

Food Law PDG

Attendees: Rosetta Newsome (Vice Chair), Jayashan Adhikari, George Afari, Abimbola Allison, Ashley Arnold, Richard Arsenaault, Fatemeh Ataei, Wendy Bedale, Zeb Blanton, Veronica Bryant, James Cook, Carl Custer, Nitin Dhowlaghar, Alejandro Echeverry, Eric Edmunds, Ashley Eisenbeiser, Sophia Elie, Mariem Ellouze, Aliyar Fouladkhah, Balasubramanian Ganesan, Timothy Gillam, Peggy Good, Leena Griffith, Sanjay Gummalla, Craig Henry, Monica Henry, Dylan Hinrichs, Renata Ivanek, Ananth Kasic, Ahyoon Kim, Mark Kreul, Jeong-Eun Lee, Xia Xi Dawn Li, Susan Linn, Brittany Magdovitz, John Mwangi, James O'Donnell, William Olson, Brian Poon, Kurt Rueber, Anita Scales, Jenny Scott, Anna Scrimenti, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Eric Stevens, Brad Sullivan, Akiliyah Sumlin, Gloria Swick-Brown, Dan Vassar, Kirty Wadhawan, Isabel Walls, Peien Wang, Benjamin Waring, Josephine Wee, Christina Wilson, and Erin Woolf.

Number of Attendees: 56.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:15 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2018 at the Salt Lake Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Brittany Magdovitz.

Minutes Preparer: Rosie Newsome, Food Law PDG Vice Chairperson.

Ice Breaker: After calling the meeting to order, Rosie Newsome, Vice Chairperson, welcomed participants, introduced herself, and indicated that she was standing in for Chairperson Tim Jenkins, who was regretfully not able to attend the meeting. Participants then engaged in an ice breaker to meet and get to know others, after which individuals then introduced others or in a few cases, themselves.

Introductions: Several specific role-based introductions were made. These included Ruth Petran, new Executive Board Liaison to the PDG; Mickey Parish, new Board and IAFP President; Brittany Magdovitz, new Student PDG Liaison, who also served as meeting Minutes Recording Secretary; and Erin Johnson, IAFP Staff Liaison.

Ruth Petran provided a brief update of information from the Board. The update included mention of the increase in Annual Meeting attendees, exhibitors, and members, and the *IAFP Report* sent via email.

On behalf of the PDG, Rosie Newsome thanked Mickey Parish for his tremendous service to IAFP; and congratulated him on his new role as President.

Agenda Approval: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda as distributed.

Student PDG: Brittany Magdovitz briefly described her interest in food law and the PDG, and background about her research focus. She also gave an overview of Student PDG activities, highlighting their Mentoring, Liaisons, and Recognition programs.

Review of Antitrust Guidelines: The Association Antitrust Guidelines were shown via two power point visuals, and Rosie read through them for the group.

Old Business:

Update from the Chair/Vice Chair Orientation Meeting: Rosie highlighted items addressed in the Chair and Vice Chair Orientation meeting, mentioning six areas of information: valuable operational information; nominations for awards are sought from PDGs as well as session proposals; information received in response to the "Continuous Improvement" survey of PDG Chairs and Vice Chairs, an outcome of which will be a review of the handbook for enhancement; continuing efforts to coordinate overlapping session proposal topics; upcoming webinar in August on proposal submissions; and key information needed for session proposals (i.e., session title and description, format, contact name, sponsoring PDG(s), and key words).

No items were received in response to the call for old business to reconsider.

Approval of Food Law PDG 2017 Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the 2017 meeting, which was held in conjunction with the IAFP 2017 Annual Meeting.

Speaker: Bradley Sullivan, Managing Attorney of the Sacramento Office of Borton Petrini, LLP, was introduced, and spoke to the group on aspects of food litigation. He addressed a few questions during and following his remarks.

2018 Sessions/Proposals with Food Law PDG Involvement: Rosie Newsome briefly reported that two session proposals for the 2018 IAFP Annual Meeting were accepted and scheduled. These are: S34: Food Fraud – Progress and Plans for Prevention and Management, and RT9: Do Lawsuits Play a Productive Role in Advancing Food Safety? Eight session proposals were not able to be accepted; these may be considerations for development into webinar submissions or redevelopment for 2019 session proposals. Many high-quality session proposals were received but were not able to be accepted due to space and time constraints.

New Business:

Terms of Current Chair and Vice Chair: Tim Jenkins' term as Food Law PDG Chairperson closes just prior to the 2019 IAFP Annual Meeting, as does Rosie's term as Vice Chair. Rosie will succeed Tim, moving into the Chairperson role at that time.

Vice Chair Election: Information about the process for the election of the position of Vice Chairperson, which will be open immediately prior to the 2019 IAFP Annual Meeting, will be provided following the 2018 PDG meeting, and the election will be conducted electronically between the 2018 and 2019 meeting. Volunteers and nominations were invited. Interested individuals and any one nominating others are to connect with Tim and Rosie.

Strategic Planning Session: Rosie introduced a strategic planning session, mentioning the discussion preparation that a small group had done via a recent conference call. The small group identified five big topic areas (FSMA; International Food Law; GMOs and Bioengineering; Proposition 65 and Chemical Hazards, subsequently supplemented by mention of the broader topic of State and Local Issues; and Nutrition, Health and Wellness). John Mwangi, James Cook, Sanjay Gummalla, and Fatemeh Ataei provided very brief descriptive background to these broad topics. No other broad topics were identified. Participants then engaged in subtopic idea generation within each of the five broad topic areas for future PDG activities (e.g., 2019 Annual Meeting sessions, and webinars). The ideas generated will be compiled by the small PDG group, and sent electronically to the PDG for review, refinement, prioritization, and activity planning. Also, volunteers to lead development of activities are invited.

2019 Session Ideas: Proposal ideas for the 2019 IAFP Annual Meeting will be drawn from the strategic planning session.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 21, 2019, Louisville, KY.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chairperson: Rosetta Newsome.