

Recommendations to Executive Board as Taken from Committee Minutes of Meetings Held in Anaheim, California

Executive Board Response as Discussed at the Executive Board Meeting on August 5

STANDING COMMITTEES

Food Protection Trends Management Committee

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Revise *FPT* Instructions for Authors to include the statement "manuscripts not formatted correctly may be rejected without review at the discretion of the Scientific Editor."
Board Response: Agree
2. Restructure the online indexing [Table of Contents] of *FPT* articles to increase accessibility and link directly to article PDFs. Additionally, provide RSS feeds and email alerts to notify of *FPT* publication and make these alerts/abstracts publicly accessible.
Board Response: IAFP staff will work to improve these systems.
3. Upload historic *DFES* publications as searchable PDFs by keyword and author to the *FPT* Web site.
Board Response: IAFP staff will work to improve these systems. In the short-term, if the Committee provides a list of specific articles of importance, IAFP staff will make them available first.

Journal of Food Protection Management Committee

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Reappoint Elliot Ryser as Scientific Editor for another four-year term.
Board Response: Approved
2. Approve the election of Kendra Nightingale as Vice Chair.
Board Response: Approved
3. The journal should establish a mechanism for allowing online prepublication access of accepted manuscripts ahead of print through *JFP* online and should develop an appropriate mechanism to bill page charges for online publication ahead of print.
Board Response: IAFP staff will investigate how to establish a system to allow for early payment of page charges so that e-pub ahead of print can occur.
4. A mechanism for providing open access should be established for manuscripts to be supported by funds from the contributing authors. Over the next year the process will be tested for manuscripts requiring publication in open access journals, such as NIH funded research. The IAFP staff will investigate the additional fees necessary for open access. In addition, the journal should consider providing funds to allow open access for a limited number (3-4 per year) of general interest, high merit/impact papers selected by the co-Editors.
Board Response: IAFP staff will investigate the fee structure to allow for open access by author choice and make the proposal for Board approval. The Scientific Editors may also identify up to 12 articles per year they believe should be made available through the open access system. Such articles can be forwarded to staff

for handling after two or more Scientific Editors agree on making an article available in this manner.

5. A Top Publication award should be developed for the most cited articles.
Board Response: The Board is open to this idea. Please submit a more detailed proposal outlining the process, describing who would be responsible for administering and where the award would be presented.

Program Committee

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. The IAFP Bylaws state that the chair of Developing Scientists Committee is to assign up to 5 additional judges. This needs to be updated to allow us to expand the number of judges since we now have many more poster and oral awards to evaluate.
Board Response: This suggestion will be forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for action.
2. Continue with the current system for submitting and evaluating symposia and workshops.
Board Response: Agree

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

3-A Committee on Sanitary Procedures

Recommendations to Executive Board: None.

Audiovisual Library Committee

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. To increase membership awareness and usage of the A/V Library by the achieving of webinars that the PDGs and IAFP develop.
Board Response: Webinar recordings will be linked to the Audiovisual Library Web page.
2. To ask exhibitors to provide items to A/V Library for server/Internet distribution for our members.
Board Response: The Board believes there is a need for a Long-Range Plan for the Audiovisual Library to bring the current structure more up to date. A request is made to the committee to undertake this project (developing a Long-Range Plan for the Audiovisual Library). Soliciting new additions to the Library before this work is complete is premature.
3. To ask our college/university members to provide items to the A/V Library for distribution to our members.
Board Response: The Board believes there is a need for a Long-Range Plan for the Audiovisual Library to bring the current structure more up to date. A request is made to the committee to undertake this project (developing a Long-Range Plan for the Audiovisual Library). Soliciting new additions to the Library before this work is complete is premature.
4. To investigate the digitizing of materials in 1, 2, and 3 above to have a valuable resource in the A/V Library for server/Internet usage.

Board Response: The Board believes there is a need for a Long-Range Plan for the Audiovisual Library to bring the current structure more up to date. A request is made to the committee to undertake this project (developing a Long-Range Plan for the Audiovisual Library). Soliciting new additions to the Library before this work is complete is premature.

5. To expand the “links” on the IAFP home page into the A/V Library and to structure into a “super-arch” library with heading tabs such as links, Food, Dairy, Meats, Bakery, Pre/Post Harvest, Government Agencies, College/University Food Science, etc.

Board Response: The Board believes there is a need for a Long-Range Plan for the Audiovisual Library to bring the current structure more up to date. Soliciting new additions to the Library before this work is complete is premature.

6. At next Annual Meeting have presentation of the 100th year history through the A/V Library materials of the original tablets on “thou shall wash thy hands” through the early meetings of the first state members through the first “international” meeting to the FUTURE...

Board Response: There will be numerous activities and presentations related to the 100-Year Anniversary at IAFP 2011. These ideas will be reviewed by the 100-Year Planning Committee.

Committee on Control of Foodborne Illness

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. The Board clarify symposia proposal approval process to avoid speaker embarrassments and committee member fatigue (see full discussion under item #2).
Board Response: The Instructions for submitting symposia clearly state those submissions are considered “tentative” until such time as when the Program Committee meets and “approves” the proposal for presentation at the Annual Meeting.
2. The Board consider mechanisms to make speaker presentations available after each Annual Meeting to IAFP members/attendees.
Board Response: Because of the wide variety of speaker backgrounds and employer stipulations, not to mention the volume of material presented at our Annual Meeting, it is difficult to achieve this goal. Therefore, the current method employed is that attendees may request presentations directly from the speaker and the speaker may choose whether to provide the information or not.
3. The Board create a policy for updating and release of electronic manuals and other CCFI documents.
Board Response: A policy is not necessary in this case. IAFP staff will provide an electronic version of manuals to the Committee when requested. New versions of the manuals will be available for purchase in an electronic format.
4. The Board help tailor social media tools for use by the CCFI (Board Liaison issue).
Board Response: This is a part of the IAFP Long-Range Plan.
5. The Board consider the CCFI suggestions for branding the organization (Board Liaison issue).
Board Response: The Board will review the Committee’s suggestions.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Appoint Randy Daggs as Vice Chair.
Board Response: Approved.

Foundation Committee

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. The committee recommends that the name of the Student Travel Scholarship be changed to “Student Annual Meeting Travel Scholarship”.
Board Response: It is preferred to keep with the current name structure of “Student Travel Scholarship” since in some cases; the receiving student is not able to travel to IAFP’s Annual Meeting and instead attends the European Symposium.
2. The committee recommends that the fund manager, Wells Fargo, move to 4 and 5 star funds when possible, eliminating the 3 star funds where warranted. Also, the committee recommends that load funds be eliminated from the portfolio. The portfolio is performing no better than the S&P 500, yet funds costs are significantly higher than what we could otherwise obtain in something like the Vanguard S&P 500 fund. The committee recommends that we negotiate with Wells Fargo for lower costs, asking for a 1% fee rather than 2%. The committee felt that the 24% investment in international funds was a bit high given current economic concerns. The committee recommends that Wells-Fargo be asked to re-examine the portion of funds in international funds. The committee felt that the portfolio should be greater consideration to quality, including high quality corporate stocks. The committee recommends that Wells Fargo be asked to consider increasing the value funds while still maintaining a reasonable portion of growth funds.
Board Response: IAFP Staff will work with the IAFP financial advisor to address these concerns.
3. The committee recommends that the golf fundraiser be continued and that the link to the Foundation Fund be more clearly advertized.
Board Response: Agree.
4. The committee recommends that we consider adding optional donation boxes of \$25, \$50, \$100 and “other” to the membership renewal form.
Board Response: IAFP staff will investigate this option.
5. The committee recommends that the membership renewal form ask if member’s employer has a matching donation program and whether or not it can be used for IAFP donations.
Board Response: IAFP staff will investigate this option.

Membership Committee

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Approve appointment of Zeb Blanton as Committee Vice Chair.
Board Response: Approved.

Nominating Committee

Recommendations to Executive Board: None.

Past Presidents’ Committee

Recommendations to Executive Board: None.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Applied Laboratory Methods PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. The PDG recommended that IAFP consider corporate sponsorship or the IAFP Foundation as the source of funding for webinars.
Board Response: Webinars offered to PDG Members only will continue to be supported by IAFP (corporate hosting is welcomed). For Webinars open to a wider public (beyond PDG Members), a minimal charge will apply.
2. The PDG recommended having the Applied Laboratory Methods annual meeting commence as an afternoon session to enable PDG members to attend other PDG sessions usually scheduled in the morning also.
Board Response: The PDG Meeting schedule will be alternated and rearranged, based on rooms available, so that members can attend various meetings from year to year.

Beverage PDG

1. The committee commends the Board for the change to October submission of symposia proposals, this enabled very positive discussion of issues at the PDG meeting that would not have been possible if the symposia proposals were due at the IAFP meeting as had been the case.
Board Response: Thank you for this positive feedback.
2. Approve Emilia Rico as Vice Chair to begin at IAFP 2011.
Board Response: Approved.

Dairy Quality and Safety PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. The PDG endorsed a member recommendation to request the IAFP staff consult with all PDG Chairs on the final schedule for the Annual Meeting PDG meetings prior to publication. This was the result of the Sanitation and Dairy Quality & Safety PDG being held at the same time for the past few years and many members of each have to choose one or the other. Members expressed a number of other issues resulting in conflicts with this year's PDG meeting schedule.
Board Response: The PDG Meeting schedule will be alternated and rearranged, based on rooms available, so that members can attend various meetings from year to year. Special attention will be given to separate the groups identified.
2. The PDG endorsed a member recommendation to request IAFP staff to schedule one or two conference calls per year between Annual Meetings with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the various PDGs to get updates and allow for sharing of information and to better coordinate activities and reduce duplicate efforts and to coordinate program submissions.
Board Response: E-mail communication is a part of on-going efforts to keep PDG and Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs informed. E-mail communication avoids scheduling conflicts and provides consistent message delivery.
3. The PDG endorsed a member recommendation to request IAFP staff and the IAFP Board of Directors make a strong recommendation to the IAFP affiliates and members to reference on their Web sites www.realmilkfacts.com in order to support the cooperative efforts of this PDG and a similar committee of the American Veterinary Medical Association, which develop a Web site containing factual information

about the dangers of direct consumption of raw milk by humans. Prior to the development of this Web site, any Internet search about raw or pasteurized milk brought up Web sites containing misinformation and representing raw milk as safe and pasteurized milk as harmful.

Board Response: IAFP will add this Web address to our linked Web sites on our list of referenced Web sites. Readers should also refer to IAFP's position statement on the consumption of raw milk.

4. The PDG endorsed a member recommendation that the statement, "The public should avoid the direct consumption of raw milk because of its current history of being the source of illness and potential long-term medical problems," as one of the 100 Food Safety Tips to be compiled by the IAFP Program Committee and released at the 2011 IAFP meeting. We are willing to discuss modification of the wording, but the concept should be on the "Top 100" list.
Board Response: This will be submitted for committee review to add to the 100 Food Safety Tips as a part of the 100-year celebration.
5. The PDG endorsed a member recommendation to request support from the IAFP Board to work cooperatively with the leadership of the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials (NADRO), the Dairy Practices Council (DPC) and other related national organizations with an interest in the dairy industry to encourage their adoption of resolutions opposing the legalization of raw milk sales for human consumption.
Board Response: Please refer to IAFP's Position Statement on Consumption of Raw Milk. IAFP does not directly involve itself in legislative issues, but encourages individual Members to do so when they feel it is appropriate.
6. The PDG endorsed a strongly supported recommendation that the IAFP Board of Directors direct the IAFP Program Committee to ensure that at the 2011 and future IAFP Annual Meetings, there is a balance of applied and research-based symposia as well as an expansion of dairy-focused symposia. The decisions made by the 2009 Program Committee resulted in almost no Dairy Quality & Safety PDG symposia recommendations being accepted and the program balance toward research caused some PDG members to attend IFT instead of IAFP this year. Since the origins of IAFP were from the dairy sector and the 2011 Annual Meeting is the 100-year anniversary and the location is Wisconsin, one of the leading dairy states in the country, dairy-focused symposia and workshops should be encouraged and supported.
Board Response: The Board agrees there should be a balance of applied and research symposia on each program. The Dairy PDG and other Members with interest in dairy issues are encouraged to submit strong symposia recommendations to the Program Committee for consideration to be added to the IAFP 2011 program.
7. The PDG endorsed a member recommendation that the IAFP Board in cooperation with the IAFP Program Committee invite the Governor of Wisconsin to be one of the "keynote" speakers at the 2011 IAFP Annual Meeting in Milwaukee based on the courage he demonstrated in vetoing a bill that would have significantly expanded the public's access to raw milk in the state of Wisconsin.
Board Response: This recommendation will be forwarded to the selection group looking at candidates to deliver the Ivan Parkin Lecture. Another option is to consider a symposium centered on this issue and circumstance.

Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Approve official PDG name: Developing Food Safety Professionals.
Board Response: Approved
2. Approve Chair and Vice Chair Elections of Sean Leighton as Chair and Angelica O'Shaunessy as Vice Chair.
Board Response: Approved.

Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG

1. Approve the election of Ken Davenport as Vice Chair.
Board Response: Approved.

Food Defense PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. The individuals present at the Food Defense PDG Organizational meeting recommend formation of a Food Defense PDG within IAFP by unanimous vote.
Board Response: Approved.
2. The individuals present at the Food Defense PDG Organizational Meeting recommend that Charles Young be approved as the elected Chair of the Food Defense PDG by unanimous vote.
Board Response: Approved.
3. The individuals present at the Food Defense PDG Organizational Meeting recommend that Shaun Kennedy be approved as Vice Chair of the Food Defense PDG by unanimous vote.
Board Response: Approved.
4. The individuals present at the Food Defense PDG Organizational Meeting recommend that the Executive Board consider making PDG programs such as webinars available to the membership free of charge approximately 30 days after the date the event occurs to support students and scientists in developing countries who might not otherwise be able to afford these programs.
Board Response: PDG Webinars where a registration fee applies are made available free-of-charge within 14 days after conclusion of the Webinar.

Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. We recommend that the Board provide a list of the accepted symposia, workshops and round tables from the past 5 years. This will help the PDGs know what has been done in the past and prevent duplication.
Board Response: A list will be constructed, posted on the IAFP Web site and distributed to Committee and PDG Chairs and Vice Chairs.
2. We recommend that each PDG be provided at least 1 symposia slot for each year if properly developed and of substance and merit.
Board Response: The Program Committee strives to ensure interests of each PDG are reflected in the Annual Meeting program.
3. We recommend a staff position be created to allow for the management of more than 2 Webinars/month.
Board Response: The IAFP Board and staff will monitor the need for such a position based on the Webinar demand presented by PDGs and on financial resources available to the organization.
4. We recommend a staff position be created to support the local affiliates and help them grow and reach their communities with food safety education and training.
Board Response: A staff position currently is in place to support Affiliate needs.

5. We recommend for the formation of a Hygienic Design PDG.

Board Response: The Board recommends caution in moving in this direction and suggests the PDG consider if this (Hygienic Design PDG) would dilute interest in the Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG. Overlap of PDG meeting schedules already creates problems and this could cause additional conflicts. The Board will entertain a proposal after careful consideration by those suggesting this new PDG as to if this is the most effective way to achieve the intended results.

6. We recommend that IAFP establish a fund for research projects like AMI does.

Board Response: IAFP is a professional association and does not fund research. AMI is a trade association and has made funding research a part of their function.

Food Law PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Include within the electronic symposium submission the option to select the NAME of the PDG submitting the symposium [where applicable].
Board Response: Changes will be made to the submission system to allow for this option.
2. When the symposium has been submitted, an automatic notification should be sent to the PDG Chair
Board Response: IAFP Staff will correspond with the lead submitter of the symposium. Committee and PDG Chairs are encouraged to communicate with symposium submitters and may check with IAFP staff at anytime about the status of symposium submissions.
3. If a symposium is rejected, the PDG chair, in addition to the organizers, should be notified, along with the rationale as to why the symposium was not accepted. Note areas for improvement and/or whether there is interest in seeing the topic resubmitted in the future.
Board Response: IAFP Staff will correspond with the lead submitter of the symposium providing detailed rationale for rejected symposia. Submitters or Committee and PDG Chairs may follow up with IAFP staff or the Program Chairperson regarding rejection reasons.

Food Packaging PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. We recommend a Food Packaging PDG be established.
Board Response: Approved.
2. Approve Albert Elboudwarej as chair and Linda Leake as Vice Chair.
Board Response: Approved.

Food Safety Education PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. We wish for the Board to appoint Pamela Wilger as PDG Vice Chairperson.
Board Response: Approved.
2. Recommendations for 100-Year Planning committee: Suggest that the 100 food safety tips that are created to be added to the IAFP facebook page and put out as a tip of the day via twitter as a lead-up to the meeting.
Board Response: This will be passed forward to the 100-Year Planning Committee.

Fruit and Vegetable Safety and Quality PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Dave Gombas is recommended by the PDG as Vice Chair.
Board Response: Approved

2. The PDG discussed IAFP's idea for charging a fee of \$25 for webinars. There were differing opinions on the cost and a suggestion that instead of holding a webinar with a fee, use a conference call and email out the PowerPoint presentation in advance. The majority support the idea of a webinar and \$25 fee. Many thought it was a means of IAFP membership building and the webinar should reach out to industry.

Board Response: Webinars offered to PDG Members only will continue to be supported by IAFP (corporate hosting is welcomed). For Webinars open to a wider public (beyond PDG Members), a minimal charge will apply.

3. The PDG recommends to the Board that presentations from the Annual Meeting be posted on the IAFP web page, or sent after the meeting on a thumb drive, to persons who paid registration for the meeting. IAFP would have to consider having authors sign a release form to share their presentations.

Board Response: Because of the wide variety of speaker backgrounds and employer stipulations, not to mention the volume of material presented at our Annual Meeting, it is difficult to achieve this goal. Therefore, the current method employed is that attendees may request presentations directly from the speaker and the speaker may choose whether to provide the information or not.

International Food Protection Issues PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Approve Deon Mahoney as Vice Chair.

Board Response: Approved

Meat and Poultry Safety and Quality PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. PDG chairs and vice chairs should meet to share recommendations and possibly rank suggested symposia to facilitate selection by the Program Committee.
 - a. We agreed a virtual meeting should occur of the chairs and vice chairs.
 - b. Ask the Program Committee to accumulate all of the proposed symposia and host a webinar type meeting in October 2010 to update all PDG chairs and vice chairs.
 - c. This will allow for the PDG chairs to also possibly adjust their recommendations to the Program Committee and potentially combine topics with other PDGs.

Board Response: The Board suggests PDG chairs and vice chairs (or persons organizing symposia) should contact other PDG chairs where the topic interest may cross-over. Organizing a teleconference or Webinar prior to the submission deadline is not feasible since only 10 to 20 percent of submissions are received in advance of the deadline date.
2. The IAFP Board should consider allocating a set amount of session time for PDGs to develop appropriate symposia recommendations.
 - a. The PDG also will consider just limiting the number of symposia at the start. Maybe just allocate 10% over what has been accepted historically.
 - b. We should rank and then recommend to the Program Committee.
 - c. There is the issue of independent symposium recommendations outside of a PDG.
 - d. Therefore this provides for potentially more overlap.
 - e. The Board should provide a complete list to the PDG chairs and vice chairs prior to the webinar to facilitate the meeting discussion.

- f. IAFP should provide a list of historical topics and date of symposia with abstract before the end of August and send to the PDG members to improve recommendations for 2011.

Board Response: There are a number of issues in this suggestion. First, the Board does encourage each PDG to scrutinize its suggested symposium ideas and only develop those that carry the necessary elements to be submitted for consideration by the Program Committee. The Program Committee has avoided a specific allocation of program slots to each PDG, opting to select from those symposia submitted to make the program most complete and balanced. A list of topics presented over the past 5 years will be developed and distributed to each Committee and PDG Chair and Vice Chair.

3. Approve Patricia Wester as Vice Chair beginning at IAFP 2011.

Board Response: Approved.

Microbial Modelling and Risk Analysis PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Recommendation regarding the process of annual meeting proposals submission and selection: The PDG would ask the Executive Board to encourage the Program Committee to (1) provide proposers with more specific feedback when proposals are rejected such that learnings can be taken into account by proposers and PDG, (2) to arrange for a mechanism through which the Chair and Vice Chair of a PDG are kept informed by the Program Committee about proposals from the PDG being submitted and rejected or accepted.

Board Response: The Program Committee with staff support will provide more specific feedback on symposium submissions. As for communicating these results to the PDG chair and vice chair, this is the responsibility of the person(s) organizing the symposium.
2. Recommendation regarding PDG interaction in between Annual Meetings: The PDG asks the Executive Board to set-up a mechanism for PDGs to interact and communicate in between Annual Meetings; this could be through one of the new social media or a dedicated content management system, but would preferably be one system for all PDGs.

Board Response: IAFP staff will investigate systems available and cost involved; then report to the Board.
3. Approve Alejandro Amezcua as Vice Chair.

Board Response: Approved.

Pre Harvest Food Safety PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. This committee respectfully requests that this PDG be accepted as a PDG within the organization.

Board Response: Approved.
2. A recommendation is given to consider a free membership for 'new' speakers with a 50% discount the following year.

Board Response: Additional details would be necessary to implement a program along these lines. Nonmember speakers are already provided with gratis registration for Annual Meeting.
3. Approve Paula Fedorka-Cray as Chair and Sid Thakur as Vice Chair.

Board Response: Approved.

Retail Food Safety and Quality PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. What role could IAFP play in an education campaign (e.g. a food safety month) targeted at the consumer and educating them on their responsibility in the food safety process? The PDG was passionate that this is a huge opportunity for consumers who need help.
Board Response: IAFP's mission is to provide *food safety professionals* worldwide with information on protecting the food supply. There are many other groups (e.g., The Partnership for Food Safety Education, University Extension Departments, etc.) who provide information directly to consumers.
2. IAFP to provide and develop a subject matter expert or group of experts who would be there in the wake of a food safety crisis situation and take on a communicator role. This could be a way to grow the brand of IAFP.
Board Response: IAFP organizes rapid response symposia to address significant emerging issues and to educate food safety professionals in a timely manner. The monthly *IAFP Report* also provides recent food safety issues and developments.
3. The PDG respectfully asks that the IAFP Board put together a formal request with associated form to collect the 100 unique food safety tips for celebrating the 100 year anniversary in 2011.
Board Response: This effort is underway through the efforts of the 100-Year Planning Committee.
4. IAFP provide 3-5 members to monitor / host and support an international blog for shared communication.
Board Response: This is a part of IAFP's long-range plan and details are being worked on as to how we can better facilitate communication among IAFP Members.

Seafood Safety and Quality PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Webinar be concerned with firewalls.
Board Response: This will be addressed by the Webinar service provider.
2. A topic presented at a PDG meeting with general interest should be announced earlier and to the general IAFP membership or set at a late-breaking session.
Board Response: Many PDGs have adopted a format for their PDG meeting whereas they incorporate a short presentation by a subject matter expert. These are normally specific to the PDG's interest and should be "publicized" by the PDG members to other interested participants.

Student PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. To develop a comprehensive and accurate listserve for our student members (can we request contact information for every student that paid to be at the IAFP meeting in Anaheim this year). As well as possible tech support to create a listserve under IAFP.SPDG@...
Board Response: IAFP staff will provide the information requested to the SPDG leadership. A listserve or other group communication tool will be established for each PDG.
2. To have a government, industry or academia advisor for the SPDG in order to better stay connected to our professional community. We ask this person or persons (2 at the max) to serve as advisor for 2 years and be a past SPDG officer. We feel this will ensure the continuation of the SPDG and also help maintain the professionalism of the group. The advisor would be asked to listen in on SPDG conference calls and also

attend the IAFP Annual Meeting (luncheon and SPDG board meeting). Their suggestions can only benefit the SPDG's future.

Board Response: The Board encourages the SPDG to move forward to implement this advisor system. The SPDG may select whomever it wants to place in these positions.

3. To have extra time and space allotted for a SPDG exec. and member Board meeting so that SPDG business can be discussed solely. The luncheon has become such a big event, that it has become difficult to discuss all the business of the SPDG during this time slot. We ask the Board if possible we can have a 30 min to 1 hr block of time that the SPDG could hold a Board meeting open to its members. Currently, the trend for the past 2-3 years is to have a large luncheon crowd of students, with only 15 or less staying for the Board meeting. To ensure the success of our group, we need more of our members to stick around. The consensus from students is that a lunch with speaker plus a meeting is too long since, like most attendees, they are hopping from meeting to meeting (other PDGs).
Board Response: The SPDG leadership can work with IAFP staff to establish the proper desired time (and day) on which to hold this meeting. IAFP can provide the meeting space necessary.

Viral and Parasitic Foodborne Disease PDG

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. Overlapping PDG meetings is a problem.
Board Response: This continues to be a problem with many overlapping interest areas for IAFP Members. The PDG meeting schedule is rotated each year in an attempt to change the overlap of PDG meetings from year to year.
2. Encourage IAFP to become more of a leader in communicating food safety to the public; through podcasts, an application on iphones/ipod, more exposure to the media and general public.
Board Response: IAFP's mission is to "share information among food safety professionals" (not necessarily the media and general public). IAFP will continue to implement uses of technology as they become available and affordable options.
3. In general the PDG thinks that the use of social media is a positive issue. Encourage students to help in the use and updating of the information. One suggestion is to have a team of two students be in charge of the information portal or space and update it with scientific information. There could be two students per PDG and they could receive free registration for the meeting. Another recommendation is for IAFP to become involved in LinkedIn (as suggested by an industry representative). We realize that a drawback to this is the amount of time that would need to be devoted, which is why we suggest that students become involved.
Board Response: Social media is being implemented for IAFP on an ongoing basis. IAFP does have a presence on LinkedIn and Facebook. It is expected that more time and effort will be put towards these efforts in the coming years.

Water Safety and Quality

Recommendations to Executive Board: None.

Affiliate Council

Recommendations to Executive Board: None.