



IFSEA INFUSION

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"We enhance the careers of our members through professional and personal growth"



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

*The new year stands before us,
like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.
We can help write that story by setting goals.*



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Chairman of the Board

Ten years ago, becoming chairman of the board for IFSEA was a dream of mine. We had the military award with us, a trade show that was prosperous, and student competitions that would become a major part of our IFSEA conferences. I wanted to lead this group into good things, I believed in this group. Then, four years ago, during my first term as chairman, all that changed. I was forced to make many difficult decisions, losing the HQ and work as a 100% volunteer organization was one of them. This was good on the wallet, but volunteers only have so much time to volunteer. So for the first time in over 100 years, I am saddened to announce that IFSEA will not be having a conference in 2017.

With each new year and each new term, I am not sure I have all the answers. I listen to the discussions and hear the feedback. I know the wants and desires of this group are the same for all of us, but new situations are on the rise. Many people have tried to raise money in order to make this conference happen, but there just was not enough sponsorship. A special thank you to those that have tried to raise the funds for conference, Pat Beach, Dr. Joan Johnson, Rick Diaz, Barbara Sadler, Jack Kleckner, Dick Hynes, Pete Starowicz and Blake Johnson. Syracuse Branch, Northern Illinois Branch and Reno Branch. Morrisville College and Harper College.

This is not the end of IFSEA, too many students count on us, and we need to keep this association alive and well for them. Now is the time to focus all its members toward the same goal, to keep going forward. We cannot look at the loss of this conference as a bad thing, we need to realize our potentials and go after the gold again, for us and for all the next generation Food Service Professionals, and we can. I believe in this group, still.

This next year gives IFSEA a chance to renew, look at possible changes that will evolve this organization, make it be8er. But this will have to be from all members, not just some. Strength in numbers I say! So what is next? Well it's time to pull our sleeves up and get to work. I ask all of you reading this to reach out and do something to participate and help. Contact me for information and sharing of ideas. Everyone needs to get this up and running again and correctly. Our future depends upon all of us and the kids are depending on us!

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IFSEA Certification

Introduction

Welcome to the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) Certification program. These certifications are a must for those in the Food Service/Hospitality Industry.

What Is Certification?

Certification is a system that grants recognition to professionals who have met a stated level of training and work experience. Once this level has been achieved, the professional goes through testing in order to prove that the knowledge and experience has been obtained.

Certified individuals are issued a certificate attesting they have met the standards of the credentialing organization and therefore are entitled to use credentialed status, (e.g., CFA, CFM or CFE) after their names. By use of these credentials as well as the certificate indicates the individual has the knowledge and experience to offer the industry.

What is the difference between certification and certificate programs?

Certifications include a work experience component. Certificate programs only require the course of study to be completed and does not require previous work experience.

Why Is Certification Desirable?

The individual who achieves certification sets him/herself apart from those without it. The advantages of seeking certification are:

A public recognition of professional achievement – both within and outside of the profession.

- An aid to career advancement.
- Achieving one's personal best or goal.

Purpose and Use of Certification.

IFSEA Certified Food Associate (CFA), Certified Food Manager (CFM) and Certified Food Executive (CFE) certifications shows that the individual has demonstrated mastery of the Food Service/Hospitality field of knowledge and, through recertification, has accepted the challenge to stay informed of new developments and laws affecting the Food Service/Hospitality industry. The CFA, CFM and CFE designations are visible reminder to peers and coworkers of the individual's significant professional achievement.

Don't wait! certify today! Contact ifsea.certification@gmail.com for more information.