



華美食品學會

Chinese American Food Society (<http://www.cafsnets.org>) Dec. 2021

LIST OF CONTENTS

Welcome to 華美食品學會 CAFS WeChat platform..... Page 1
Message from the President..... Page 2
2020-2021 CAFS Financial Report..... Page 3
Meeting with CAFS officers..... Page 4
Call for Nominations of CAFS president and directors..... Page 5
2020-2021 CAFS Bylaws Amendment..... Page 6
2020-2021 CAFS Member News..... Page 7
2020-2021 CAFS EC & Committee Rosters..... Page 8
CAFS Membership Renewal Form.....Page 9
Upcoming events & Employment Opportunities..... Page 10

Welcome to 華美食品學會 CAFS (WeChat platform)

Dear CAFS members and friends,



“華美食品學會 CAFS” is the official account of WeChat platform for Chinese American Food Society (CAFS). CAFS official activities will be posted through this platform periodically, including job opportunities in food industry, academia and government, latest trends in food industry, interesting information in food science, joint webinars and student activities.



Welcome to leave a message, share your views and communicate with other CAFS members on this platform! Please scan the above **QR code** and follow us!

Best Regards and stay health,
Xueqian Su
CAFS Student Committ

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-By Zachary Zheng

Dear CAFS members and friends,

It is hard to believe that the year of 2021 is approaching its end. While we are still not out of the Covid pandemic yet, a lot of significant progress has been made this year. Several kinds of vaccines have been approved and they have become widely available in the U.S. and many other countries. As majority of adult populations are getting vaccinated the virus infection rate appears decreasing. FDA recently approved Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for younger children and authorized Pfizer and Moderna boosters for all adults. With all this good news it is hopeful that we will end the Covid-19 pandemic in the near future. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 virus seems to mutate very rapidly and the fight against it has become more complicated than many people originally thought. While we were celebrating Thanksgiving the bad news about a newly identified Omicron coronavirus variant in South Africa emerged. Scientists have long known that the world would see emerging coronavirus variants as viruses mutate constantly. But when South Africa's health minister announced the discovery of the B.1.1.529 variant, which appears to be spreading rapidly in parts of the country, it was a strong reminder that the pandemic is not over yet. This will add more uncertainty about when our lives will completely return to normal. Hopefully the current vaccines are still effective against the new Coronavirus variant and it will not trigger another pandemic wave.

With a cautiously optimistic expectation, IFT has been planning to return with a brand-new hybrid format for the 2022 Annual Meeting and Food Expo on July 10-13 in Chicago. With a combination of virtual experiences with all the networking and in-person engagement participants have missed over the last two years, the transformation to FIRST (Food Improved by Research, Science and Technology) will come alive from Chicago in July 2022. This is a very positive and encouraging sign for CAFS members too. It means that we will be able to meet once again face-to-face in Chicago next year. However,

given the unpredictable nature of the virus evolution, and people's concerns about potential Covid resurge, many IFT and CAFS members may decide not to attend the IFT Annual Meeting & Expo onsite in 2022. The CAFS EC Board and Annual Banquet and Business Committee are preparing for a dinner banquet in Chicago next year but at a reduced scale. To better plan the banquet and make a restaurant reservation, we will use a pre-registration process or a survey to estimate the number of attendees as we are getting closer to the event.



The second CAFS EC Board Meeting in the 2021-2022 term was held on November 17, 2021. In addition to planning for 2022 CAFS Annual Banquet and Business Meeting, the By-Laws Committee proposed to revise CAFS By-laws to better clarify various types of memberships. The EC has approved the proposal and the revised By-Laws will be published on our website. Meanwhile it will be sent to all members for review and approval.

Dr. Hongshun Yang from National University of Singapore expressed strong interest and encouragement for CAFS members to explore potential collaboration opportunities between U.S. and Singapore food science professionals and students. Examples include sharing online seminars and workshops, exchanging students between two countries, inviting U.S. professors to Singapore, and proposing joint research initiatives. In particular, the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST) 2022 will be held in Singapore in late October next year. The details of the event will be published in the newsletter and on our website. If someone is interested in

attending, you may also contact Dr. Yang for more details.

We have made more progress in our outreach activities. In September, the President of **North America Chinese Association for Nutrition** (NACAN, <https://www.nacan-us.org/>) reached out to CAFS to explore collaboration opportunities. Thanks to Dr. Shelly Xu for her coordination, CAFS and NACAN has held a first leadership meeting and established a new partnership between the two organizations. Both associations agreed that food and nutrition sciences are closely related to each other and have a lot in common. Synergies between the two organizations exist in many ways and we both should explore potential collaboration opportunities in the future. The CAFS EC Board has approved this proposed partnership. In the future we will share seminar information, and possibly co-sponsor a symposium or student competition. The announcement will be published in the newsletter and on the website. CAFS also has an existing relationship with CAFPN (Chinese Association for Food Protection in North America) and we have been closely collaborating with each other in many ways. For example, some of CAFS members including myself serve in both associations and volunteered to support

mentoring programs of both groups. Recently CAFPN has sponsored a webinar by Dr. Joseph Jen, “**Power of Networking – Life Stories from a former Undersecretary of USDA**” on December 9, 2021. They also invited CAFS members to join the webinar. This is the kind of activities in which we both share mutual interests.

Despite all the challenges from the pandemic, we continue to make progress toward our missions. As we are approaching the end of the year 2021, let’s hope that next year will be better than this year. *I wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Sincerely,

Zachary (Zuoxing) Zheng, Ph.D.
2021-2022 CAFS President

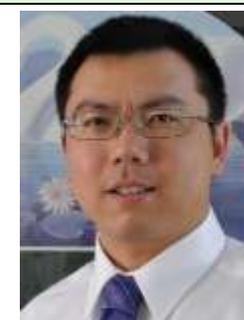


2020-2021 CAFS FINANCIAL REPORT

- by Haiqiang Wang

Balance (as of 8/28/2021)	\$30,046.91
Expenses	
Shipping fee (sending plaques to recipients)	\$17.20
P.O. box rental fee (2022)	\$134
Subtotal Expense	\$151.20
Income	
Subtotal Income	\$0.00
Balance (as of 12/6/2021)	\$29,895.71

MEETING WITH CAFS OFFICERS



President
Zachary Zheng
zachary.zheng@valent.com

President-Elect & Banquet
Lihan Huang
lihan.huang@ars.usda.gov

Awards
Yao (Olive) Li
yaoli@cpp.edu

Bylaws
Fanbin Kong
fanbin_kong@yahoo.com

Conference & Workshop
Sean Liu
sean.li@ars.usda.gov

Membership & Director
Jun Yang
jun.yang@pepsico.com



Nomination
Andy Hwang
andy.hwang@usda.gov

Public relations
Jason Wan
jwan1@iit.edu

Secretary
Qinchun Rao
qrao@fsu.edu

Treasurer
Haiqiang (Harry) Wang
harrywang101829@gmail.com

Mentoring & Director
Lei (Shelly) Xu
shelly.xulei1@gmail.com

Newsletter
Li Zuo
litaitano@gmail.com



EC Director
Catherine Liu
cathyliu@umd.edu

EC Director
Ying Wu
yw@tncstate.edu

Website
Boce Zhang
zhangboce@gmail.com

Student
Xueqian Su (President)
xueqians@vt.edu

Student
Dajun Yu (Vice President)
dajunyu@vt.edu

Student
Chunya Tang (Secretary)
ct19g@my.fsu.edu

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF CAFS PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS

-By Andy Hwang

Dear CAFS Members,

On behalf of the CAFS Nomination Committee, I am calling for the nominations (including self-nomination) for CAFS 2022-2023 President-Elect and two CAFS Directors for 2022-2024 term. The duties of the President-Elect and Directors, nomination process, and qualifications of the candidates for the President-Elect and Directors are stated in the following sections of the CAFS Bylaws:

7.4. **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** The President-elect shall assist the President, formulate plans for his/her presidency including appointing Committee chairperson for each Committee for the next term, and succeed to the office of the President at the end of the Annual Meeting. The President-elect usually serves as the chairperson of the Annual Meeting Committee and performs the duties of the President in the President’s absence.

7.5. **DIRECTORS:** The Directors shall represent members to serve on the Executive Committee, assist the President in conducting the affairs of the Society, and be responsible for submission of matters on behalf of the members of the Society. The Directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may be reelected for successive terms.

9. **NOMINATION:**
Nomination Committee shall solicit potential candidates from the membership in the Newsletter or through a special announcement before a final list is compiled. Any member may suggest names of candidates for the President-

elect, Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, or other elected officers to the Nomination Committee by submitting a biographic sketch of each candidate along with a signed statement of the candidate that he/she is willing to hold office if elected.

Qualification of candidates for the President-elect shall include but not limited to: (1) at least three-year current Membership or Lifetime Membership in good standing, (2) served as an elected office of the society, and (3) good leadership qualification and administrative experience. Other candidates shall have at least one-year current Membership or Lifetime Membership in good standing show willingness to serve CAFS at the time of nomination.

After reviewing each candidate's qualifications, the Nomination Committee shall prepare a slate of one to three candidates for each position with the ballot form, voting instructions, biographical sketches and nomination statements for the annual election at least two (2) months before the Annual Meeting.

Please send your nomination and the candidate’s brief biographic sketch to the Nomination Committee members, Andy Hwang (andy.hwang@usda.gov), Zachary Zheng (zachary.zheng@valentbiosciences.com), and Lihan Huang (lihan.huang@usda.gov) by March 31, 2022.

*Regards,
Andy Hwang*

Chair, 2021-2022 Nomination Committee



2020-2021 CAFS BYLAWS AMENDMENT

-By CAFS Bylaws Committee

Fanbin Kong (Chair), Jun Yang, Chengchu Catherine Liu, Lei Shelly Xu, Ying Wu

Following proposed amendment was approved by the Executive Committee at Nov 17 EC meeting. A ballot will be emailed to the CAFS membership for a vote.

Bylaws amendment to change the member type "MEMBER" to "PROFESSIONAL MEMBER"

Currently, the classification of CAFS membership includes Member, Student Member, Associate Member, Lifetime Member, and Corporate Member, as described below (copied from bylaw):

*6. 1. 1. **MEMBER:** A Member shall be a resident or citizen of the United States or Canada with close relation to Chinese culture or heritage and meeting one of the following qualifications:*

(1) a person holding a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in a field of food science or food technology or other related fields.

(2) a person having actively engaged in food science or food technology profession for a period of at least 3 years and with a 4-year college degree.

*6. 1. 2. **STUDENT MEMBER:** A Student Member shall be a person who is enrolled in an institution of higher learning in North America and is pursuing programs of study in food science and technology or a field closely related thereto.*

*6. 1. 3. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** An Associate Member shall be a person interested in food science and technology or food business and the activities of CAFS but is not classified as a Member or Student Member.*

*6. 1. 4. **LIFETIME MEMBER:** A Lifetime Member shall be a Member in good standing and has paid the lifetime membership dues.*

*6. 1. 5. **CORPORATE MEMBER:** A Corporate Member shall be a corporate which has paid the annual corporate membership dues.*

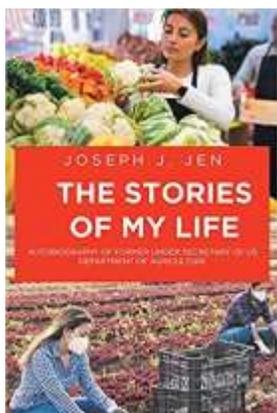
As the term “member” literally covers all types of membership, which causes confusion and inconvenience in separating different member categories. It was therefore proposed to change the member type "MEMBER" to "PROFESSIONAL MEMBER". It is expected that the change will help clarify the differences among the various member categories.

Related change: in the "Life Member" definition, the term "Member" is changed to "Professional Member" accordingly.

Related change: in the “Associate Member” definition, the term “Member” is changed to “Professional Member” accordingly.

2020-2021 CAFS MEMBER NEWS

✚ Power of Networking - Life Stories from a former Undersecretary of USDA

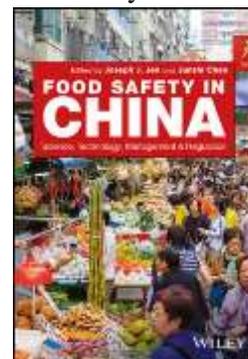


On Dec. 9th, 2021, we had a wonderful seminar about **Power of Networking** to all professionals in the food safety, quality, and related fields through zoom meeting. We invited **Dr. Joseph Jen, a former Undersecretary of USDA**, as the speaker,

and **Cindy Jiang**, Sr. Director of Global Food Safety, McDonald's Corp. as the Moderator. Dr. Joseph Jen is one of the few people who had held high-profile positions in academia, industry, and government. As a first-generation immigrant, Dr. Jen shared his stories, challenges, and success throughout his career. Also, Dr. Jen shared his devotion to solving food safety dilemma globally.

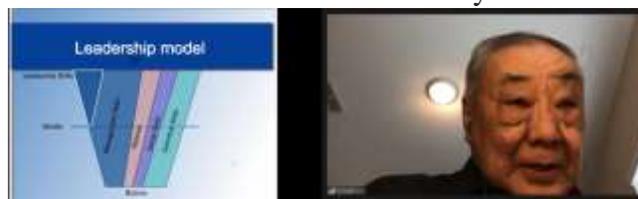
It was a wonderful session for everyone who works in food industry, government, and academia.

We would like to hear your feedback. The survey takes 2 minutes with 3 questions. Thank you for your time.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHRND8V>.

If you missed the webinar, don't worry, there will be one coming up in early 2022 with CAFPN. Have a wonderful holiday season!



✚ Joint Meeting between NACAN-CAFS

On November 2nd, 2021 **CAFS** and **NACAN** (北美华人营养学会) had a joint meeting to discuss potential collaboration opportunities between these two organizations in the near future. **Dr. Jingrong Zhou** from Harvard Medical School gave an introduction of **NACAN** and **Dr. Zachary Zheng** introduced **CAFS**. The collaboration between the **CAFS** and **NACAN** will provide a great opportunity for the members in both Societies to discuss mutually interesting topics and facilitate potential collaborations.



For more information about NACAN, please visit the website: www.nacan-us.org

2021-2022 CAFS EC AND COMMITTEE ROSTERS

Executive Committee	Name	E-mail address
President	Zachary Zheng	zachary.zheng@valent.com
President-Elect	Lihan Huang	lihan.huang@usda.gov
Past President	Andy Hwang	andy.hwang@usda.gov
Secretary	Qinchun Rao	sunnyrqc@gmail.com
Treasurer	Haiqiang (Harry) Wang	haiqiang.wang@pepsico.com
Director	Catherine Liu (2020-2022)	cathyliu@umd.edu
Director	Lei (Shelly) Xu (2020-2022)	shelly.xulei1@gmail.com
Director	Jun Yang (2021-2023)	jun.yang@pepsico.com
Director	Ying Wu (2021-2023)	ywu@tnstate.edu
Committee/Editor	Name	E-mail address
Annual Banquet ¹	Lihan Huang	lihan.huang@usda.gov
Awards	Olive Li (Chair) Vivian Wu Jason Wan	yaoli@cpp.edu vivian.wu@usda.gov jwan1@iit.edu
By-Law	Fanbin Kong	fkong@uga.edu
Conference and Workshop	Sean Liu	sean.liu@ars.usda.gov
Membership	Jun Yang	jun.yang@pepsico.com
Mentoring Program	Shelly Xu (Chair) Jun Yang (Co-Chair)	shelly.xulei1@gmail.com jun.yang@pepsico.com
Newsletter Editor	Li Zuo (Newsletter)	litaitano@gmail.com
Nomination ²	Andy Hwang	andy.hwang@usda.gov
Public Relations	Jason Wan	jwan1@iit.edu
Student Committee	Xueqian Su (President) Dajun Yu (Vice President) Chunya Tang (Secretary)	xueqians@vt.edu dajunyu@vt.edu ct19g@my.fsu.edu
Website (www.cafsnets.org)	Boce Zhang	zhangboce@gmail.com

Notes: Based on Bylaws,

- 1 – Annual Banquet committee is led by the President-Elect.
- 2 – Nomination committee is led by the immediate Past President.

Chinese American Food Society

Membership Application / Renewal / Update



You are using this form for: (please check one) New Application Renewal Update

Name: _____

Professional Affiliation: _____

Correspondence Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____; Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Present Position and Area of Interest/Specialization:

Education (All Degrees, Year Received, Institutes Graduated From):

Membership Dues for Calendar Year: _____

Student Member \$10

Lifetime Member \$300 (Payable only once)

Active Member \$20

Associate Member \$20

Corporate Member \$250 (including dues for one active member or associate member)

Total Amount Due \$ _____ (Please make check payable to Chinese American Food Society)

Date: _____

Student Application Verification:

Name of University: _____

Faculty Name & Title: _____ Phone #: _____

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please pay the membership fee by 1) sending a check payable to **Chinese American Food Society** to the below address; or 2) online payment via Zelle with the phone # **517-898-4012**,
and mail this form to:

Haiqiang Wang
1085 Parker Lane, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 USA

UPCOMING EVENTS

IUFoST 2022 WORLD CONGRESS

IUFoST 2022 World Congress will be held on Oct 30 – Nov 3, 2022 in Singapore. The theme for the conference will be the “**Future of Food – Innovation, Sustainability & Health**”. There are many programs, including abstract submission and research competitions. Interested candidates can check the IUFoST congress website for more information. The event will include young scientist awards, graduate research competition, undergraduate event, etc. Please stay tuned for further announcements!

The Organizing Committee would like to warmly welcome everyone to Singapore and the IUFoST World Congress at the end of October 2022. Mark your calendars and see you in Singapore!

Please check the IUFoST Website (iufostworldcongress-singapore.com) for more information!

(The information is provided by **Dr. Hongshun YANG**, Department of Food Science & Technology, National University of Singapore.)



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Food Scientist 2

[Blue Diamond Growers](#)

1701 C St, Sacramento, CA 95811

Job Description: Food Scientist 2 utilizes knowledge of food science and consumer marketing insights to identify and develop new almond products to meet customer and business unit product strategies. Scales up lab prototypes with pilot plant production and full commercialization. Conducts shelf life, sensory, product performance, and quality attribute testing of products as part of the development process. Documents technical product information. Writes and confirms production specifications. Actively participates in innovation activities and contributes to the development of new product strategies and ideas. Has bridged the

gap between theory and practice. Familiar with real world issues and understands how to manage them. Focused on projects and problems within their expertise

Responsibilities:

- Works at the lab bench utilizing knowledge of food ingredients, food science, and consumer marketing insights to identify and develop new almond products and formulas to meet customer and business unit product strategies and requirements.
- Organizes and manages new products ideas and concepts from lab prototype samples through pilot plant production and full commercialization.

- Develops the processing and technical requirements needed for scale up. Coordinate first production run product evaluations and approvals.
 - Actively participates in innovation activities and contributes to the development of new product strategies and ideas.
 - Identifies and recommends new applicable technologies to management.
 - Manages product development technical relationship with internal and external customers.
 - Assumes the role of an innovator and project leader demonstrating initiative, creativity, and thoroughness in the execution of semi-complex projects.
 - Conducts shelf life, sensory, product performance, and quality attribute testing of products as part of the development process.
 - Generates new product technical information including production specifications.
 - Sources new food ingredients. Develop and document new food ingredient specifications.
 - Assists Regulatory with development of nutrition facts, allergen labeling and ingredient declaration.
 - Provides ongoing technical support to Marketing and Sales for new product introductions; prepares product sales samples.
 - This job description reflects management's assignment of essential functions; it does not prescribe or restrict the tasks that may be assigned.
- Required to occasionally travel to outside production facilities.
 - Sound working knowledge of food science principles, GMP, HACCP, food safety, sanitary practices, and regulations.
 - Ability to utilize Word and Excel computer software. Knowledge of Genesis, SAP PLM, and SharePoint software a plus.
 - Hands on lab bench experience developing food products.
 - Experience operating typical laboratory food processing equipment and instruments used in product development, with high level of quality, accuracy, and quantity of analysis work.
 - Experience working with cross functional business teams to develop and commercialize new food/beverage products.

Please check the link for more information:

[Food Scientist 2 - Sacramento, CA 95811 - Indeed.com](#)

2. Director of Food and Beverage, Climate Pledge Arena

Job Description: Delaware North Sport service is searching for a Director of Food and Beverage to join our team at Climate Pledge Arena in Seattle, Washington. As a Director of Food and Beverage, you will effectively lead and oversee the F&B operations at Climate Pledge Arena. The ideal Director of Food and Beverage should be a people focused individual and ready to take on any challenges that face them during their shift.

Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the growth and profitability of the business, with management oversight for day-to-day operations.

Minimum requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Food Science, Microbiology, Chemistry, or Chemical Engineering
- 3 years of food and beverage product development experience in a food manufacturing environment

- Directs and manages all food and beverage operations at the location, ensuring quality standards are maintained in terms of product, service, safety, and sanitation.
- Implements and maintains a service and management philosophy that serves as a guide to respective associates.
- Facilitates special projects as directed by the General Manager. Serves as a resource and provides solutions to direct report supervisors and associates.
- Responsible for all scheduling, training and development of associates. Maintains all policy standards, culture of accountability and responsibility, and holds individuals accountable for such. Research and development of new policies, procedures, and control policies that elevate service standards and accountability of staff.
- Maintains positive client and guest relations. Responds to client requests and ensure alignment to company standards. Will investigate and follow through on client and guest complaints.
- Manage the process for ordering and maintaining all inventories for food and beverage, maintain cost control efforts for labor and waste management and conduct meetings updating staff on daily

goals and objectives. Menu planning and design in coordination with Executive Chef, Restaurant Manager and others.

Qualifications

- Minimum of seven years experience in a high volume environment. Strong preference for someone with high end catering, premium dining experience.
- Strong food knowledge with a variety of menus and previous experience supervising service personnel required.
- Experience effectively leading a team required.
- Demonstrated commitment to guest service.
- Ability to communicate through oral and written skills with staff, creating a positive work environment.
- Ability to manage frequent change.
- Ability to manage their own time as well as the time of others.
- Bachelor's degree preferred.

Please check the link for more information: [Director of Food Product Development Jobs, Employment | Indeed.com](#)

Please visit CAFS website's Job Posting page for more useful job links:

https://www.cafsnet.org/job_postings.htm