

Food Law Professional Development Group

Attendees: Rosie Newsome (Chairperson), Melanie Abley, Basel Al Jaber, Khaled Al Marzooqi, Salman Aldosari, Abdulaziz Alhajeri, John Allan, Abdullah Almulhim, Abdulaziz Alzimami, Abdur Amin, Shaheen Banabeela, Avery Becker, April Bishop, Tye Blazey, Laura Bunyan, Marion Castle, Emily Chuang, Carl Custer, Ahmed Dawadh, Nicola Dermer, Jeanne Duckett, Alejandro Echeverry, Elise Forward, Peggy Good, Sanjay Gummalla, Julie Haendiges, Sophia Harrand, Paula Herald, Leslie Hintz, Richard Huang, Jennifer Hughes, Sarah Jones, Pete Kennedy, Kathy Knutson, Mark Kreul, Naeun Kwon, Glenda Lewis, Girvin Liggans, Susan Linn, Pushpinder

Litt, Tatiana Lorca, Timothy Lytton, Leslie Macioce, Brittany Magdovitz, Deon Mahoney, Barb Masters, Carine Nkemngong, George-John Nychas, James O'Donnell, Leonard Ogomo, Natalia Owens, Audrey Patterson, Brian Perry, Ruth Petran, Alejandra Ramirez, Tanya Roberts, Jenny Scott, Kristen Scott, Maria Scott, Kantha Shelke, Naveen Kumar Srinivasa Murthy, Eric Stevens, Katie Swanson, Gloria Swick-Brown, Arleen Tibayan, Corey Troutman, Daniel Vassar, Maxwell Voorn, Myriam Watts, and Lisa Weddig,

Number of Attendees: 70.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:15 p.m. Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Brittany Magdovitz, Student PDG Liaison.

Minutes Preparer: Rosie Newsome, Food Law PDG Chair.

Ice Breaker, Introductions: Rosie Newsome welcomed participants and called the meeting to order. Participants then introduced themselves and several mentioned a fun food science or food law fact.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved by visual affirmation as shown on-screen following the call to order.

Review of Antitrust Guidelines: The guidelines were shown on screen and addressed verbally.

2019 Sessions: Two of the 2019 IAFP sessions were noted as having Food Law PDG representation. These are: "Is Cultured Meat *Really* Meat?", scheduled for Monday, July 22, 1:30 p.m., and "The Use of Rapid Microbial Methods by Government Agencies for 'Official' Testing, Tuesday, July 23, 8:30 a.m.

Updates: Liaisons to the PDG were identified/recognized – Ruth Petran, Executive Board; Didi Loynachan, staff; and Brittany Magdovitz, Student PDG. IAFP Announcements for Committees and PDGs were shared, which were:

(1) The IAFP Executive Board welcomes you to Louisville and IAFP 2019. We hope you enjoy the conference. Let us know if you need assistance or you can stop at the IAFP registration desk. (2) Webinars no longer need sponsorship due to the IAFP Foundation supporting the expense. We encourage PDGs to make use of webinars for symposia that were not able to be on the Annual

Meeting program. Membership is required to view the recorded webinars. (3) Please make use of IAFP Connect for your PDG or Committee communications. You may also pose questions for colleagues to answer, post documents to share and discuss submissions for next year's Annual Meeting. (4) Use your Committee or PDG Liaison to assist you with questions for the Board or items for the staff.

Old Business: No old business was raised for reconsideration. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the 2018 meeting of the Food Law PDG as previously distributed.

Chair/Vice Chair Updates: The PDG Vice Chair election resulted in Eric Wolf, Preferred Freezer Services, being elected. James Cook, SGS, SA, was thanked for being one of the two candidates.

New Business:

Recommendations for Executive Board: Approval of Eric Wolf, Assistant Director HSE – Food Safety and Quality, Preferred Freezer Services, as Food Law PDG Vice Chair, term beginning in 2019.

Food Law Strategic Planning Discussion: Brittany Magdovitz reviewed highlights of the strategic planning survey. Rosie Newsome noted that the survey results could be posted to IAFP Connect for further review and consideration, such as for planning future PDG activities.

Participants then shared thoughts for focus of possible future activities. This took place among the entire group of participants and briefly in small breakout groups. Topic ideas voiced included:

- Challenges of multinational companies operating in countries that do not have the same high-level regulatory structure as more well-developed countries.
- The Codex process, its science basis, other legitimate factors, food safety discussion topics in the Codex committees on Food Hygiene, Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods, and Contaminants in Foods; via webinar.
- Better science for lawyers.
- Explanation of food law for IAFP members.
- Different industry perspectives among companies operating in different countries and experiences with different regulations (e.g., with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, U.S. regulatory agencies).
- The dos and don'ts for expert witnesses when deposed.
- Information, for students for example, on how to approach a regulator, and how to be an expert witness; via webinar.
- Policy surveillance, domestic and international.
- Preparation of companies to be able to effectively respond to FDA and USDA inspections.
- Information on the laws and regulatory structures of different countries, and how they respond to food-borne illness outbreaks; collaborate with the International Food Protection Issues PDG.

- Educational information or training for students regarding understanding and effectively fulfilling the responsibilities of their first jobs, such as in QA/QC positions (e.g., “I just got a job, what do I do next; collaborate with the Student PDG.

It was also mentioned that more attorneys who are schooled in food law are needed. The next steps are to consider these ideas further, with discussion and collaboration on 2020 session proposals and other activities via IAFP Connect encouraged.

2020 Sessions: Proposal deadlines are October 1, 2019 for symposia and roundtables, and January 2020 for posters and technical sessions.

Presentation: Timothy Lytton, J.D., affiliated with the Center for Law Health and Society at Georgia State University, gave a presentation entitled “Food Safety Law in Action: Government Regulation, Industry Supply Chain Management, and Civil Liability” and subsequently responded to a number of questions.

Recommendation to the Executive Board:

1. Approve Eric Wolf as Vice Chair of the PDG.

Next meeting Date: August 2–5, 2020, Cleveland, Ohio.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Rosie Newsome.