

# RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WITH BOARD RESPONSES FROM BOARD MEETING

## Affiliate Council

None.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### Food Protection Trends Management Committee

1. Make *FPT* articles free access 5 years post-publication, provided that no publication fees will be required.  
**Board Response:** IAFP staff will look into what is involved and the associated costs to accomplish this request and report to the Board.
2. Give authors the option of making *FPT* research and general interest papers open access with a fee model like *JFP*'s.  
**Board Response:** IAFP staff will look into how this might be able to be accomplished and will report to the Board.
3. Provide authors with listing of editing firms for copy editing similar to *JFP*.  
**Board Response:** IAFP staff will add the list of those services that can help with English language transitions to the *FPT* Instructions for Authors.
4. Affirm scientific editors' decision-making authority to request and assign ad-hoc reviewers for articles as needed.  
**Board Response:** Agree that the Scientific Editor has authority to request and assign ad-hoc reviewers for articles while also considering the Editorial Board experience.
5. Consider implementing DOI for *FPT* research and general interest papers.  
**Board Response:** IAFP staff will look into adding DOIs for *FPT* papers.

### Journal of Food Protection Management Committee

1. The Committee requests help of the new Diversity Council to increase diversity and representation of underrepresented groups within *JFP* authorship.  
**Board Response:** The Board will inform the Diversity Council of this request.
2. The Committee asks the Board to reappoint Panos Skandamis to another term as Scientific Editor.  
**Board Response:** Agree.
3. The Committee asks the Board to affirm the selection of Matthew Moore as Vice Chair of the Committee.  
**Board Response:** Agree.
4. The Committee wishes to solicit support from the PDGs in encouraging members to submit ideas for review articles to be published in *JFP*.  
**Board Response:** Agree.

## Program Committee

None.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### 3-A Committee on Sanitary Procedures

None.

## Committee on Control of Foodborne Illness

1. Recommend that Emilio Esteban find out about the possibility for electronic versions of future manuals to be free downloads for members or even for wider distribution because of existing competition with other online manuals.  
**Board Response:** There are contractual agreements in place that will affect our ability to provide the Foodborne or Waterborne Procedures manuals. The positive factor is that our current distribution method makes the manuals available for download to a world-wide audience.
2. Recommend the Board approve Michael Batz as the new Vice Chair.  
**Board Response:** Agree.

## Constitution and Bylaws Committee

1. Section 1.2.1 of Bylaws – remove names of awards that are listed since this list is no longer comprehensive.  
**Board Response:** Agree.
2. Section 1.2.1 of Bylaws – Add the following statement at the end of this section: "Other Awards may be presented at the IAFP Annual Meeting that are not IAFP Awards, with Board Approval."  
**Board Response:** Agree.
3. Examine and restructure the Awards Committee to make it similar to the other Special Committees of IAFP.  
**Board Response:** Agree.
4. Approve invitation of two new members to the Committee, one each from industry and government, to replace committee members who have left the Committee in recent years.  
**Board Response:** Agree. Please provide suggested new Members so invitations can be issued.

## Foundation Committee

1. The Foundation Committee asks that we defer travel funds earmarked for the 2020 Student Travel Scholarship and other Travel Awards supported by the Foundation for one year to enable recipients to travel to the 2021 IAFP Annual Meeting.  
**Board Response:** Agree.

## Membership Committee

None.

## Nominating Committee

None.

## Past Presidents' Committee

1. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends approval of Kali Kniel as the new Vice Chair-Elect.  
**Board Response:** Agree.
2. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends the Board direct David to investigate necessary logistics required for staff to work from home if necessary due to COVID-19 restrictions.  
**Board Response:** Agree. IAFP staff will investigate, gather costs and report to the Board. The Board suggests writing a business continuity plan.
3. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends the Board conduct contingency planning in case the 2021 Annual Meeting must also be conducted virtually.  
**Board Response:** Agree.

4. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends the Board direct staff to survey exhibitors regarding a pilot program to develop a Technology Showcase to occur at a time other than the Annual Meeting.

**Board Response:** Agree. IAFP staff to work with Dave Larson to see if the exhibitors have interests in such a program.

5. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends the Board investigate asking the Foundation to support scholarships for attendance at IAFP virtual annual meetings, including those individuals who are not allowed to pay registration fees to participate in virtual meetings.

**Board Response:** This seems too specific of a need to establish a "scholarship" program to address the need. Suggest that if the need arises in the future that individuals contact the IAFP office for the needed support.

### Webinar Committee

None.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

### Advanced Molecular Analytics PDG

1. The Advanced Molecular Analytics PDG recommends Jasna Kovac as the PDG Vice Chair.

**Board Response:** Agree.

2. The members recommended increasing the number of PDG co-sponsors for proposal topics that are multidisciplinary and relevant to multiple PDGs.

**Board Response:** The Program Committee set the limit of two PDGs to narrow the focus for attendees who review this information in selecting sessions to attend.

### Applied Laboratory Methods PDG

1. Recommend more than one secondary PDG sponsor be allowed for program proposals.

**Board Response:** The Program Committee set the limit of two PDGs to narrow the focus for attendees who review this information in selecting sessions to attend.

### Beverages and Acid/Acidified Foods PDG

1. Recommend approval of April Bishop as Vice Chair of the PDG beginning at IAFP 2021 as elected by the PDG.

**Board Response:** Agree.

### Dairy Quality and Safety PDG

1. Recommend the Board approve Josie Greve-Peterson as Vice Chair of the PDG.

**Board Response:** Agree.

### Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG

1. The DFSP recommends to appoint Amit Morey as the new Vice Chair of the PDG.

**Board Response:** Agree.

### Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG

1. Approve Angela Anandappa as new PDG Chair and Sally Klinec as PDG Vice Chair.

**Board Response:** Agree.

2. Make IAFP Connect more user friendly. Proposed IAFP invest in an App for IAFP Connect and provide/support a secondary means of communication outside of IAFP Connect.

**Board Response:** IAFP Connect is mobile friendly so an App is not needed to use IAFP Connect. IAFP staff can make instructional videos to help users. The more a person uses IAFP Connect, the more you learn how it works.

## Food Defense PDG

1. The Food Defense PDG recommends the Board approve Neal Fredrickson as the Vice Chair of the PDG.

**Board Response:** Agree.

## Food Fraud PDG

None.

## Food Hygiene and Sanitation PDG

1. Recommend the Board consider web meetings in the future alternate with live meetings so people can attend PDGs that are conflicting (i.e., same time), this will also avoid overlapping meetings.

**Board Response:** Agree. Both options are available; in-person meetings or virtual meetings. PDGs may hold their meetings virtually if they desire. Time will be made available at the meeting for each PDG and PDGs may opt to not hold an in-person meeting.

## Food Law PDG

None.

## Food Packaging PDG

1. Recommend the appointment of Tony Jin as Vice Chairperson of the Food Packaging PDG for a two-year term beginning at the 2020 meeting, and to then serve as Chairperson as a two-year term immediately following.

**Board Response:** Agree.

## Food Safety Assessment, Audit and Inspection PDG

1. Recommend the Board approve Tracie Sheehan as incoming Vice Chair for the Food Safety Assessment, Auditing and Inspection PDG.

**Board Response:** Agree.

## Food Safety Culture PDG

None.

## Food Safety Education PDG

1. 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.

**Board Response:** This will be discussed with the Program Committee.

## Fruit and Vegetable Safety and Quality PDG

1. Recommend to the Board that Kristin Esch, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, be approved as Vice Chair of the PDG.

**Board Response:** Agree.

2. Continue to offer free webinars sponsored by the IAFP Foundation to increase PDG accessibility to learning opportunities.

**Board Response:** Agree.

## HACCP Utilization and Food Safety Systems PDG

None.

## International Food Protection Issues PDG

None.

### Low Water Activity Foods PDG

1. Recommend approval of Dr. Bradley Marks as Vice Chair of the PDG as elected by the PDG.  
**Board Response:** Agree.

### Meat and Poultry Safety and Quality PDG

None.

### Microbial Modelling and Risk Analysis PDG

1. Recommend the Board approve Sofia Santillana Farakos as the new Vice Chair.  
**Board Response:** Agree.

### Pre Harvest Food Safety PDG

Meeting not held.

### Retail and Foodservice PDG

1. Recommend approval of Tia Glave as the Retail and Food Service PDG's new Vice Chair.  
**Board Response:** Agree.

### Sanitary Equipment and Facility Design PDG

None.

### Seafood Safety and Quality PDG

1. Recommend the Board approve Jessica Jones as Vice Chair of the PDG.  
**Board Response:** Agree.

### Student PDG

1. Recommend Erika Estrada for Vice Chair of the Student PDG.  
**Board Response:** Agree.
2. Recommend continuation of two-hour PDG meeting length for student group for next year's meeting.  
**Board Response:** Agree.
3. Although we did not sell t-shirts this year, we had a successful pre-sale two years ago. Once again, we would like to recommend the Board order a larger quantity of t-shirts for the 2021 Annual Meeting sale.  
**Board Response:** Agree.
4. We were grateful for the opportunity for students to attend the IAFP COVID-19 Food Safety Global Summit free-of-charge through a fee-waiver. We would like to recommend similar fee-waivers/scholarship opportunities for students to attend workshops, webinars, or other similar events.  
**Board Response:** Agree. For webinars that charge a fee, waivers should be provided, if possible. Workshops are offered to students at one-half of the registration fee. Fee waiver requests can always be considered.

### Viral and Parasitic Foodborne Disease PDG

None.

### Water Safety and Quality PDG

1. Request that the Board investigate alternative publishing arrangements for the Waterborne Illness Investigation book currently published by Springer for the Association to enable wider access to the material, preferably a downloadable PDF. The suggestion was made that it could be a low-cost benefit for members that would pay significant dividends to the Association's mission.  
**Board Response:** There are contractual agreements in place that will affect our ability to provide the Waterborne Procedures manual. The positive factor is that our current distribution method makes the manuals available for download to a world-wide audience.