Food Safety Education PDG

Attendees: Francie Buck (Chair), Wenqing (Wennie) Xu (Vice Chair), Adam Baker, Adam Borger, Alison Cousins, Amanda Kinchla, Audrey Kreske, Austin Welch, Betty Feng, Brad Taylor, Brian Himelbloom, Briana Burke, Brita Ball, Candice Christian, Carl Custer, Charles Muyanja, Chris Jordan, Diversey, Christine M. Bruhn, Courtney Crist, David Crownover, Elizabeth Demmings, Evelyn Watts, Gina Nicholson Kramer, Joyjit Saha, Kara Baldus, Kasey Ward, Katie Weston, Kimberly Anderson, Lily Yang, Lisa Benjamin, Londa Nwadike, Myriam Watts, Natalie Seymour, Peyton Haynes, Shannon Coleman, Shauna Henley, Tim Stubbs, Tori Stivers, Vicki Scott, Vikas Gill, WanChin Lim, Wilmer Acosta, and Yvonne Masters.

Staff Present: Didi Loynachan and Dina Siedenburg.

Number of Attendees: 45.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:06 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Wenqing (Wennie) Xu.

Old Business: Carl Custer motioned to approve 2019 meeting minutes. David Crownover second the motion.

New Business:

The PDG invited three guest speakers to give food safety education updates from academia, industry and non-profit organization perspectives. The first speaker, Dr. Yaohua (Betty) Feng from Purdue University, presented her five-year effort on development of a food safety curriculum for youth and teachers. The second speaker, Chris Jordan from Diversity, shared his experience on virtual food safety certification training. The third speaker, Tim Stubbs from Nation Dairy Council, presented on guidance documents, workshops, and resources to help teach food safety best practices to processors of all sizes.

PDG Chair Francie Buck highlighted the four symposia or roundtables that were primarily sponsored by the PDG and selected for IAFP 2020. The topics and times were announced to encourage attending. Proposals submitted but not selected were also listed. Revamping was encouraged for the ideation session.

Partnership for Food Safety Education (Partnership for short) made an announcement on the 2021 virtual conference. The call for abstract is live and all abstracts are due on Oct 14, 2020. The PDG and Partnership have a longstanding collaboration due to shared interests in food safety education.

The Student PDG representative made an announcement on the IAFP mentor/mentee program and the symposia or roundtables sponsored by Student PDG. Co-sponsorship has been proposed for topics that fit.

The PDG Chair announced the upcoming Vice Chair election for 2021. There are five candidates (Brad Taylor, Shauna Henley, Allison Cousins, WanChin Lim, and Brittany Saunier). Candidates bios will be shared with PDG members and the election will be through Survey Monkey.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

 Recommend the Board consider including elements of online/ virtual contributors for the conference next year, for those that still might not be able to attend in person. For example: a symposium where the convenor and speakers are all at the conference in the USA, yet there may be one virtual contributor giving a live presentation online or a pre-recorded presentation and being present virtually to answer questions, etc.

Next Meeting Date: July 18-21, 2021, Phoenix, Arizona.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 p.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Francie Buck.