



Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2024

(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2025 Affiliate Awards.)

To maintain compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws, Affiliates must return this completed report. Please send by email to Susan Smith at: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Please return the following items **electronically** by **Tuesday, March 4, 2025** (late reports will not be considered for awards):

REQUIRED:

This completed form (in English).

Your Association's list of current term officers (complete Attachment A).

OPTIONAL:

Attachment B: Completion required **only** if your Association requests to be considered for one or more Affiliate Awards.

IAFP now accepts **all** Affiliate Annual Reports electronically, including those vying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards. *Affiliates seeking to present the highest quality visual presentation are encouraged to present their Annual Report in the highest quality possible for review by the Selection Committee. To avoid errors and omissions, please limit your submission to ONE email with all attachments.*

Digital photos (with names and descriptions) to appear in the *Affiliate View* quarterly newsletter.

New York State Association for Food Protection

Affiliate Name

1. Your Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council and Contact

Provide the information requested for your Association's current official Delegate to the IAFP Affiliate Council and official Contact for IAFP correspondence. (**Delegate must be an IAFP Member.**)

Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council

Delegate Name	Steve Murphy 253 Ringwood Rd. Apt I Freeville, NY 13068 607-227-5831 Scm4@cornell.edu
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Address 2	
City, State ZIP Country	
Phone Number	

Email address	
IAFP Member? Y or N	Yes

Official Contact for IAFP Correspondence (indicate "same" if person also serves as Delegate)

Contact Name	Amy Rhodes 32126 State Route 12E Cape Vincent, NY 13618 315-775-7008 Amyr.nysafp@gmail.com
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Email address	
IAFP Member? Y or N	

2. Membership

- Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 345_____
- How many NEW members joined your Association in 2024? _41_____

3. Meetings: Annual Meeting/Conference, Educational, Workshops, Webinars, etc.

- On what date(s) was your most recent general membership or major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference) during the past year? Please list number of attendees.

Annual meeting was held September 9-11, 2024 at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, NY. We had 107 in attendance with 14 exhibitors and 9 honorary life members in attendance.

- Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):

September 9-11, 2025 in Saratoga, NY

- List all other general membership meetings held in 2024 (excluding board meetings). Include

title, dates and attendance numbers.

Name of Meeting	Date(s) Held	Number of Attendees
None		

4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members who were honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFP during 2024. Include name of award and qualification for award.

Award Name	Recipient Name	How did recipient qualify for award?
William Hickey Award	Cynthia James	For outstanding service in the field of Food Sanitation
Emmett Gauhn Memorial Award	James Baldwin	For outstanding service and leadership on behalf of the association.
Howard Marlatt Memorial Award	Amy Rhodes	In recognition of outstanding service and leadership in the field of laboratory technology
Dr. Theodore Reich Memorial Award	Connie Kuhlman	In recognition of outstanding service and leadership in the field of milk sanitation.
Honorary Life Member	Rob Ralyea	For continued support of the association.

b. List scholarships awarded during 2024; include recipient and qualification for scholarship.

Scholarship Name/Amount	Recipient Name	How did recipient qualify for scholarship?
James C. White Scholarship - \$1,000.00	Carlos Rodriguez-Meced	Accomplishments in the pursuit of a degree in food safety.
James C. White Scholarship - \$1,000.00	Demetra Sela	Research and accomplishments in a pursuit of a career in sustainable food systems.

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5. Web Communication

Please be sure to keep the IAFP office on your mailing list for newsletters, email and other communications to your general membership.

Please provide your existing Affiliate's website address AND date last updated:

www.nysafp.com July 2024

Did you launch a new Affiliate website in 2024?

No ☐

Attachment A (completion required)

Association Officers List

Provide the contact information requested below for all current officers of your Association. **Please indicate if each officer is an IAFP Member (REMINDER: Your President and Delegate are required to be IAFP Members).** The information you provide is published on our website and in select membership materials. The information may be typed in the fields below, or sent to our office by email, fax or regular mail.

Indicate the term dates (e.g., 2024–2025) for your current Executive Board: _____

Officer Title	President
Name	Cynthia James
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IAFP Member? Y or N	Yes

Officer Title	Past President
Name	Angela Montalbano
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City, State ZIP Country	Hauppauge, NY 11788
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IAFP Member? Y or N	Yes

Officer Title	Executive Secretary Amy Rhodes 32126 State Route 12E Cape Vincent, NY 13618 315-775-7008 arhodes@uncdairy.com
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IAFP Member? Y or N	

Officer Title	President Elect Jeffrey Van Sice 4815 Ellicott St. Batavia, NY 14021 585-813-8692 jvansice@oatkamilk.com
Name	
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IAFP Member? Y or N	

Officer Title	Board Member Heather Torino 10B Airline Dr. Albany, NY 12235 518-457-0172 Heather.torino@agriculture.ny.gov
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Name	
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IAFP Member? Y or N	

Officer Title	Board Member Dr. Ann Charles Vegdahl Food Micro Research Center 665 W North St. Geneva, NY 14456 315-787-2258 Acv45@cornell.edu
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IAFP Member? Y or N	

Officer Title	Board Member Kevin Culm 496 Shetland Dr. Buffalo, NY 14221 716-243-6895 Kevin.culm@ecolab.com
Name	
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IAFP Member? Y or N	

Before continuing, please check one of the boxes below:

☒ **CHECK HERE AND RETURN ELECTRONICALLY BY 3/4/24 IF YOUR AFFILIATE REQUESTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ONE OR MORE 2025 AFFILIATE AWARDS. (You are required to complete Attachment B.)**

☐ **CHECK HERE IF YOUR AFFILIATE DOES NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2025 AFFILIATE AWARD. (You are done! It is not necessary to complete Attachment B.)**

Attachment B (optional)

Affiliate Award Considerations

*To be considered for one or more of the five Affiliate Awards to be presented at IAFP 2025, Affiliates are **required** to check the box next to the award(s) for which you wish to be considered and provide the related criteria (in English). (REMINDER: Please confirm IAFP Membership of your Affiliate President and Delegate **before** completing Attachment B to avoid award disqualification.)*

☒ **Affiliate Membership Achievement Award**

How did your Affiliate grow **AND** retain members during the past year? Please provide details on:

- how new members were recruited throughout the year;
- the number of new members joining the Affiliate;
- the percent increase in membership from 2024 to 2025;
- specific efforts on how you retained existing members; and
- other methods related to helping grow and maintain your membership.

You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12-point type.

The New York State Association for Food Protection celebrated its 101st annual conference in 2024 with 107 people attending. Our organization grew from 329 members in 2023 to 345 in 2024 with the addition of 41 new members and we have already received a few new members for 2025. We are working as a board to structure the supporting affiliates to NYSAFP to include more meetings throughout the year going forward and have brought on some new people to help us achieve that goal.

Our annual conference agenda is sent out to members as an email blast as well as being put on our website. We continue to promote the conference for months prior to the event and offer one year's membership fees as part of the conference payment.

We have updated our website to allow our current sustaining members the opportunity to promote job opportunities when they become available and we link their websites for easier access.

Some of the ways we have recruited new members includes reaching out to our current membership using our website mail blasts and using Linked In and Facebook. We also reach out to people registering for IAFP from New York State area who are not associated with our affiliate currently and provide them information about becoming a member.

We have a new affiliate liaison on the board who is also working on taking past members who have not paid in the last few years and reaching out to see if they would like to join again. She has also reached out to the college contacts that we have with a quick survey on who should be the best contact, best way to contact, etc. in order to make sure we are reaching college students who might be interested in presenting at our annual meeting or just checking out our organization. We are in contact with the student IAFP PDG and have requested their help in getting more college students involved. We have a reduced fee for college students who join on their own and offer 5 free students to our annual conference with one college professor/educator who is a paid member.

Due to the diverse board that we have, we also promote the organization through our daily dealings with customers, vendors and organizations outside of the NYSAFP that we interact with. This includes the Northeast Dairy Association, the Innovation Center for US Dairy, Cornell University, Dairy Practices Council and AFDO.