

## **Past Presidents' Committee**

**Members Present:** Donald Schaffner, Donald Zink, Gary Acuff, Stan Bailey, Michael Brodsky, Jeff Farber, Kathy Glass, Jack Guzewich, Paul Hall, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Vickie Lewandowski, Gale Prince, and Katie Swanson.

**Board/Staff Members Present:** Alejandro Mazzotta and David Tharp.

**Number of Attendees:** 15

**Meeting Called to Order:** 3:30 p.m., Saturday July 30, 2016.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Don Schaffner.

### **Old Business:**

- Jack Guzewich moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Jeff Farber seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **New Business:**

- Alejandro Mazzotta provided an update from the Executive Board on the status of the Association and the Annual Meeting:
- Among discussion points were the efforts being undertaken to improve the impact factor of the *Journal of Food Protection* and efforts to speed publication of accepted papers. The committee discussed the pros/cons of impact factor.
- The committee was advised of the new Oklahoma Affiliate.
- The committee was advised that the Athens, Greece meeting went well, but that expenses exceeded revenue.
- The Foundation Fund is doing well at approximately \$1.4 million. Fred Weber is offering a \$15,000 challenge this year.

- Alejandro Mazzotta was approved as incoming Vice Chair.
- The committee discussed the challenge of getting awards nominees. Discussed the pros/cons of two Sanitarian Awards – govt. and industry, but current award allows for either. Discussed collaboration with NEHA on the award, as well as a broader collaboration with NEHA. Jack Guzewich felt that the time for this was right with a recent leadership change at NEHA.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Explore a collaboration with NEHA.
2. Find ways to engage the Affiliates to nominate candidates for the Sanitarian Award.
3. Modify the Sanitarian Award to include travel to the annual meeting, registration and a one-year membership.
4. Explore a connection with the Canadian Association of Public Health (the Canadian equivalent of NEHA).
5. Look into CEU certification – which certifying groups could we use and how would we implement.
6. Ask the Board to direct the Program Committee to have one symposium that is targeted to the interests and needs of local and state public health inspectors.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:31 p.m.

**Chairperson:** Don Schaffner.