

Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG

Attendees: Amit Morey (Chair), Jill Stuber (Vice-Chair), Monica Galleguillos Ackerknecht, Jennifer Acuff, Christina Allingham, Rane Anderson, Arzu Irem Aydogdu, Aerial Belk, Laura Pineda-Bermudez, Ledon Black, John Boyce, Kari Bunting, Jessica Burke, Greg Burnham, Purvi Chatterjee, Pavana Harathy Chennupati, Dean Chiarelli, Judy Chow, Camryn Cook, Tracey David, Brenna DeRocili, Minh Duong, Emilio Esteban, Ellen Evans, Savana Everhart, Mariana Fernandez, Liane Ford, Tom Ford, Megan Francies, Connie Freese, Enrique Garcia, Ariel Garsow, Andree George, Gabriella Gephart, Tia Glave, Abdul Aziz Al Hajeri, Suzy Hammons, Maria Hansell, Gregory Harter, Jouman Hassan, Richard Huang, Ahmed Al Kaabi, Karin Kasper, Gurpreet Kaur, Jordan Kiefer, Margaret Kirchner, Michala Krakowski, Maureen Kuboka, Yue-Jia Lee, Juan Ponce De Leon, Joanne Lim, Blanca Ruiz Llacsahuanga, Marisa Lown, Morgan Madison, Humberto Maldonado, Chip Manuel, Kyle McCaughan, Abigail Aba Mensah, Marlee Mims, Ahmed El-Moghazy, Emeffa Monu, Shpresa Musa, Pascale Pierre, Gabriella Pinto, Jorge Quintanilla Portillo, Gustavo Reyes, Lisa Robinson, Alyssa Rosenbaum, Amaryllis Rivera- Santiago, Buddhi Sapkota, Dina Scott, Sloane Stoufer, Rico Suhaim, Martha Sanchez-Tamayo, Chayapa Techathuvanan, Lauren Waldman, Michael Wood, Pagiel Yoo, Kris Young, Galante Yu.

Number of Attendees: 78.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time, July 16, 2023.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Pavana Harathy Chennupati.

Old Business: Amit Morey welcomed everyone to the PDG meeting. The Board Updates provided to Amit were read out to the audience. The Board recommended the attendees to download the IAFP app and view the video from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council. The Board also stated that webinars were a great success during Food Safety Month with more than 9,000 views and will continue to make it an annual event. Members who want to be on committees can navigate the page "Professional Info/Volunteer Opportunities." Attendees were encouraged to sign up as mentor or mentee via *IAFP Connect*.

After the Board updates, the minutes from 2022 were presented to the audience (on the screen) and were approved unanimously. Morey informed the audience that a total of 15 proposals (7 primary and 8 secondary sponsors) were submitted to IAFP and a total of 4 proposals were selected (1 primary and 3 secondary sponsored).

New Business: Jill Stuber organized and Tia Glave moderated a roundtable session on Navigating Industry Life as a Food Safety Professional. The panel members were Dr. Michael Wood (Kroger), Megan Francies (Lamb Weston), and Dr. Chayapa Koi (OceanSpray). In the interactive session, audience asked questions about mentorship, building careers, mid-career pivoting, judging company culture before accepting the job, navigating unexpected tasks, gaining trust, and receiving opinions from senior colleagues among others. The session was very well attended and received.

Jill Stuber led an exciting activity called Networking Bingo where the attendees were given a Bingo sheet with various prompts and each member had to go around and introduce themselves to others and get to know them. It was an exciting activity as the audience engaged in a lively networking event and developed new contacts. Amit Morey then initiated discussion on roundtable and symposium proposals. Some of the topics discussed were on new technologies, food safety jobs awareness of unique food safety jobs, developing skills and experience to secure jobs among others. Jill Stuber developed a link for the audience to send their proposal ideas which was shared with everyone via a QR code.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: July 14, 2024, Long Beach, California.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:15 p.m.