



MIDYEAR QUOTES

"What a positive meeting!"

"Just a note to say thanks for the best Midyear Meeting I have attended. It was productive, informative and encouraging - all the things it should be. I'll be happy to present next year if you feel there is a topic I can tackle effectively. Just let me know how I can be of service to ICES."

"Thanks for the great Midyear Meeting and all you did and said to make it successful! ... speeches, presentations, sessions were very powerful and well done!"

"I just had to thank you for such a GREAT Midyear Meeting! If there is ever anything I can do to help with regards to Reps or anything ICES, just give a shout. Your hard work and positive attitudes are greatly appreciated."

"Thank you to all of you for a wonderful Midyear Meeting. With a full year behind me of being the State Rep, I was excited to attend and understand more fully what was going on and what questions I needed to ask. Everyone was so helpful and cooperative. It definitely had a feeling of camaraderie and cooperation between everyone. I know a lot of work goes into planning these types of meetings and everything turned out great. I don't feel so overwhelmed now and if I do I know there are plenty of people I can contact for help."

"This is the first time since I have started coming to Midyear that the Board/Representative interaction was accomplished in such a positive manner. Thanks so much for making this meeting so great."

"Thanks for the great Reps Meeting at Midyear. That was the best."

Don't Forget

- Visit the ICESreps.com web site to download the Reps' Breakfast Form for the Omaha Convention. Click on "Upcoming Events" for information.
- Have a local Day of Sharing or send a newsletter to your members, telling them what you learned at Midyear.
- March 15 is the deadline for sending in a picture release for the convention souvenir book.
- March 31 is the deadline for submitting Financial Reports for the period ending February 28.
- Sign and return your Rep's contract to Grace McMillan, 324 W. Seward Rd., Guthrie, OK 73044. Funds will not be reimbursed until a signed contract is on file.

Midyear Report from the Reps' Meeting



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Bonnie Blackburn, gracious as usual, met with first time Reps in an orientation designed to let them know what procedures and processes to expect in the Representative Meeting. She also gave them valuable information about Reps' duties.

At 9:00 on Friday morning, February 16, 2007, Beth Lee Spinner opened the Reps' Meeting with the introduction of the Reps Liaison, International Liaison, ICES President, and past, current and future Show Directors. The ICES Board of Directors was introduced, as were the Reps' Moderator and Reps' Secretary.

After these introductions were completed, the minutes of the Grapevine Texas Meeting were filed as presented.

After everyone in the room identified themselves, Beth Lee reviewed the Midyear attendance requirements, along with sign in procedures, ICES meeting guidelines and *Robert's Rules of Order*.

According to the minutes, discussion ensued on different topics, including tiered membership and discounted dues for students and retired members.

A discussion was held concerning the translation from English to Spanish.

A motion was made that

all vendors be required to provide a written, official receipt for purchases made at convention.

At this time Grace McMillan, Reps Liaison, gave an oral presentation on "Resolving Conflict."

The Friday afternoon session included a presentation by Reps' Moderator, Beth Lee Spinner entitled, "Leadership: Being a Good Administrator." Slide presentations and group interaction were highlights.

Laure'l Silverberg, ICES Board Member, presented "Membership Recruitment and Retention," where lively group discussion ensued regarding tiered membership policies presently under construction.

At this time the meeting split into two groups. One group visited the boardroom to observe the ICES Board in action. The second group reviewed updated pictures from past convention/newsletter files which need to be returned to the appropriate parties.

Maureen Cleveland, ICES Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report and explained the reimbursement procedures for Midyear and Chapter/Representative reporting.

Heidi Schoentube, ICES Board Member, spoke about nominations and elections and encouraged Represen-

tatives to run for the Board.

JoAnne Beauvais, ICES Board Member, gave updates to International members on how to apply for visas to attend the convention in Omaha this year.

Sheila Miller from Pennsylvania spoke about the culinary institute program for high school students in their area. Norm Davis from Virginia spoke about the incentive plan that Virginia has in place for membership recruitment, retention and Virginia ICES participation.

A general discussion was held regarding the need to get updated links to cake decorating and chat line sites and upcoming Days of Sharing across the USA.

The Saturday morning session of the Reps' Meeting began with a joint working breakfast with the Board of Directors.

Maureen Cleveland gave the Treasurer's Report. Past, present and future Show Directors were introduced and honored.

The Wilbur Brand award was presented to Francie Snodgrass as she was unable to attend the 2006 Grapevine Convention.

After breakfast, we split into two groups for a site inspection of the Florida facilities for the 2008 convention.

The Reps' Meeting resumed session at 10:15, during which the Omaha Show Directors explained the registration process for

this year's convention.

The Omaha Show Directors went on to explain that hands-on classes will be offered for the first time on a trial basis at this year's convention.

Millie Green, Recap Chairman, gave a recap of Board procedures.

In Fran Wheat's absence, Keith Ryder, ICES President, updated the Reps on convention news from the convention committee.

Fran Tripp, Ways and Means Chairman, spoke about the ICES Sugar Artistry Design Outfit contest, and asked for unique design submissions. The winner will be voted on at the Omaha Convention and will be awarded a prototype of the winning outfit.

Ivy Davis, Chapters Chairman, answered questions from the floor about ICES Chapters.

The Saturday afternoon session included discussion and motions on various topics, including an updated ICES web site and ICES logos being available to ICES membership to promote ICES.

Keith Ryder, ICES President, demonstrated "Fun with Modeling Chocolate." Keith made the modeling chocolate, showed how to cover the cake and gave instructions on how to make different designs and flowers.

The Representatives met with the Board for ques-

tions and general updates. The ICES web site, tiered membership, translation, demonstrations with professional videography, term limits for Reps, and professional outfits for ICES were all discussed.

The Sunday morning session started with Beth Lee providing updates from the Board arising from input from the Reps' Meeting.

A new committee was formed to update the Representative Handbook.

Joe Bushnell from Minnesota gave an awesome presentation on "We're Havin' a Party!" He presented ideas for Days of Sharing and used props, handouts and samples very effectively.

Anne Marie Haase spoke about "Convention Behavior."

Group discussion was held regarding how state chapters and cake clubs can work together harmoniously. Valuable suggestions were offered, including: advertising in each other's publications, promoting each other's events and demo-ing for each other.

The suggestion was also made that if an ICES member is visiting another state/area/province/country, it would promote unity to check and see if ICES events were ongoing and attending those events.

—From minutes taken by
Bonnie Blackburn,
Reps' Secretary.



REMINDERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Reps Breakfast in Omaha

Visit the ICES Reps web site (www.ICESreps.com), then click on "Forms") to download and fill out the form for the Reps' Breakfast at the Omaha Convention.

ICES Reps or Acting Reps (one person per state or area) may attend the Reps' Breakfast for free. We ask you to fill out the form to help us plan on how many will be attending the breakfast.

When you arrive at the convention in Omaha, you need to pick up your breakfast tickets (this procedure is similar to the banquet ticket exchange).

Tickets may be picked up on Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in room 213-214 at the convention center (same room as registration).

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to do demonstrations in the cake room on Saturday and Sunday during the Omaha Show.

Demonstrations would be 30-45 minutes; three each on Saturday and Sunday. They would be offered at 10:00, 1:00 and 3:00.

We would prefer that these demos be basic and fun; we don't want them to compete with our other demos.

We thought this would be a great addition to the convention to give the public a little taste of what we do.

If you would like to do one of these demos, please contact Jo Ellen Simon, our Cake Room Chairman, by phone at 402-551-9776 or e-mail Joellenssugarart@aol.com.

Thanks,
Linda and Kathy

ICES ID Numbers

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.