## **Food Safety Culture PDG**

Attendees: Abebe Aberra, Sultan Al Tahir, Dan Anderson, Manish Aryal, Danielle Balay, Brita Ball, Angel Barnes Jr., May Frances Bautista, Mark Beaumont, Brian Bedard, Peter Ben Embarek, Roy Biggs, Sharon Birkett, Zeb Blanton, Rachael Blevins, Diane Borland, Renee Boyer, Pardeepinder Brar, Phil Bremer, Janet Buffer, Allen Byrd, Cigdem Caban, Stoyka Chipchakova, LeAnn Chuboff, Andrew Clarke, Jessica Collado, Alison Cousins, Darlene Cowart, John Crabill, Courtney Crist, Brandi Crockett, Patricia Curtis, Elien De Boeck, Katherine Di Tommaso, Minh Duong, Sarah Durham, Madhumeeta Dutta, Leanne Ellis, Bertrand Emond, Ellen Evans, Savana Everhart, Paula Fedorka-Cray, Shelley Feist, Faye Feldstein, Yaohua Feng, Bill Folkerts, Elise Forward, Robert Fuller, Monica Gallequillos, Serena Giovinazzi, Puspo Edi Giriwono, Margaret Good, Sarah Gooding (Davies), Bob Gravani, Alison Griffino, Hillary Hagan, Brenda Halbrook, John Helferich, Craig Henry, Joe Holt, Jason Horn, Kirsten Howe, Richard Huang, Atef Idriss, Liesbeth Jacxsens, Lone Jespersen, Cindy Jiang, Megan Kenjora (Guilford), Jang Ho Kim, Kathy Knutson, Lori Kora, Brian Kraus, Bobby Krishna, Julie Kuruc, Dan Lasic, Shelli Laskowitz, Gerald Lekan, Richard Likin, Eunseob Lim, Martha Limo, Lauren Lipcsei. James Lucas, Deon Mahoney, Christopher Mann, Michele Manuzon, John Marcy, Barb Masters, Joyce McGarry, Deborah McIntyre, Adora Christee Mercado, Ron Millar, Nathan Mirdamadi, James Nasella, Laura Nelson, Melanie Neumann-Cherney, Katia Noll, Chris Okolo, James O'Neal, Andrea Palazuelos, Mickey Parish, Brian Perry, Randall Phebus, Stephanie Pollard, Kinsey Porter, Gale Prince, Taylor Radke, S. G. D. Nagalakshmi Reddi, Beth Riffe, Michael Roberson, Deana Rolheiser, Jairo Romero, John Russell, Joyiit Saha, Oscar Santos, Aurora Saulo, Lester Schonberger, Sokrith Sea, Darren Shadduck, Jue Shah, Tracey Sinclair, Brittany Singh, Dana Sizing, Peter Slade, Daniel Smith, Justin Smith, Michael Taylor, Mary Tegomoh, Januana Teixeira, Ellen Thomas, Hung King Tiong, Lidia Valdes, Nick Van Lankveld, Akhila Vasan, Purnendu Vasavada, Christine Venema, Edward Verosko, Carol Wallace, Steve Warshawer, Trudy Wassenaar, William Watts, Wendy White, Frances Widjaja, Andrew Wilson, Zhinong Yan, and Frank Yiannas. Number of Attendees: 143.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Megan Kenjora (Guilford).

Old Business: None.

## **New Business:**

- Organizational meeting had strong attendance and engagement from participants. All agreed this PDG will be a good complement to the GFSI Technical Working Group on food safety culture and timely in light of all the different tools and literature coming out on the topic.
- Members discussed key areas of work and accomplishment around food safety culture from around the world to set the tone for the importance of establishing the PDG.

- The group will work to advance food safety culture as a science and not a slogan by reviewing existing content on the topic and publishing in scientific journals, engaging members, communicating best practices, and learning from other industries/disciplines.
- Held Chair and Vice Chair election. Megan Kenjora (Guilford) elected as Chair and Lone Jespersen elected as Vice Chair.
- Members agreed to bi-monthly touch-base calls with agenda and predetermined topics for discussion.
   Members also requested an electronic forum for information sharing between calls and to work better across time zones. Megan Kenjora will set up a LinkedIn Group for this purpose.
- Recommend a webinar that will serve as a food safety culture 101 to educate food safety professionals about the topic, inform about the new PDG, and spark interest for additional membership and engagement.
- Food safety culture at the executive level (C-suite), exploring food safety culture when looking at outbreaks/recalls, and measuring food safety culture were the three biggest areas of interest shown in the initial meeting.
- The research group affiliated with the TWG is currently evaluating 45–50 food safety culture measurement tools with published results expected this fall.
   The PDG will review this work upon publication and identify any applicable PDG next steps on the topic.
- Group will identify strategies to engage students once formally established.

## Recommendations to the Executive Board:

- Approve permanent formation of Food Safety Culture PDG.
- 2. Approve Megan Kenjora (Guilford) as Chair.
- 3. Approve Lone Jespersen as Vice Chair.
- Approve the following Mission Statement: The mis sion of the Food Safety Culture PDG is to provide an international forum to advance food safety culture science and best practices.

Next Meeting Date: July 9, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 2:47 p.m. **Chairperson**: Megan Kenjora.