

Food Packaging PDG

Members Present: Linda Leake (Chairperson), Ken Davenport (Vice Chairperson), Brent Brehmer, Christine Bruhn, John Bruhn, Turonda Crumpler, Lee-Yan Sheen and Helen Taylor.

Board Members Present: Alejandro Mazzotta.

New Members Present: Billy Akinyele, Alex Bruner, Ed Chiarini, Nicholas Forshee, Larry Keener, Charles Muyanja and Allen Sayler.

Visitors/Guests Present: Genna Chadderdon, Tom England, Mansi Krishan, Conor McGauran, John Ossmann and Michael Timmer.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Ken Davenport.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m. by Linda Leake, Chairperson.

IAFP antitrust guidelines were reviewed. All in attendance introduced themselves and shared a bit about their professional interest in packaging.

Old Business: The minutes of the 2014 annual meeting were reviewed by Linda Leake and approved by the membership as read.

Linda Leake reported that the packaging PDG did not have any Symposia accepted for this year's meeting. She briefly reported that proposals submitted by Larry Keener, Gordon Hayburn, and herself were not accepted. Welcome and introductions.

New Business: Linda Leake introduced and congratulated Ken Davenport as the newly-elected vice chair of the Food Packaging PDG for a one-year term. She thanked everyone for their participation in the recent online election. She then provided an explanation of plans for election of a new PDG vice chair in 2016.

Ken Davenport provided a brief report of the PDG chairs'/vice chairs' meeting on Friday, July 24, 2015 where preliminary 2015 symposia ideas were discussed. Key takeaways were a higher emphasis on short (1/2) symposia and a discussion of ways to optimize the process in the future.

Guest speaker John Ossmann, a Customer Technical Service Representative for Silgan Containers, presented a brief case study Rivet Leakers in Canned Soup.

Alejandro Mazzotta, the Packaging PDG Board Liaison, greeted everyone present and provided updates from the Board related to the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Linda Leake introduced Allen Sayler, who made a brief request to those present for ideas and volunteers for his Advanced Packaging Symposium that was scheduled the next day.

The group discussed possible packaging related proposals for symposia, roundtables and workshops, etc. for the 2016 IAFP Annual Meeting, along with ideas for activities for this PDG for the coming year, including, but not limited to, webinars, webinar series, workshops, written materials, etc.

Ideas that came to light include:

1. Reactive Packaging – Ken Davenport to organize
 - a) Retail perspective on packaging
 - b) What to do if you get a positive result from the packaging signal – Nick Forshee
 - c) European produce packaging – Helen Taylor to suggest speakers
 - d) Time temperature indicators
 - e) Oxygen absorbing packaging
2. Food Packaging & Risk Assessment – Larry Keener
 - a) How do you do a risk assessment
 - b) Regulatory
 - c) Seal integrity
 - d) Validation
3. Light Activated Color & Flavor
 - a) Light impact on food quality – what happens
 - b) Counter measures in packaging
 - c) Counter measures in display equipment
 - d) Quality impact of packaging – Nick Forshee
4. Modified Atmosphere for Vegetables – What's the Latest
5. Perceptions of Advanced Packaging by Consumers (Tony Flood was suggested).

It was further suggested that members provide a 10–15 minute educational tidbit for upcoming PDG conference calls. Nick Forshee volunteered to present the first discussion on the topic of New BRC Standard for Packaging. The group briefly discussed other activities for the coming year including a possible roundtable discussion with industry experts for the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Recommendations to the Board:

1. Please approve Ken Davenport as the new vice chair of the Food Packaging PDG to serve a one year term and then to become chair at the annual meeting in 2016 for a 2-year term
2. That the Board encourage all PDGs to use online tools such as SurveyMonkey for elections of vice-chair or assistant vice-chair prior to annual meetings. This should eliminate any uncomfortable or awkward in-person elections and increase fairness for all PDG members who are unable to attend the annual meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Saturday, July 31, 2016, America's Center, St. Louis, MO.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:55 p.m.

Chairperson: Linda Leake.