

Food Law PDG

Members Present: Christie Gray (Chairperson), DeAnn Benesh, Robert Buchanan, Jack Cooper, Carl Custer, Emilio Esteban, Atef Idriss, Shaun Kennedy, Ted Labuza, Susan Linn, Deon Mahoney, Jenny Scott, Daniele Sohier, Kevin Webster and Christina Wilson.

Board/Staff Members Present: Timothy Jackson (Board Liaison).

New Members Present: Craig Henry, Minerva Rivera, Vanessa Ip, Peter Dragasakis, Joan Donelan-Weber, Maxwell Hand, Tejas Bhatt, Brian Sauders, Evan Rosen, Julian Cox, Hamoud Alnughaymishi and Tanya Roberts.

Visitors/Guests Present: Jairo Romero, Ladapan Sangklai, Karuna Teerasamit, Katharine Mieszkowski, John O'Keefe, Bryan Dieckelman, Jessica Brown, Kevin Bese, Roger Maehler, Andrew Stephens, Lily Yang, Dan Weller and Hannah Bolinger.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:03 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2015.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Craig Henry.

Old Business:

1. Christie reviewed the options for harnessing IAFP resources.
 - a. Online PDG Handbook available.
 - b. Recommendations to the Board.
2. Review of Minutes from 2014 PDG meeting.
 - a. Sent out prior to the meeting.
 - b. Motion to approve – was passed unanimously.
3. Report from Executive Board – Tim Jackson, Nestle.
 - a. Encouraging webinars.
 - b. Lots of symposia submissions but not all are accepted due to committee balancing the desired outcome.
 - c. 4200 members currently.
 - i. Up 30% since 2005, 36% from U.S., Internationally up 122%, Canada down about 1%.
 - d. What makes an affiliate successful? Trying to help affiliate engagement to improve.
 - e. 2,879 attendees in 2014, 2015 – expected to be 3,200.
 - f. Go to lunch meetings.
 - i. Time management session.
 - ii. Business meeting on Sunday, so please attend.
 - iii. Tuesday Mike Taylor session to attend.
 - g. Secretary nominations due in October. Seeking an academic. Due October 1.
 - h. Award nominations needed.
4. 2014 Recs to the Board reviewed.
5. Old business – nothing arose from 2014.
 - a. PDG did not conduct any webinars in 2014.
 - b. Christie explained \$25 fee for webinar presented to any IAFP member or free if just for the PDG.

New Business:

1. Request for scheduled calls.

- a. DeAnn suggested quarterly calls.
 - b. First call for early September and address symposia.
 - c. Christie to send out a calendar reminder.
2. Symposia recommendations.
- a. Is there a desire for PDG to work outside of IAFFP? Possible webinar.
 - b. Tim Jenkins suggested Food Safety vs. Food Availability: Do we have to choose?
 - i. Check with the International PDG for collaboration.
 - ii. Multi-sectorial/disciplinary collaboration for a healthy.
3. Daniele Sohier, ADIRA, presented on Microbial Risk Assessment Workshop Construct proposal.
- a. Proposed to be established guidance via ISO.
 - b. Bob Buchanan noted that in the U.S. the guidance has to be free and cannot be for fee per U.S. law.
 - c. Jenny Scott agreed with Bob and noted that NACMCF created a guidance document previously and is in use.
 - d. Daniele feels that globally the methodology needs to be standardized.
4. Christie reviewed outcome of the PDG Chairpersons meeting.
5. PDG Proposals.
- a. Don't give up on rejected symposia proposals.
 - b. DeAnn and Bob Buchanan stated having more than one PDG supporting the proposal increases the chance of being accepted.
 - c. Christie suggested Food Law collaborate on M&P Mixed Foods Symposia.
 - d. Bob Buchanan suggested a topic of "How to be an Expert Witness" – one day workshop
 - i. Shaun Kennedy supports it as did others.
 - ii. Bob suggests getting a lawyer to lead this symposium.
 - 1. He will approach some in D.C. area.
 - iii. Julian Cox will assist.
 - e. Product liability law – "How is it changing?"
 - i. Also discussed at International PDG.
 - f. Andrew Stevens, FDA – Need to know more about WTO Procedures for regulatory acceptance.
 - i. How to export to the U.S. and Japan? Difficult to find regulations.
 - ii. Harmonize regulations.
 - iii. Plain package labeling.
 - g. Understand Codex standards for packaging, etc.
 - h. Dubai person suggested "Challenges to find regulations governing export regulations" etc.
 - i. What to do when stuck at the border.
 - ii. Christie noted the difficulty with language translations of regulations.
 - i. Suggested that WHO and World Bank supporting Updating on food safety. initiatives in Middle East region. – Suggested by person from Dubai.
 - j. Marcos Sanchez in Texas Tech – "What has been done to measure the economic cost of implementing new laws?"
 - k. Julian noted M&P PDG discussion about water and related law for produce, sanitation etc.
 - i. Christie noted water quality and availability is not fully defined.
 - l. Carl Custer – Why isn't *Salmonella* an Adulterant? – He will develop something
 - i. Review of prior case law and science (i.e., APHA case).
 - m. Bob proposed how to better understand the new emerging FSMA regulations.

- i. Jenny supported that idea.
 - ii. Shaun Kennedy – new regulations issue was raised at Food Defense.
 - iii. Jack also said cybersecurity was raised at FD PDG.
- 6. PDG Recommendations to the Board?
 - a. Use of social media tools?
 - i. Google has been used by students as of 2013.
 - b. Bob said there were concerns about making webinars free versus for fee. Recommendation to make them all free.
 - i. Jenny noted this is a cost factor for IAFP.
 - 1. But it is free after IAFP posts it.
 - 2. So maybe success factor should include post presentation use by IAFP members etc.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: IAFP 2016, July 31, 2016, St. Louis, Missouri.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.

Chairperson: Christie Gray.