



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:

X This completed form (*in English*).

X 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.

Ohio Association for Food Protection

1. Your Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council and Contact

*Enter in the fields below the information requested for your Association's official Delegate to the IAFP Affiliate Council and your official Contact for IAFP correspondence. **Delegate must be an IAFP Member.***

Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council

Connie M. Freese
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937-224-3790
cfreese@phdmc.org

IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

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

Same

2. Membership List

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 109
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2024? 34

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

a. 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.
08-13-2024, 22 participants (excluding speakers and board members)

b. Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):
1/22/2025 at Franklin County Public Health, Columbus, Ohio, Winter Conference and Annual Business Meeting; 24 attendees.

c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2024 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

OAFP Winter 2024	01-25-2024, 19 people
OAFP Summer 2024	08-13-2024, 22 people

4. Awards and Scholarships

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

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

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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 Web site address AND date last updated:

Currently, no website.

New in 2024—We are now on LinkedIn – Ohio association for Food Protection

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2024? Y ☐ N ☒

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 here is published on our website and in select membership materials. The information may be typed in the fields below or may be sent to our office by email, fax or regular mail.*

Indicate the term dates (e.g., 2024–2025) for your current Executive Board:
2025-2026

Second Vice President

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President

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Before continuing, please check one of the boxes below:

☒ **CHECK HERE and return electronically by 3/4/25 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 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.) Submit your Annual Report and any attachments in **ONE** email to avoid errors and omissions.*

☐ 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 2023 to 2024;
- 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.

2024 OAFP Affiliate Communication Award Application – Summary

The Ohio Association for Food Protection (OAFP) has strengthened its communication strategy by leveraging LinkedIn to engage members, share industry updates, and promote events. Our platform delivers real-time regulatory news, industry insights, and updates from organizations like IAFP, FDA, and USDA, ensuring our network remains informed and connected.

A key focus has been attracting young professionals and making food safety knowledge more accessible. By consistently posting industry updates, event promotions, and professional highlights, we have successfully engaged students, early-career professionals, and industry leaders, encouraging greater participation and networking. Through this, we are fostering the next generation of food safety experts while promoting a culture of continuous learning.

Our efforts have led to significant growth in our LinkedIn following, expanding OAFP's reach and increasing interaction among members. By promoting food safety culture in a dynamic and inclusive way, we have created an interactive platform for knowledge-sharing and professional development.

Through consistent communication, event coverage, and industry engagement, OAFP has strengthened its digital presence, improved member outreach, and enhanced networking opportunities. Our commitment to accessibility and engagement continues to support and grow the food safety community, making food protection knowledge more available to all.

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/ohio-association-for-food-protection/posts/?feedView=all>

