



A BRIGHT IDEA

This suggestion was submitted by Shirley Wilde, New York ICES Representative. She says, “What we did this year at our DOS to welcome new members was to have them come up and introduce themselves. Along with their names, they were instructed to tell the group three things about themselves, one of which was a lie. The rest of the members had to guess which statement was the lie. This turned out to be a real icebreaker, plus it had the added advantage of getting to know who our new members really were. Maybe other chapters would like to try this, as we found it very successful. The idea came from our Welcoming Chairperson, who always does a great job.”

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

I think some Reps might be a little confused, and we want to be fair to everyone who is working towards a free membership. We appreciate all the hard work you’re doing and we want you to get what we’ve promised you, according to the rules. Concerning the membership drive:

Here’s the motion as it stands: The Representatives Committee moved that for the fiscal year 2006-2007, any Representative submitting a membership transmittal form with ten (10) new, paid regular members at the current rate will receive one (1) year’s membership gratis. Offer is for new memberships only, not renewals. Returning former members whose membership have lapsed for at least one (1) year will count toward the total requirement. The motion carried.

For your ten memberships to count towards the Representative’s free membership, they must be new members, not renewing members. They must be signed up as “regular” members, not “associate” members. They must have joined ICES between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007.

Time is getting closer, and I believe that some Reps are thinking that the fiscal year is from convention to convention. **Please note: The ICES fiscal year is from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007.** The good news is that you have more time than you thought. Further, your new, regular members **MUST** have signed up after September 1, 2006. Hopefully this notice will give you some more time to get the necessary additional members.

Congratulations to those Reps who have already succeeded! —Grace

Don’t Forget

- July 15 is the deadline to submit your Representative Activity Form. Please note that your reimbursements depend upon the timely submission of this form!
- July 15 is the deadline for sending in your Absentee Ballots to the Nominations and Elections Chairman, if you will not be attending convention this year.
- July 26-29 is the date for the 32nd Annual Convention and Show to be held in Omaha, Nebraska!
- August 1 marks the end of the report period for Financial Reporting.
- August 31 marks the end of the Membership Drive.

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Hall of Fame Nomination Rules

This is a very important nomination! The Hall of Fame Committee has to use the information they receive from the Nomination Forms to make this appointment. It is not necessary to have an inductee every year. This award is neither a popularity contest nor a sentimental award; it is awarded solely on merit and accomplishment in the sugar art industry and contributions to ICES. Please give us as much information as possible so we have verifiable facts: specific dates, events and name of awards or recognition. If person has published works, please state name of authored book(s) and magazine(s) name as well as article title(s). It is not the quantity of applications we receive for a nominee, but the quality and contents of the application. Please read the following criteria carefully before submitting application.

1. Nomination must be submitted on the ICES Official Hall of Fame Nomination Form.
2. Nomination must be typewritten or printed in black ink.
3. Please do not write on the back of the Nomination Form. Attach a separate sheet if necessary. Photographs of nominee's work are also welcome and useful in the selection process.
4. No person may be nominated while serving on the ICES Board of Directors.
5. Only one nominator and nominee name per Nomination Form will be accepted.
6. Nominee will be under consideration for a three-year period. You may however at any time, add any further information, which could add to the nominee's accolades and update the nominee's information.
7. The nominee is not required to be an ICES member.
8. The nominator must be an ICES member in good standing to submit a Nomination Form; this is subject to verification.
9. Due to legal patents, trademarks and copyright protections any products or techniques submitted must be "original" works of the nominee.

—Laure'l Silverberg, Hall of Fame

From the Directors

We need articles for the current 10 year book. This includes any news article or copy of articles involving cake, cake decorating, ICES, or an ICES member. The Historical Committee would like personal letters from members about memories they have from conventions, days of sharing or other cake related functions. We are also accepting photos of memories from such functions; please make sure names and dates are on photos and permission has been received from all in the photo.

Items will not be able to be returned, so please send a copy.

The Historical Committee is also looking for Show books from the following years: 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1999, 2001, 2006.

Items can be brought to convention and given to the committee (Heidi Schoentube, Michaëlle Stidham, JoAnne Beauvais) or mailed to Heidi Schoentube.

—Heidi Schoentube, Historical

Dear International Reps,

I would like to remind you about the Cake Craft special drawing during convention. If you preregister your sugar display, you are eligible for the drawing. There are two \$500 prizes. You must fill out the form by July 10, 2007. The form is found on the ICES web site, www.ices.org. Under the annual convention tab, find Sugar Display Registration to find the form. E-mail the completed form to joellens-sugarart@aol.com. Please pass this information on to your members in your province or country.

Enjoy safe travel to Omaha!

—JoAnne Beauvais
International Reps Liaison

President's Invitation

*You are Cordially Invited
To join the ICES President
For Fun and Refreshments
in the
Presidential Suite
at the
2007 ICES Convention & Show
Omaha, Nebraska
Wednesday, July 26, 2007
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

I look forward to seeing you!

*B. Keith Ryder
ICES President*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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REMINDERS

The Nominations and Elections Committee would like to request 21 volunteers to be tellers for the elections, to count ballots. Only one person per state/area/province/country may serve. Please indicate if you have had previous experience.

The Nominations and Elections Committee also needs a separate list of 30-40 persons willing to collect the ballots at the General Membership Breakfast.

The Nominations and Elections Committee also needs volunteers to man the ballot pick up table.

If you wish to volunteer for any of these duties, please contact Heidi Schoentube at tubes3@verizon.net.

Are you interested in doing a 30-45 minute demo in the cake room at Omaha? We are looking for basic demos geared to the general public. We need someone for Saturday at noon and Sunday at 2:00 and 3:30. Please contact Jo Ellen Simon at joellenssugarart@aol.com.

Is your chapter interested in doing a collective article for the ICES Newsletter?

Wouldn't that be a fun project at your next Day of Sharing? Appoint different people to be in charge of various elements, create something unique to your area and have someone take step by step photos as you go!

E-mail Michaëlle Stidham at mfstidham@talkamerica.net if you want ICES brochures. Be sure to state the quantity you wish to order. Michaëlle will have them bundled and ready for pick up at the Reps' Breakfast.

ICES ID Numbers

ICES Reps, please remind ICES members of the following:

Please note that your ICES membership ID number will be required for convention registration. Your ICES ID number can be located as the very first item on your newsletter mailing label. File that number.

For online registration, enter your last name EXACTLY as it appears on your mailing label. For example: Jones Jr (no commas or periods). If a hyphen appears in your last name, use a hyphen online. If your second name after the hyphen is not complete on the mailing label, do not complete it online.

SAVE THE INSERT!

This will save you (and the Membership Coordinator) time when you register for convention.