



Teleconference Minutes – July 8, 2015 2:00 - 2:35pm (Eastern Time)

Mission: To provide a forum for the exchange and sharing of information related to the development and use of Laboratory methods for the analysis of food and related commodities.

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Present: Hari Dwivedi, Phil Coombs, Christine Aleski, Amanda Pashenee, Melody Thompson, Evan Chaney, Erdal Tuncan

MINUTES Phil Coombs, Hari Dwivedi

STARTED: 2:00pm EST

Hari and Phil welcomed ALM-PDG members to the call. The main purpose was to conduct a final review of symposium proposals which had been accepted, to vote on nominations for Vice-Chair and Secretary, and present a preliminary agenda for the committee meeting in Portland, OR.

1. Proposal of New Officers.

Vice-Chair: Omar Oyarzabal; Secretary: Keith Lampel.

Proposed: Phil Coombs Seconded: Hari Dwivedi.

Carried unanimously. Phil reported that he had also received several e-mails in support of these two nominations.

2. Review of Symposium Proposals.

Seven proposals from the ALM-PDG had been accepted by the Program Committee which was in line with previous years and reflected the good work carried out by PDG members to develop the proposals.

All were OK as planned except the symposium on **The Puzzle of Microbial Traceability** which required a speaker from industry. Various suggestions were made including reaching out to the following companies for ideas: TraceGains, Safety Chain, Sample 6, 3M. Symposium organizers will follow up on these suggestions.

3. Proposed Agenda for Annual Committee Meeting.

As incoming Chair, Hari, together with others had developed a plan for creating a series of Special Interest Groups to build on presentations which had been given at previous committee meetings.

Ideas for groups included: Norovirus / Lee-Ann Jaykus; *Listeria* spp. / Martin Wiedman; *E.coli* O157:H7 / non-O157 STECs / Rod Moxley; FDA; Enterotoxins; Canadian Micro Committee; Limits testing / Melody Thompson.

Further ideas and suggestions were welcome.

4. Any Other Business.

None.

ENDED: 2:35pm EST