Membership Committee

Members Present: Crispin Philpott, Zeb Blanton, John Bruhn, Lawrence Goodridge, Gordon Heyburn, Susan Linn, Stephanie Masiello and Edward Wellmeyer.

Board/Staff Members Present: Lee-Ann Jaykus, Katherine Swanson and Lisa Hovey.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 30, 2011.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Crispin Philpott.

Old Business:

Reviewed 2010 meeting minutes, recommendations & Board responses:

- Zeb Blanton approved by Board as Vice Chair; to become Chair on July 21, 2012.
- Recruit student & Affiliate participation in Committee work:
 - Stephanie Masiello/Cornell has joined the Committee to provide Student PDG input
 - John Bruhn made solicitation to the Affiliate Council
- Engage participation of international members:
 - Working with Dubai's Bobby Krishna to establish an IAFP affiliate in India.

New Business:

- Much discussion ensued on the demographics of IAFP, Affiliate & Student membership, particularly regarding individual backgrounds, focus, objectives and diversity. Is IAFP a "good value" for its diverse constituents? How can we tailor and communicate value better?
- Action items/owners
 - Engage Affiliate Liaison Susan Smith for guidance on driving joint IAFP/Affiliate membership…how can we deliver greater value? (Z. Blanton).
 - Identify an expanded list of university disciplines (e.g., nutrition, public health, etc.) to enlist university professors to promote student membership growth (C. Philpott)
 - Explore other organizations' "best practices" to promote membership growth (e.g., IFT's College Bowl, etc.).
 - Gather and examine all existing member-ship demographic data. How complete a membership profile does the data provide? Can this be used to fine-tune the membership value proposition? What data are missing? (Committee)

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

- 1. Provide Committee with all existing membership demographic data for review, analysis.
- 2. Provide a copy of the IAFP Strategic Plan for review and Committee implementation.

Next Meeting Date: July 30, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 p.m. **Chairperson:** A. Crispin Philpott.