



### BOD Chair's Column

Though I am reasonably certain that none of us remember much, if at all, about our individual's first birthday, I am pretty sure that we all have memorable experience of our and our friends' children's first birthday party celebration. It is an event filled with sheer joy and excitement to watch how much these adorable babies have achieved in their first year. We are about to embrace such an event for NASYUA – its first birthday party. The date has been set – Sunday, July 29, 2007. More details are prepared by Yingchang and Jingmin in this newsletter. Check it out and come to celebrate with us together.

In my view, the Association has had a very healthy first year. Our membership has increased to more than 70, according to a recent data. A broader network has been strengthened among the alumni and friends throughout the year. Several regional events were hosted to allow us to get re-acquainted with each others after many years of individuals' endeavors. Our quarterly newsletters have been feeding all the alumni, regardless registered member or not, in the North America with entries of common interests. The Association's website has been frequently updated with events and job opportunities. We are co-sponsoring symposia and professional workshops the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Food Science and Technology (ICFST) to be held in Wuxi from November 12-15, 2007. It is a great joy to witness these significant milestones and activities in the first year of the Association, thanks to all the alumni, friends, members, and the leadership teams for the enthusiastic supports and contributions.

The Association leadership teams, namely the Board of Directors (BOD) and the Executive Team (ET), have been instrumental in ensuring such a healthy growth of it. With their committed

volunteerism and collective brilliance, they have acted coherently to form many important decisions and implemented them superbly. Our ET is a high energy and effective one for handling the Association business; and the BOD strives to serve as a check-and-balance and focus on long-term strategic issues. It is my opinion that the two teams has worked cooperatively and has established a set of effective working protocols. This leadership model has formed a solid foundation for the future of the Association. The election of new officers for these two teams is currently under way. Please cast your vote to Chao and his team before July 12. I also urge each one of you to consider contributing to leading the Association to a successful future. The Association has many needs for your talents and willingness to serve. Please come to the party and register your interests.

If the above mentioned is not enough to attract you to the party, Dr. Jian Chen, the President of Jiangnan University, who will lead a large delegation of the university leaders, faculty and graduate students to join us for the celebration should be the icing on the cake that you certainly do not want to miss. It will be a golden opportunity for you to inquire him about the advances and perspectives of our Alma Mater. For those who have not had a chance to visit the new campus of the University, you will be treated with a wonderful presentation featured by the President Chen and his entourage – just like a trip back to Wuxi without enduring the long journey across the Pacific Ocean. I bet you will not want to miss it.

I will definitely be there. Will you?

Respectfully yours,

Hongda Chen, Chair of the Board of Directors



## President Column

While NASYUA will celebrate its first anniversary on July 29, my service as president is near to the end. The journey with NASYUA in the past year was full of joys, prospects, and of course challenges.

Throughout the year, our leadership teams, volunteers and members worked together aiming to achieve NASYUA mission- "To foster and facilitate friendship, professional growth, cooperation, collaboration, scientific exchange, information gateway, resources and support". In July 2006, Executive Team and Board of Directors developed strategy "Grow NASYUA community by establishing effective networking system, beneficial regional activities, and quality professional exchange with solid financial base". In September 2006, each regional VPs and functional team leaders completed respective one-year plan and budget. Since then, we executed the plan successfully.

I am proud that significant progress has been made and many healthy regional activities were organized in the past year to connect our members, alumni and friends, which resulted in membership expansion by 20%. Our association also helped members and families who needed care. The NASYUA website further enhanced communication among members and friends by sharing honors and achievements, providing job searching tools, and exploring opportunities for career development and investments in China. As a first step to facilitate scientific exchange, we proudly earned co-sponsorship of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Food Science and Technology which will be held at SYTU in November this year. NASYUA will offer two workshops and two symposia. I am strongly

encouraging your contribution and participation of this significant event. In fact, at least 4 of our members are serving as conference committee and advisory board already.

NASYUA is still at its infancy. Our membership body is still relatively small, and our program and activities may not meet all the needs of members and friends yet. However, I am confident that our Executives and Board teams will continue lead and work with you to achieve NASYUA mission.

I am grateful for the opportunity serving NASYUA, thanks to the trust of members. I am also thankful to my team members and all alumni and friends for their support and dedications. My sincere thanks also extend to SYTU for their support and involvement. I will continue my efforts, in a different approach, to make NASYUA more valuable to you.

Best Wishes to You and NASYUA

Liuming Zhou

2006-2007 President of NASYUA



## **2007 Election of NASYUA Board of Directors and Executives**

June 2007, to our NASYUA members, means annual election time. This year's Nomination/Election Committee consists of three members: Shizhong Wang, Liuming Zhou and Chao Wu. With the establishment of NASYUA By-Law last year and successful election of our Charter Board and Executive Team last June, the process for 2007 nomination has been quite smooth. This year, three Board of Directors and three Executive Officers need to be elected. Only one candidate is nominated for each position. Here is the list of candidates:

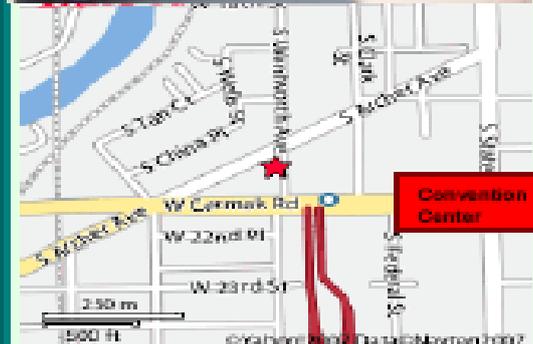
Wuwei Cui – President-Elect  
Joshua Gong – VP Canada  
Huan Xia – Student Representative  
Guohua Feng – Board of Director  
Feng Guan – Board of Director  
Dihui Wang – Board of Director

All the six nominees for this year's election have been actively serving our organization from very beginning. Many of you probably already know them very well. Our website also has the vita from the six candidates (please see at <http://www.nasyua.org/candidates.htm>). Each registered NASYUA member should have received a ballot for this election through email last week. Members can vote by emails, phone calls, or regular mails. Ballots need to be received by Nomination/Election Committee before July 12 to be counted. The election results will be announced at the annual meeting in Chicago on July 29.

2007 Nomination/Election Committee



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**2007 NASYUA Annual Banquet**

**Time: July 29, 2007**

6:00pm Registration/ Social time –Xingqiu Lou  
7:00pm Introduction – Hongda Chen/Liuming Zhou  
7:10pm Announcement of Election Results  
– Chao Wu  
7:20 pm Words from Jiangnan University - President  
Chen Jian  
7:30pm Dinner  
9:00pm Story time/Door prize  
– Joanne Zhang/Yingchang Han/Chao Wu  
9:30 pm NASYUA business meeting (Agenda to be  
distributed)  
10:30pm Karaoke party/adjourn

**Dinner:** Free for student members  
\$20/adult for other members and friends  
\$10/adult for member family

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## CAFS Events

### **1. The CAFS Annual Banquet**

- It will be hosted on Monday, July 30th at Lao Sze Chuan in Chicago Chinatown. Their address is 2172 S Archer Ave, Chicago, IL 60616; Phone: (312) 326-5040.
- The social hour will start at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM and program starts at 7:30 PM. We will make sure the evening concludes before 9 PM.
- The estimated costs per person is \$30/\$20 for member/student member, and \$45/\$30 for non-member/student non-member, respectively. The menu is not final yet as the owner of the restaurant is traveling in China and will be available for discussion to finalize the menu on July 12.
- New CAFS member will receive a free CAFS 30th anniversary polo shirt to welcome them to the society.
- Early registration is strongly encouraged. The check payment should be made payable to CAFS and sent to Dr. Vivian Wu at 5735 Hitchner Hall, Room 106, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469-5736. Her other contact info are: Phone: 207-581-3101; Fax: 207-581-1636; E-mail: [vivian.wu@umit.maine.edu](mailto:vivian.wu@umit.maine.edu).

### **2. Updates on the GCHFS**

- The program is now updated and available on the symposium website [www.ChineseHealthFood.org](http://www.ChineseHealthFood.org)
- The symposium dinner sponsored by the Joint Institute of Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) of the University of Maryland will take place on Friday, July 27 at the Phoenix Restaurant 2131 S Archer Ave # 2 , Chicago, IL 60616; Phone: (312) 328-0848. The social hour will start at 5:30, followed by Dinner Speech by Dr. Roger Clemens at 6:15. The dinner will be served at 7 or so immediately after the speech. It is free for all GCHFS attendees, and \$45 for friends and family who did not register for the symposium.
- IFT will provide two buses to transport the attendees from McCormick Place to the Phoenix restaurant around 5 PM, and the buses will take the attendees back to the convention center then downtown Chicago where most hotels are.
- Dr. Ram Rao from USDA CSREES has agreed to give a brief lunch talk on Saturday, July 28 on USDA's interest in functional foods.
- Dr. Steven Chen from Hong Kong University will lead the round table discussion on the second day afternoon to conclude the symposium.
- Kraft Foods offers a field trip for Chinese delegates (China and Taiwan) to tour their Glenview campus. The tour bus will pick up the delegates on Monday, July 30 at 12:30 in front of McCormick Center and bring back the group to CAFS dinner in Chinatown. Preregistration is required by email to [ymlo@umd.edu](mailto:ymlo@umd.edu).

*Provided by Hongda, Chen*