

# Affiliate Council Virtual Meeting

June 22,2021

## Affiliate Delegates Present:

Africa	Joseph Odumeru
Alberta	Lynn McMullen
Argentina	Fabiana Guglielmone
Arkansas	William Melnyczenko
Bangladesh in NA	Mohammad Islam
British Columbia	Justin Falardeau
California	David Shelep
Capital Area	Jenny Scott
Florida	Jason Scheffler
Georgia	Wendy White
Hong Kong	Terence Lau
Indian in NA	Harshavardhan Thippareddi
Minnesota	Carrie Rigdon
New Jersey	Jason Udrija
New York	Amy Rhodes
Ohio	Christina Wilson
Ontario	Joseph Myatt
Pennsylvania	Peggy Good
Quebec	Julie Jean
Southeast Asia	Alvin Lee
United Arab Emirates	Bobby Krishna
Upper Midwest	Dan Erickson
Wisconsin	Erin Headley

**IAFP Board/Staff Present:** Ruth Petran, Kali Kniel, Michelle Danyluk, Jose Emilio Esteban, David Tharp, Lisa Hovey, Dina Siedenburg, Susan Smith.

**Visitors/Guests:** Laurie Clotilde (California); Mami Furukawa (Japan); Francisco Garces-Vega (Colombia); HakNyeong Hong (Student Representative); Nelly Lam (Hong Kong); Luis Nero (Brazil); James O'Donnell (Missouri); Kristin Schill (Wisconsin); Tom Sidebottom (California); Ryan Tilley (Missouri); Jiyeon Yi (Student Representative).

**Meeting Called to Order:** 10:02 a.m. (U.S. Eastern Time), Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Wendy White. **Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed and approved.

**Delegate Roll Call:** Captured by virtual call log-in.

**Approval of 2020 Minutes:** The 2020 Minutes were approved.

**Report from Affiliate Chairperson:** Julie Jean provided the following updates:

1. Acknowledgment of 2020 milestone Affiliate anniversaries (responses from attendees):
  - a. Dan Erickson – Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association – 111 years
  - b. Terence Lau – Food Safety Consortium (Hong Kong) – 5 years

**Report from IAFP President:** Ruth Petran, IAFP President Elect, gave the IAFP Board update on behalf of President Roger Cook. She talked about how IAFP has adapted to the conditions many of us face and that overall the Association is doing well. Ruth discussed the new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council formed this year and encouraged people to become involved.

**Report from IAFP Executive Director:** David Tharp reported on the PDG meetings being held virtually in June; planning efforts for IAFP 2021 in Phoenix with an anticipated lower attendance; and the progress made over the past 15 months to return to normal. He also thanked Julie Jean for serving on the Affiliate Council and Wendy White for her role as Secretary.

**Report from IAFP Staff Liaison:** Susan Smith reported 40 of 55 active Affiliates (72%) had filed their Annual Reports, but all Affiliates need to submit an Annual Report as stated by IAFP Bylaws. All Reports are to

be submitted electronically as one email if possible. No problems or issues were noticed during latest submission process. This year, nine Affiliates applied for Awards, down three from 2020. Several affiliates were extremely close in the award selection process, so Affiliates were reminded to keep submitting for past year activities and events. Affiliate Delegates and Presidents are required to be active IAFP Members so check membership status before submitting. Affiliates were reminded to take advantage of IAFP's Executive Board Speaker Program for an affordable and informative speaker for upcoming meetings after the pandemic diminishes. Updates to websites were encouraged to gain the most recent activities and information. If Affiliates collect dues through IAFP, update us with any changes in dues. No new charters were established since the 2020 Affiliate Council Meeting.

**Important Information to Report from Delegates:** Because of the virtual format of the meeting, the usual two-minute oral Activity Reports from attending Delegates/Representatives were not offered this year. However, important information was presented by several Affiliates. Francisco Garces-Vega, Colombia Member, shared the Affiliate will be hosting the IAFP Latin America Symposium on Food Safety, November 22–25, 2022. Erin Headley, Wisconsin Delegate, brought up the potential need for a virtual platform for Affiliates to use for their virtual meetings. Several Delegates shared their virtual platform ideas. Local universities and health departments often have large capacity platforms and are often willing to host. Meetings that are anticipated to have low attendance can use a free Zoom or WebEx account. Several Affiliates held virtual meetings, some offering a hybrid (in-person and virtual) Annual Meeting this year.

**Election of Affiliate Council Secretary:** Julie Jean announced that Amy Rhodes, Delegate from New York, was willing to stand for election, and asked if there were any nominations from attendees. With no other nominees, Amy was asked to provide a brief introduction, and by unanimous votes from the Delegates, was elected as incoming Affiliate Council Secretary.

**Presentation of the Affiliate Awards:** Julie highlighted the achievements of the award recipients and announced the 2021 Affiliate Awards as follows:

**Affiliate Membership Achievement** – New York State Association for Food Protection

**Affiliate Member Education** – New Jersey Association for Food Protection

**Affiliate Communication Materials** – British Columbia Food Protection Association

**Best Overall Affiliate Meeting** – New York State Association for Food Protection

The New York State Association for Food Protection received the **C.B. Shogren Memorial Award**, which will be part of the Awards Recognition Presentation at IAFP 2021.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Jiyeon Yi, IAFP Student PDG's International/Affiliate Representative, introduced HakNyeong Hong, incoming Student representative, before providing a brief update on her role as a liaison between both groups and students to improve communications, activities, etc. to maximize student involvement within the Affiliates. Julie Jean then introduced Dina Siedenburg, IAFP Staff, who provided an update on the IAFP Mentor/ Mentee Match Program. Wendy White gave a short testimonial of her experiences of participating in this program.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:** None.

**Passing of the Gavel:** Chairperson Julie Jean passed the gavel to Wendy White, signifying the beginning of Wendy's term as the Affiliate Council Chair, official after the completion of IAFP 2021.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, July 31, 2022, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 11:03 p.m. (U.S. Eastern Time).

**Chairperson Name:** Julie Jean.