan for Chapter Treasures and Representatives which will happen at the Representatives Convention Midyear.

Suzy Zimmerman, ICES President's topic was where we stand and how you can help. Suzy stated that:

- The Board is getting great feedback from the Representatives webinars.
- The Board of Directors webinars are done for the 2017/18 fiscal year as is the Representatives webinars. Board Recaps are online in the Member's secure area.
- The Board of directors are bringing forth Bylaw changes at the Annual General Meeting.
- One Bylaw change proposed is to shrink the size of the Board of Directors to 12-15 members (presently 15-19 members) Full report will be in upcoming ICES newsletter prior to convention.
- Finances are looking better for ICES.
- The Newsletter needs to cut costs. Cherryl Kemp will take over as a volunteer Newsletter Editor. Newsletter costs have been escalating and this is one way to start cost cutting in producing the newsletter. The board welcomes suggestions to help reduce costs.
- As of April this is first time in over a year that membership has went up. As of this meeting it looks like May membership will be up as well.

Chris Arrington, Georgia asked does the Board have a venue picked for the 2020 convention. Susy reported the Board is searching for a city for the 2020 venue.

Bonnie Fazio Richards, Florida asked will the Representatives and those attending convention be getting Little Rock, Arkansas 2019 convention information at the Cincinnati show. Answer: Yes and also Arkansas Website will go up right after the Cincinnati convention ends.

Volunteers were asked for to man the Membership Table in the Cake Gallery. Many volunteered and are to let Jim Bender know when they could possibly volunteer on the Saturday and Sunday at convention.

Social Media: Send pictures to Representative Liaison, Social Media Chairman, and ICES Facebook. Keep posting to promote ICES as often as you can with pictures and information from your S/A/P/C/C events and Days of Sharing.

Representative Medallion: Send form prior to May 15, 2018 in order to get your medallion at convention.

Representatives Breakfast and Annual Representative Meeting Form: Fill in form and submit by June 15, 2018.

Convention Registration: Register early for Convention and Hotel. A lot of events are happening in Cincinnati at same time as convention.

Discussion regarding the first day of the Representative meeting:

- Re: picking up your meeting packets prior to the 7 am breakfast on Tuesday.
- Nominate a Representative Moderator and Secretary.
- Convention Registration does not start until Tuesday afternoon

Jim Bender, Rep Liaison, explained Acting Representatives position:

- Re Rules and Procedures for being the Acting Representative
- Acting Reps must fill in and submit a written Midyear report to the Representative Liaison as well as to the S/A/P/C/C Representative you are acting for.
- This report is to include events of the Midyear meeting as well as your travel expenses and meeting attendance.

Open Discussion:

Mary Gavenda, Illinois Noted that the last 2 newsletters she sent were not shown on the website. Bring to Representative Liaison attention when you submit newsletters and information so he can ensure the information has been received and posted.

Mary Jo Dowling, Pennsylvania explained the Certified Judges Testing and asked for any candidates wishing to attend these seminars to do so.

Motion #3: Bonnie Fazio Richards, Florida

Motion to adjourn.

Seconded by: Mary Gavenda, Illinois

Adjourn 10:20 pm May 16, 2018, EST.

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie Blackburn