

## Seafood Safety and Quality PDG

**Members Present:** Barbara Blakistone (Chairperson), Veneranda Gapud (Immediate Past Chairperson), Troy Ayers, David A. Baker, Jinru Chen, Kevin Edwards, Peter Hibbard, Marlene Janes, Douglas Marshall, Naim Montazeri, James O'Donnell III, Salina Parveen, Maria Reyes, Tori Stivers and Lisa Weddig.

**Board/Staff Member Present:** Alejandro Mazzotta.

**New Members:** Michelle Lovett (Vice-Chairperson), Christine Aleski, Hyun-Jung Chung, Jiemin Cormier, Ryan Dowdy, David Kingsley, Kristen Matak, George Nakamura, Suresh Pillai, Otto Simmons and Hyun-Gyun Yuk.

**Visitors/Guests:** Gabriela Gonzalez, Chris Seeber, Myriam Gutierrez, Jennifer Holtzman, Solveig Langsrud and Frank Spiegelhalter.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 28, 2013.

**Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Barbara Blakistone.

**Old Business:** Review of Anti-Trust Guidelines and Approval of 2012 Minutes as written.

### **New Business:**

- Dr. Mazzotta discussed news from the Board, especially newly created PDGs, any interest in holding PDG meetings on Saturday, collaborating with other PDGs for meetings and sessions, and the reformatting of *Food Protection Trends*.
- Members elected Michelle Lovett incoming Vice Chairperson. Kristen Matak agreed to serve after Michelle and Naim Montazeri agreed to follow Kristen.
- Dr. Otto Simmons updated the group on the Norovirus Collaborative based at NCSU.
- Dr. Marlene Janes spoke on her research indicators of fecal contamination, a project funded through the Norovirus Collaborative.
- Dr. David Baker of Global Fresh Foods spoke last about his company's technology using modified atmosphere packaging for extended shelf life of fresh seafood.
- 2014 possible session topics were discussed including food safety hazards of economic fraud, zoonoses and the food safety culture.
- Also discussed were an outreach webinar on norovirus directed at the seafood harvesters and a workshop on Segment II HACCP in cooperation with the new HACCP PDG.

### **Action Items:**

- The Chair awaits approval from Dr. Simmons, Dr. Janes and Dr. Baker so

their slides can be sent out to all.

- The Chair will follow up with Kevin Edwards, Doug Marshall, Kristen Matak, and Lisa Weddig on the subjects of economic fraud, anecdotes on the food safety culture as symposia for next year and a specialized topic about aquaculture in cooperation with Water Quality PDG (Kathleen Rajkowski is liaison).
- Action will proceed if the Board approves the webinar described above.
- A Segment II HACCP Workshop was considered for IAFP 2015 in cooperation with the new HACCP PDG. The Chair will discuss with the Working Group of David Baker, Marlene Janes, Doug Marshall, and Lisa Weddig.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Webinars have historically been limited to PDG members, but in the case of the topic of norovirus, the Seafood PDG in cooperation with IAFP can serve the seafood community through an open webinar on how to prevent transmission of the disease if so approved by the Board. Such a webinar could be offered in English and Spanish.
2. Seafood PDG recommends approval of Michelle Lovett as Vice Chair. Her term should begin immediately.
3. Seafood PDG requests a continuation of the 2-hour meeting period for 2013 and thanks the Board and Staff for providing that time slot in 2013.

**Next Meeting Date:** August 3, 2014.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:55 a.m.

**Chairperson:** Barbara Blakistone