

**ICES Representatives & Ambassadors  
Webinar Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm EDT by Mary Jo Dowling, Chairman of the Board.

**Old Business**

Motion #1: Tina Crews, Representative Liaison, moves to accept the November 20, 2019 Representatives & Ambassador Webinar Meeting minutes as presented. Correction was made to Brenda Herrington's name.

Seconded by: Bonnie Fazio Richards, Florida

Motion carried

**New Business**

**Business – Nominations and Elections – Gwendolyn Scroggins**

Election of board members and officers. Board members for three years, officers for one year. The January newsletter served as notification that nominations are open. You may nominate an ICES member or yourself. After eligibility is checked, you will be notified that you have been nominated. If you accept the nomination, you have until February 15, 2020 to get your information into the committee for the May newsletter. If you miss the deadline, you will be presented at the convention as a floor nomination.

**Cake Expo 2020, Reno, NV – Jennifer Noble**

Just completed the class schedule and registration starts March 1, 2020. Early bird registration begins March 1st. Visit [CakeExpo2020.org](http://CakeExpo2020.org) to see information about the resort. Complementary shuttle service to and from the airport. Free on-site parking if you drive. Wal-Mart within walking distance – across the street. There are a lot of amenities for the family and 11 restaurants on the property. First round of notifications has been sent to the Primary instructors. Once the Primary instructors have responded, if there are still openings, then alternate instructors will be notified. ICES members who pre-registered back in September 2019 will be notified separately to pick their classes before the March 1st date.

**Ways and Means – Jennifer Noble**

Step Challenge returns again for the Cake Expo. Cost is \$25.00 per person and the goal is to walk 10,000 steps over two days. You will be awarded a pin and/or bar for this year. Money goes to the Ways and Means committee which funds support ICES expenses.

Cake Challenge Relay also returns for Cake Expo. The Cake Challenge pairs celebrity decorators with another decorator. The relay teams will not see what the others are doing until it's their turn during the relay. The event is free to view.

Sugar Art Competition returns for the third year! This year, the theme is "Art on the Runway". You will carry our interpretation of an art piece down the runway. The event will be on Friday, July 31st, right before the Grand Opening Reception.

Wedding Cake Competition is also returning – also with an art theme. Entry deadline is July 20th.

**Audits – Jan Wolfe**

States that are still open for audits were notified by letter: Arkansas, Maryland, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon. For those states that have turned in their audits, the board must approve the audits. Letters will be sent to the Representative and Treasurer letting them know audit is complete once approved.

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**Programs Committee – Amy March**

Awards / Scholarships – scholarship applications are due TODAY. You can nominate people for scholarships and Hall of Fame throughout the year. Make sure you have all your information when you submit. The Wilber Brand Award is board selected.

Sugar Artists Certificate (CSA/CMSA) will be held at the 2021 Cake Expo.

ICES Certified Judge Program will be held in San Diego, CA, March 20-22. Deadline to register is February 19. There must be at least three students enrolled to hold the class.

**Training – Tina Crews**

Preparing for the March 15, 2020 report deadlines

    Semi Annual Financial Reports due

    Activity report Due

    Contracts, Officer Info Form, Financial and Activity reports are past due for several states

Preparing for Cake Expo 2020 and Annual Representatives Meeting and Rep breakfast

    July 28-29, 2020 Annual Representatives Meeting

    July 29, 2020 Representatives Breakfast at 8:00 am, then will assist with convention bag stuffing. Afternoon will be Reps meeting session

    Cake Expo dates are July 29 – August 2, 2020

**Open Discussion**

Baskets from states – this idea was not approved. No action required.

Rep event – email was sent about a bowling event...not many responses were received.

What else would you be interested in – Wine tasting, game night

Cake display centerpieces for Banquet with the colors of hot pink, white and black. Sizes: 8” barrel, or 8”, 6” or 4” cakes on 10” boards. Cakes will be moved into the cake room after the banquet. Displays will earn prize tickets for entries. A flyer will be sent out with exact info to the Reps. Be artistic, be beautiful, bring CAKE back into the convention.

Newsletter – Sherri Randell is asking for people to submit things from your states: Days of Sharing, cake pics, etc. Check the current issue for the schedule themes for the rest of the year.

Reactivating EIN numbers to government costs \$600. Getting a new EIN might be easier and cheaper – FREE. Doing it on line is easy and you will get your EIN immediately. Might have to close the current bank account if it’s listed/opened under the “old” EIN. IRS deactivates EIN numbers after three years if no tax returns filed.

Chapter filing for group exclusion. Due in August, some chapters have not submitted their letter of inclusion. Chapter financials will be handed over to government when this is complete. Failure to comply may dissolve the chapter.

Elizabeth Dickson thanked the Reps who have stepped up for volunteering.

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Update information: Suzy Zimmerman resigned as Chairman of the Board and as the Convention Chair. Due to health reasons, Pam Dewey resigned as Expo Coordinator.

Motion #2: Bonnie Fazio Richards, Florida, moved to close the meeting.

Seconded by: Lisa Bennett, Connecticut

Motion carried

Next webinar will be March 18, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm EDT.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

SCOTT W. WOLFE

ICES Representatives Secretary

Webinar attendees:

Valarie Archer- Arizona

Lisa Bennett - Connecticut

Carmela Bocchino Fitch- Maryland

Marsha Brooks- Indiana

Tina Crews- Alabama

Elizabeth Dickson- Louisiana

Mary Jo Dowling - Pennsylvania

Bonnie Fazio Richards- Florida

Sandra Frezza- Massachusetts

Mary Gavenda - Illinois

Karen Garback- Ohio

Linda Harmon- Iowa

Brenda Harrington- Kentucky

Mary Jo Manis- Tennessee

Michelle Marcsik- South Carolina

Amy Marsh- Idaho

Patricia Martyres- Virginia

Elaine Miller- North Carolina

Jennifer Noble- Mississippi

Sherri Randell- Oklahoma

Marcella Avila Rivera - Colombia

Keith Ryder- Virginia

Gwendolyn Scroggins- Michigan

Jeanne Thompson-McKenzie- New York

Scott Wolfe- Colorado

Jan Wolfe- Colorado