

Retail & Foodservice PDG

Members Present: Gina Nicholson (Chair), Atallah Baroudi, Zeb Blanton, Ronald Bottrell, Turonda Crumpler, Carl Custer, Ashley Eisenbeiser, Thomas Ford, Veneranda Gapud, Donna Garren, Dale Grinstead, Susan Hammons, Marjorie Jones, Larry Kohl, Yale Lary, John Marcy, Paul Marra, Thomas McCaskey, Ann Marie McNamara, Jay Neal, James O'Donnell, Kathleen O'Donnell, Ruth Petran, Fred Reimers, Todd Rossow, Chris Seeber, Pete Snyder, Anna Starobin, Hilary Thesmar, Stephen Tracey, Brian Turner and Sharon Wood.

Board/Staff Members Present: Alejandro Mazzotta.

New Members: Jeff Anderson, Claudio Bauza, Betsy Booren, Pam Coleman, Cory Hedman, Dawn Huston, Bob Kramer, Kay Legge, Jeff Lindholm, Deirdre Schlennuger, Chris Spangenberg and Michelle Wollenzien.

Visitors/Guests: Lauren Bush and Dina Scott.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:04 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014 by Gina Nicholson.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Sharon Wood.

Chair Gina Nicholson read the antitrust guidelines for association meetings.

Welcome: Introductions and circulation of rosters.

Review of Agenda and Call for additional Agenda Items:

No additional agenda items.

Old Business:

Adoption of 2013 PDG meeting minutes was voted on to include Board recommendations and status from 2013. The motion, second, and all approved. Move to accept by John Marcy and 2nd by Kathleen O'Donnell then voted as approved by entire membership.

Use of Google Groups – Bobby Krishna has established a Retail & Foodservice PDG Google Group. You can use the following link to send a message that would go to the entire PDG: retailpdg@googlegroups.com.

Recognition of our Student Liaison for our PDG from Purdue University: Susan Hammons, Master's Student, Department of Food Science, Purdue University, hammonss@purdue.edu.

The Retail and Foodservice PDG either sponsored or co-sponsored 6 sessions for IAFP 2014. Plan on attending and supporting these sessions! Reviewed session list and thanked those that contributed to developing and submitting symposia, workshops, technical and roundtable sessions.

New Business:

Presenters: 10 minutes each

1. STOP Foodborne Illness – Deirdre Schlennuger, and Lauren Bush - putting a face on foodborne illness – this organization reviewed their purpose as well as the partnerships with industry members and introduced members of the STOP Board.

2. GFSI Retail/Wholesale Technical Working Group Update – The members of the work group were recognized and many were present at the PDG meeting and members of the Retail & Foodservice PDG. Members were asked to give updates on the status of the work being done by this work group. Tom Ford gave a brief overview and discussed the reason for the development of the work group. Inspection was completed and now auditor competency is in progress. Work should be included in the 2016 guidance document for Retail. Foodservice work group formation will follow. Fred Reimers gave an update on SQF audit credentialing and a related FMI scholarship. Cory Hedman also mentioned that the Consumer Goods Forum is at booth #252 where members can go to get more information and volunteer for work groups. This is the parent organization for GFSI.
3. Conference for Food Protection (CFP) Update – Executive Board member Donna Garren gave the members a brief update on what the CFP is and 2014 CFP outcomes.
4. Technology Discussion – Brian Nummer – Technology and the future of Health Inspections was presented to the PDG and asked for member input. There was active discussion on industry needs and some work that has been done around the management of data. This may be a good topic for Roundtable submission for the next IAFP.

Black Pearl Award Recognition

Congratulations to Sodexo the IAFP 2014 Black Pearl Recipient. Brian Turner spoke briefly to the group about the award and what actions lead to the award and the inward evaluation that his company went through during the process. Recognition was also given to past Black Pearl recipients. Fred Reimers mentioned the background and founder of the award.

Student PDG & RF-PDG Mentorship Program

- Last year, our PDG suggested to the board to develop a Mentoring Program for student members of IAFP. The goal would be to connect them with IAFP business professionals that are willing to mentor them through their time in college, career search and as they begin a new career after graduation. It was moved and seconded to move forward with a Board recommendation around this process.

Vice Chair Election

Jay Neal, Hilton College and University of Houston, and Michelle Wollenzien, HEB, were nominated for the Vice Chair position of the PDG. Each introduced themselves and gave a brief synopsis of their background and experience. Jay Neal, Associate Professor, was elected as the new Vice Chair. The PDG discussed election of a Secretary. It was moved and seconded that each would have 2-year terms. The PDG voted in favor on the 2-year rotation and that Michelle Wollenzien, Food Safety Manager, HEB, would serve as the Secretary.

Proposed 2015 Sessions for Submission: Submission deadline is Oct. 14, 2014.

Assignments of Leads and exchange of contact information for 2015 Session

Development Individuals that volunteered to lead committees to develop and submit sessions for IAFP 2015 collected names of those that would like to assist with development.

- GFSI retail wholesale / foodservice efforts – Hilary Thesmar.
- Future of Health Department Inspections – Retail / FSMA – Ruth Petran, Brian Nummer.
- Food Waste - Yale Larry, Sharon Wood, Brian Turner, Students.
- EPA – Biofilm claims (Sanitation PDG) – Dale Grinstead.
- Communicating Food Safety up and down in your organization (Sanitation PDG) – Gina Nicholson.
- Sustaining Public Health While Reducing Food Waste – Yale Larry.
- Mobile Food Vehicles – The Newest Trend - Jennifer Lahnoudi.
- The Critical Role of Behavior Change in Achieving a Food Safety Culture – Educating and Training in Today's World – Laura Nelson.
- Food Equipment in Today's Global Market: Food Safety Standards for Commercial Food Equipment – Gina Nicholson.
- Developing, Analyzing and Leveraging *Meaningful* Audit Data to Drive Food Safety Excellence at Retail/ Foodservice – Marjorie Jones.
- Building Food Safety and Quality Assurance in Retail Food Service Operations – Nasandra Wright.
- Enhanced Traceability – Using Electronic Traceability To Proactively Prevent Food Safety Problems – Andrew Furner.
- Food Safety and Quality Assurance – Challenges in growing economies and developing countries – Nasandra Wright.

Award Presentation: Sharon Wood, Past Chair of the PDG, introduced O. Pete Snyder, who was present and was the recipient of the first annual Distinguished Service Award. She then presented the Retail and Foodservice PDG 2nd annual Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Fred Reimers who was present at the meeting.

Student PDG and Retail & Foodservice Mentor Program Outline:

IAFP PDG Mentoring Program.

Targeted audience.

Groups involved.

Student PDG.

Retail and Foodservice PDG.

Target groups.

Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG.

Any other PDG or member who would be interested.

E-mail to be sent to all PDG Chairs to gauge interest. Aims.

Increase the interaction between student member and young professionals in Food Safety with veteran members.

Allow for a one on one interaction fostering guidance and experience to younger members.

Grow networking capacities of all those involved.

Member involvement.

Time commitment.

As little or as much as desired.

Suggested interactions between participants.

Monthly calls/E-mails to be exchanged.

Current program and experiences within the food industry/government/academia.

Advice on opportunities.

Interaction at Annual Meetings.

One on one meeting.

Participation in shared interest roundtables and symposium.

Further networking between colleagues.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Consider the formation of a separate PDG on Audit and Inspections with a farm to store emphasis.
2. Develop a Mentoring program for student members of IAFP. The goal would be to connect them with IAFP business professionals that are willing to mentor them. See details in minutes.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:57 p.m.

Chairperson Name: Gina Nicholson.