

Food Packaging PDG

Attendees: Nick Forshee (Chair), Kimberly Yeager (Vice Chair), Ayojesutomi Abiodun-Solanke, Jacquelyn Adams, Keith Amoroso, S. Balamurugan, David Basler, Leslie Beyer, Stine L. Bislev, Wei-Hsiang Chang, Chia-Yang Chen, Kay Cooksey, Charles Czuprynski, Ken Davenport, Mike Dziewatkoski, Balasubramanian Ganesan, Mohammed Hakeem, Lu Han, Terry Howell, Runze Huang, Christine Jampo, Tony Jin, Dwayne Johnson, Bernice Karlton-Senaye, Ahyoon Kim, Kalmia Kniel, Vanee Komolprasert, Linda Leake, Jeong-Eun Lee, Wan Mei Leong, Xinhui Li, Luyao Ma, Charles Muiyanja, James O'Donnell, Ana Romero-Vega, Kurt Rueber, Lee-Yan Sheen, Robert Tauxe, Virginia Till, Rhonda Vetzal, and Qing Wang.

Number of Attendees: 41.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2018.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Kimberly Yeager – Vice Chairperson.

A message from the outgoing Chairperson, Ken Davenport, was shared with the PDG. All in attendance introduced themselves, shared information regarding their professional background, and provided some interesting facts about their personal lives.

The IAFP anti-trust guidelines were reviewed.

An IAFP Board Liaison was not able to make it to the meeting for an IAFP update.

Old Business: Reviewed key messages from the 2017 meeting minutes. It was recommended that all members review these notes and reach out to Nick Forshee or Kim Yeager with any questions, suggestions, or concerns. The minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting can be found online at <https://www.foodprotection.org/upl/downloads/committee-pdg/minutes/59de272451b0d01c96654.pdf>.

Advised the PDG of symposia submitted/accepted by the PDG for this year's conference:

- Antimicrobial Materials Developed for In-packaging Pasteurization: Approaches and Challenges, presenters: Tony Jin, Xuotong Fan, Brendan A. Niemira; Monday, 10:30 a.m.
- Nanotechnology in Food Packaging: Antimicrobial and Pathogen Detection Capabilities for Food Safety, Protection and Defense, presenters: Jozef Kokini, Paul Takhistov, Joan Sylvain Baughan; Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

New Business: Nick Forshee is now the acting Chairperson of the Food Packaging PDG. Kimberly Yeager is now the acting Vice Chairperson. They opened the floor to gauge the interest of the PDG in how to make the PDG and the annual Food Packaging PDG Meeting better.

- The PDG was interested in having speakers or an educational session included in the annual Food Packaging PDG meeting. PDG feedback was to bring in a panel of packaging experts for a roundtable type discussion. Preferred speakers will have knowledge regarding symposia topics brought up during the meeting that do not get accepted for the coming year (2019).

- The PDG would like more opportunities to network with members of the PDG at the Annual Meeting.
- The PDG would like a method to better communicate and share ideas throughout the year within the PDG. Recommendation was made to create a private Facebook group or other social media outlet for the PDG. Vote was taken and all members present were in favor. None opposed. Nick and Kim to look into implementation of this PDG recommendation.

The Lotus Blossom concept was used for brainstorming symposia ideas. Output and primary organizers are listed below. Any people named below are to further research and develop their topics and be able to provide a report on a PDG call to be scheduled by Nick and Kim for August. Nick and Kim will be sending out an e-mail to the PDG membership outlining all symposia items discussed, members that wanted to support symposia ideas, and all contact information required to further assist with symposia submissions.

A majority of those in attendance were not yet Food Packaging PDG members and asked for guidance on how to join. Nick will send out notes to all in attendance as to how to become a member.

- Anyone interested in joining the PDG can request to be added via an e-mail to Nick Forshee at Nicholas.forshee@chobani.com or IAFP members can join by logging into the IAFP website and review the "Get Involved" tab for guidance.
- Symposia Ideas:
 1. Chemical Safety in Food Packaging – Organizer: Mike Dziewatkoski.
 2. New Packaging Materials and Advancements – Organizer: Tony Flood.
 3. E-Commerce Packaging – Organizer: Qing Wang.
 4. Packaging Compliance with FSMA and other Regulations – Organizer(s): Kay Cooksey w/ Vanee Komolprasert (TBD).
 5. Active and Intelligent Packaging – Organizers: Ana Romero-Vega and Bernice Karlton-Senaye.
 6. Sustainability – Organizer: Ken Davenport.
 7. Failure Modes in Packaging – Organizer: Not enough interest at this time. Listed for future consideration.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Recommend that the Board approve Kimberly Yeager as Vice Chairperson of the Food Packaging PDG.

Next Meeting Date: July 21–24, 2019, Louisville, KY. Food Packaging PDG conference calls to be scheduled by Nick and Kim.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Nicholas P. Forshee.