

Student Professional Development Group

Members Present: Lily Yang (Chair), Nicole Arnold (Vice-Chair), Stephanie Barnes (Secretary), Daniel Weller (Treasurer), Ellen Evans, Lauren Hudson, Shuang Wu, Matthew Moore, Byron Chaves, Lisa Trimble, Pushpinder Litt and Patricia Hingston.

Board/Staff Members Present: None.

New Members Present: Rachel Courtney, Jennifer Anders, Robyn Miranda, Daniele Maffei, Jaza Alshammari, Lingling Liu, Justin Falardeau, Shuxiang Liu, Laurie Leveille, Sheena Patel, Hayk Harutyunyan, Sydney Corkran, Phillip Gurman, Isaac Rukundo, Alex Bruner, Currey Nobles, Sarah Beno, Justin Bergeron, Peter Cook, Samson Zhilyaev, David Buckley (Social Chair), Jennifer Acuff, Jacob Jenott, Amanda Wilder, Victor Ntuli, Thabile Nkambile, Desmond Mugadzadt, Michael Milillo, Keely Johnston, Ravikiran Tadapaneni, Raies Mir, Jiin Jung, Carla Schwan, Andrea Ray, Elizabeth Holmgren, Alan Gutiérrez and Enrique Garcia Perez.

Visitors/Guests Present: None.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m., Saturday July 25, 2015.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Stephanie Barnes.

Old Business: Presentation of outgoing officers.

New Business: New officers were introduced and new members were welcomed. Lily encouraged students to get involved with other PDGs and their development of proposals. She mentioned the technical sessions and symposia that will be put on by the SPDG at the 2015 meeting. These sessions included: S32 – Today's Food Safety and Risk Communication Environment: Solutions-based Strategies to Improve Public Understanding; S19 – The Never-ending Quest for Discriminatory Power: Updates on Molecular Analytics of Foodborne Pathogens; and RT8 – Taking a Detour: Innovative Careers in Food Safety. Proposal ideas will be submitted to the SPDG Google Drive or email before the middle of August. Further discussion of these ideas will occur at a later to be determined date before the deadline for proposals on October 6, 2015.

Lily discussed the idea of monthly meetings for SPDG members that will occur on Google hangouts. A newsletter was discussed as another way to keep members current on food safety issues. A mentor/mentee program with the Retail and Foodservice PDG was announced. Finally, the Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG invited members of the SPDG to learn more about ways students can get involved with their PDG and stay connected with IAFP after graduation.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Allow students to have student-based/led symposia, roundtables, etc.

Next Meeting Date: July 31, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Lily Yang.