



Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2025

(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2026 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 3, 2026 (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 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.

Washington 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

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IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

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

same

IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

2. Membership List

- Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 39
- How many NEW members joined your Association in 2025? 20

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.

The 2025 WAFFP Annual Meeting was held September 11-12, 2025 in Chelan, WA, USA with 50 attendees from academia, food industry, and government.

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

The 2026 WAFFP Annual Meeting will be held on September 17-18, 2026 in Chelan, WA, USA.

- List all other general membership meetings held in 2025 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

January WAFFP Planning Committee Meeting	January 21, 2025 & 12 attendees
February WAFFP Planning Committee Meeting	February 20, 2025 & 10 attendees
March WAFFP Planning Committee Meeting	March 18, 2025 & 8 attendees
April WAFFP Planning Committee Meeting	April 23, 2025 & 9 attendees
May WAFFP Planning Committee Meeting	May 28, 2025 & 7 attendees
June WAFFP Planning Committee Meeting	June 17, 2025 & 8 attendees
July WAFFP Planning Committee Meeting	July 22, 2025 & 10 attendees
August WAFFP Planning Committee	August 26, 2025 & 8 attendees

4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFP during 2025. Include name of award and qualification for award.

N/A	N/A
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b. List scholarships awarded during 2025; include recipient and qualification for scholarship.

WAFFP / Lloyd O. Leudecke Endowed Scholarship at WSU is for a junior or senior majoring in Food Science and Technology who has demonstrated interest in the food industry as has been shown by course work and/or work experience. The recipient(s) must also be outstanding individuals in terms of academic achievement, leadership, character, campus activities, and departmental activities.	Morgiana Rosario Alepuyo is a Junior in Food Science at Washington State University.
	Sherine Ortiz is a Senior in Food Science at Washington State University.
	Morgan Pattee is a Senior in Food Science at Washington State University.
	Oscar Wise is a Junior in Food Science at Washington State University.

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:

Web address: <https://waffp.com/wp1/>

Last updated: December 2025

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2025? 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., 2025–2026) for your current Executive Board:

2025-2026

President

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IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

Before continuing, please check one of the boxes below:

☒ **CHECK HERE and return electronically by 3/3/26 IF YOUR AFFILIATE REQUESTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ONE OR MORE 2026 AFFILIATE AWARDS. (You are required to complete Attachment B.)**

☐ **CHECK HERE IF YOUR AFFILIATE DOES NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2026 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 2026, 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 of increase in membership from 2025 to 2026;
- 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.

✓ Affiliate Communication Award

How did your Affiliate communicate information to your Members during the past year? Please provide a description of the types of communication sent to your general membership and include samples with your Annual Report. Samples can be printed copies/screen shots of blast emails, website (include frequency of updating), electronic/print newsletters, brochures, etc., along with respective dates sent. If available, provide how effective specific communication was toward meeting your goals. 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.

Our core mission is to collaborate with a diverse audience of food safety professionals to protect our food supply. This target group of over 39 affiliated members represent processors, producers, government, education/research, grocery/retail/distribution, retirees, and laboratories. We utilize several communication tools to keep our members engaged and to reach future members.

WAFFP Email Outreach

Several planning committee members perform email blasts to our membership network regarding upcoming meetings, elections, awards, and news/events. We also utilize this approach to encourage sponsorship and membership renewals. See below attachments we send via email.

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An Affiliate of IAFP
FOOD SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION



Save the Date!

The 74th Annual WAFFP Conference
will be held at **Campbell's Resort in Chelan, WA**

September 11th & 12th, 2025

with

Golf Tournament on September 10th, 2025
at **Bear Mountain Ranch**

We have been working hard putting together a great agenda for this year including some hot topics and regulatory updates in food safety!

Conference registration will open up in July! Keep an eye out for additional emails from WAFFP the next few weeks!

Join us in celebrating another year of Food Safety Through Education!

A warm welcome to the 2024-2025 Officers!

President: Kent Dowding
Treasurer: Diep Wisniewski
Secretary: Celina To
Auditor: Cathie Gray
IAFP Delegate: Kent Dowding

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR FOOD PROTECTION

An Affiliate of the International Association for Food Protection



FOOD SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION

www.waffp.com



What is WAFFP?
The Washington Association for Food Protection is a non-profit association dedicated to providing our members with a forum to educate and discuss the latest technologies and advancements toward the assurance of a safe, affordable food supply. Prior to September 2000 we were known as the Washington Milk, Food & Environmental Association. In 1951, we became an affiliate of what is now known as the International Association for Food Protection. They were founded in 1911 and have been instrumental in the development and promotion of food safety worldwide.

Food Safety depends on the efforts of a large number of different disciplines working to the same end. Our members are from federal, state and local government agencies, education, industry professionals, equipment manufacturers and allied suppliers.

We invite all food safety related professionals to join us in our efforts to protect our national food supply and to promote "Food Safety through Education".

What we Offer:
Each Fall, we present our WAFFP Annual Conference to provide the forum to have access to the latest technical and scientific information and timely coverage of the latest topics of concern. It is the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with fellow food safety professionals. Our conference attendees include professionals in quality assurance, processing, regulatory, consulting, risk management, research & development, microbial research, plant management, technical services, material & equipment experts, allied suppliers, food growers, academia, and experts on the latest methods and technologies.

WAFFP: Make it "Your Organization"
For over 70 years, our organization has kept its members informed of the latest issues in Food Safety issues. In the early days, our association's main focus was on milk and dairy food safety. With the consolidation of dairy companies, and the evolution of food safety, we have expanded our focus to many other food industries. Our conference presentations include a wide variety of topics of interest for those involved or interested in Food Safety. As well as our educational agenda, our conference also includes excellent opportunities to network or enjoy a round of golf in a tournament prior to our educational conference. Company participation is also present with Tabletop Displays designed to be educational and provide knowledge of available services and technologies. Company sponsors of Milk Breaks and prizes for our golf tournament are also encouraged.

We Invite You to Join:
Membership Dues: \$25.00
(October 1 - Sept. 30)
Make checks payable to WAFFP.
Name: _____
Company: _____
Job Title: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State, ZIP: _____ (work/home)
Phone: _____
e-mail: _____
Mail check and above information to:
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WAFFP Treasurer
P.O. Box 7115
Covington, WA 99042
If paying by credit card, please go to the Membership Tab on our website for more information or email us at waffp@foodprotection@gmail.com

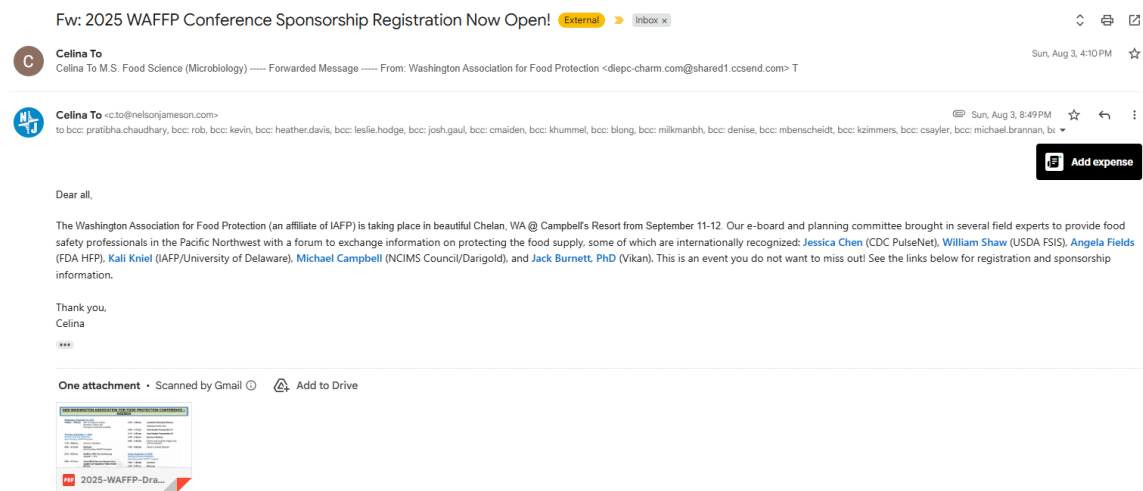


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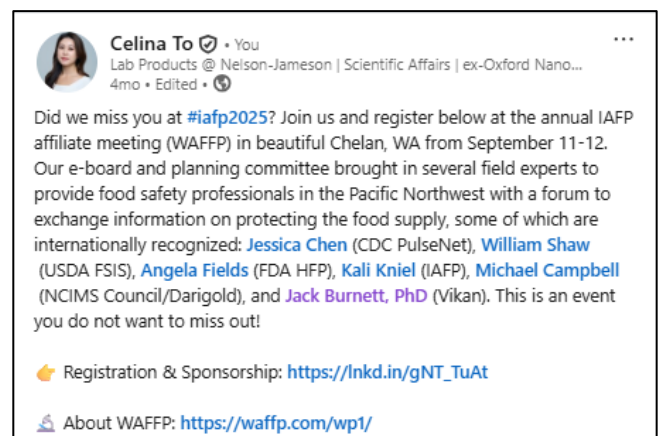
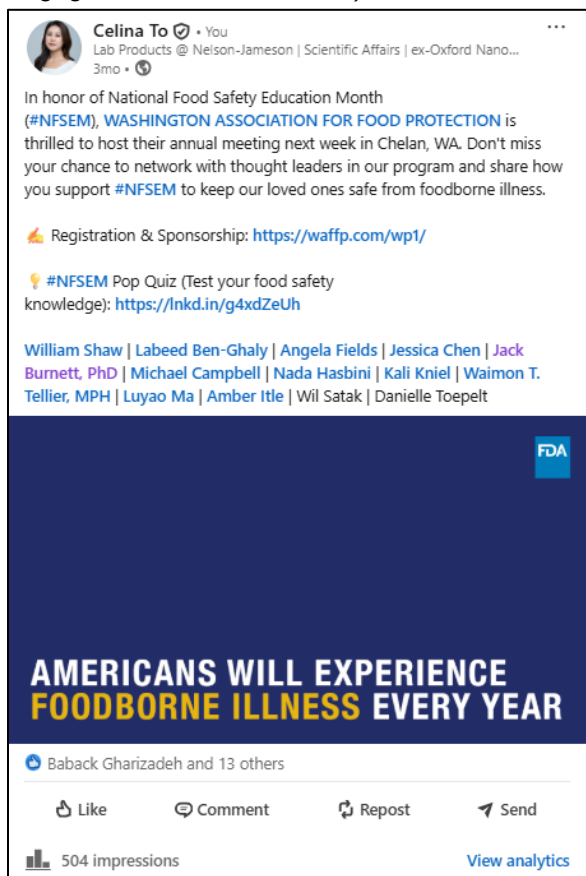
Conference Learn about the latest trends & research during our annual conference held in September in Chelan, WA!	Food Safety We invite all food safety related professionals to join WAFFP!	Education A forum to educate and discuss the latest technologies and advancements of food safety.	WAFFP A non-profit association powered by volunteers. We are an affiliate of International Association for Food Protection (IAFP).
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The board also focus on getting the word out about WAFFP and IAFP through the events we host (i.e annual meeting) with email blasts to personal email contacts to improve recruitment efforts.



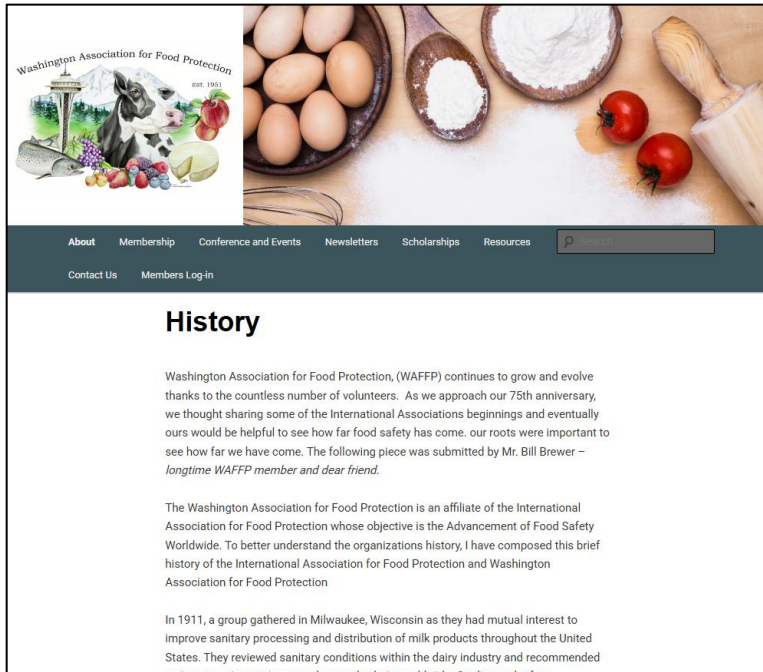
Social media

WAFFP actively uses [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) to reach a total of 63 followers and members. We utilize these platforms to help get the word out on our events and food safety updates/education as well as recruitment efforts. One post hit 1,294 impressions on LinkedIn (highest in engagement via social media).



Website

In our annual evaluations from members, our website has been highlighted as being great and easy to navigate. Users noted that they have access to all information regarding events, membership renewal, food safety news, and employment opportunities. The website also highlight and recognize food safety professionals in the PNW region that's dedicated their time and effort in WAFFP and improving food safety through education. We also promote IAFP by sharing current and past affiliate newsletters with our members, and we collaborate with Eat Local in Washington State and Tilth Alliance to recognize and celebrate contributors across the entire farm-to-fork continuum who help strengthen food safety.



Newsletters

IAFP Affiliate View: See current and past issues. [here](#)

IAFP Historic Publications – through the years. [here](#)

Affiliate Directory. [here](#)

Advancing Food Safety Worldwide® by providing members with a forum to exchange information on protecting the global food supply. Learn more: [IAFP](#)

Food Bites



— [By the Numbers: Senate Republican Leadership's Reconciliation Bill Takes Food Assistance Away From Millions of People](#)

[Eat Local in Washington State](#)



Washington Farming and Agriculture – Tilth Alliance



✓ **Affiliate Education Award**

What types of food safety education program(s) did your Affiliate provide to its members during the past year? Provide the following details on all technical meetings, educational conferences, webinars, workshops, classes, and other methods pertinent to the interests of the membership:

- Background;
- Objectives;
- Agenda;
- Target audience;
- Dates held; and
- Numbers of attendees.

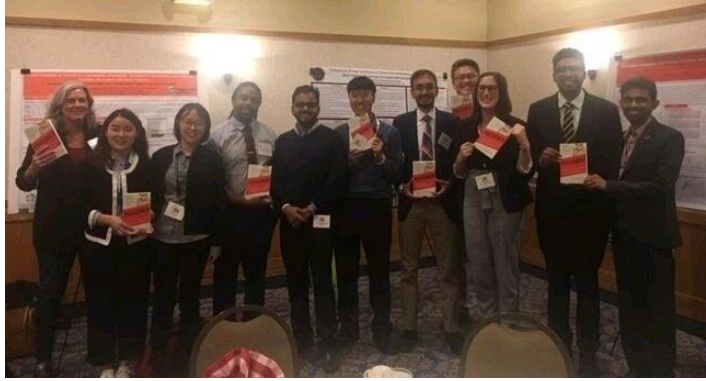
Describe any awards provided to students or young professionals. You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12-point type. *(Do not submit copies of speaker Power Point slide presentations.)*



Each year, WAFFP executive board strives to hold one (two day meeting) focusing on the latest updates and advancements on technologies, research, regulations, and operational/laboratory best practices that improves food safety within our network. These meetings provide a forum that allows regulatory, industry and academic members to engage in open dialogue to uncover knowledge gaps and explore potential solutions to address emerging food safety issues. The selection of speakers from industry, government, and academia demonstrates WAFFP's commitment to strengthening food safety education through diverse expertise that resonates with both technical and non-technical audiences.

In honor of National Food Safety Education Month, WAFFP was thrilled to host their annual meeting from September 11-12, 2025 at Campbells Resort in Chelan, WA, USA. Our e-board and planning committee brought in several field experts to provide food safety professionals in the Pacific Northwest with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply, some of which are internationally recognized: Jessica Chen (CDC PulseNet), William Shaw (USDA FSIS), Angela Fields (FDA HFP), Kali Kniel (IAFP), Michael Campbell (NCIMS Council/Darigold), and Jack Burnett, PhD (Vikan). All in all, the agenda highlighted trending topics in alignment with the IAFP 2025 program: whole genome sequencing, artificial intelligence in food safety, food safety risk assessments, best cleaning and sanitation practices against *Listeria*, and student research presentations.

There were 50 attendees for the meeting representing academia (17), industry (29), and government (4). Government affiliations included the Washington State Department of Agriculture and Washington Department of Public Health. Industry members spanned several companies, including Tillamook, Darigold, Wilcox Farms, Talking Rain Beverage Company, Litehouse, Crooked Spoon Ice Cream, and Pacific Northwest Farmers Cooperative.



2025 WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR FOOD PROTECTION CONFERENCE – AGENDA

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:30am – 4:00 pm Golf Tournament at Bear Mountain, Chelan, WA:
Four-person best ball scramble

Kali Kniel, University of Delaware, IAFFP

3:50 – 4:00 pm Luedecke Fellowship Winners
Stephanie Smith, WSU

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Morning Sessions Moderator:
Kent Dowding, WAFFP President

7:15 – 8:00 am Check-in / Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 am Welcome
Kent Dowding, WAFFP President

8:15 – 8:50 am Commercial Shellfish Regulation in Washington State
Dani Toepelt, R.S., Washington State Department of Health

8:50 – 9:15 am Using Whole Genome Sequencing to Support our Regulatory Public Health Mission
Ben-Ghaly Labeed, USDA FSIS

9:15 – 9:40 am FSIS Laboratory System Updates
William (Bill) Shaw, USDA FSIS

9:40 – 9:50 am Supplier Presentation

9:50 – 10:05 am Break

10:05 – 10:50 am PulseNet 2.0 and Beyond: The Evolving Landscape of CDC's Foodborne Surveillance
Jessica Chen, PhD, CDC PulseNet

10:50 – 11:20 am WSDA Food Safety Program Goings-On
Wil Satak, WSDA

11:20 – 12:00 pm Industry, Academic, Regulatory Partnership in the Fight Against Bird Flu
Dr. Amber Itle, Washington State Vet

12:00 – 12:10 Supplier Presentation

12:10 – 1:15 pm Lunch

Afternoon Sessions Moderator: Kent Dowding, WAFFP President

1:15 – 2:00 pm Risk Assessment Consultation Tool
Nada Hasbini, Whole Foods

2:00 – 2:45 pm How Can Artificial Intelligence Reshape Foodborne Illness Detection?
Luyao Ma, Oregon State University

2:45 – 2:55 pm Supplier Presentation

2:55 – 3:05 pm Break

3:05 – 3:50 pm Update on Global Food Safety Issues of Foodborne Protozoan Parasites

4:00 – 4:15 pm Persistence and Sanitizer Resistance of *Listeria monocytogenes* Biofilms on Rubber and Teflon Surfaces in Dairy Processing
Bhim Thapa, WSU

4:15 – 4:30 pm Combined use of Ultraviolet-C Light and Hydrogen Peroxide for Decontamination of *Listeria* spp. on Gala Apple Surface
Justin Gilleland, OSU

4:30 – 5:30 pm Business Meeting

6:00 – 6:45 pm Science and Cocktails

7:00 – 8:00 pm Dinner & Awards Banquet

Friday, September 12, 2025

Morning Sessions Moderator: Diep Wisniewski, WAFFP Treasurer

7:00 – 7:45 am Breakfast

7:45 – 8:00 am Welcome
Diep Wisniewski, WAFFP Treasurer

8:00 – 8:45 am Food Traceability Final Rule: Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for Certain Foods
Angela Fields, MPH, FDA

8:45 – 9:15 am NCIMS Updates
Mike Campbell, Darigold

9:15 – 10:00 am Microbial Ecology of *Listeria*: Metabolic Interactions and Survival Mechanisms in Food Processing Environment
Jack Burnett, Vikan

10:00 – 10:10 am Supplier Presentation

10:10 – 10:25 am Break

10:25 – 11:10 am 2024 Washington State Foodborne Outbreaks and Lessons Learned
Meelay Tellier, MPH, WA State Dept of Health

11:10 – 12:00 pm Frozen Berries and Beyond, an Update on Food Safety Risks Associated with Enteric Viruses
Kali Kniel, University of Delaware, IAFFP

Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch and "Passing of the Gavel" to the Incoming WAFFP President

1:00 pm Adjourn – Safe travels home and see you next year!

Washington Association for Food Protection – Food Safety Through Education

✓ **Best Overall Affiliate Meeting Award**

Did your Affiliate hold an outstanding food protection meeting (not sponsored/co-sponsored by IAFP*) which you consider 'over and above' those normally held? If so, provide the following details, if applicable, on what led to a highly successful meeting:

- Type of meeting and the value it brought to Affiliate Members/attendees (does not need to be your Annual Meeting);
- Objective for the meeting (if relevant);
- Activities/Topics (e.g., poster competition, vendor tech talks; a printed copy of the agenda may be included with your award application);
- Numbers of attendees:
 - Number of and overall percentage of Affiliate Members (for example, 100 total attendees with 75 of them being Affiliate Members = 75%)
 - Number of Guests (non-dues-paying Affiliate Members) and their relationship to the Affiliate Chapter and/or meeting's topic(s);
- Audience participation (through roundtable discussions, exercises, etc.);
- Student involvement;
- Partners (e.g., other associations or affiliates);
- Speakers and their affiliations (if available);
- Sponsors;
- Engagement of attendees with exhibitors;
- Diversity of meeting participants (range of sectors represented, e.g., students, academia, extension, government, NGO, industry representatives, etc.), which can be broken down into services (e.g., retail, education, research, manufacturing, etc., if available); and
- Other information (e.g., whether the meeting included a celebration of a milestone Affiliate anniversary and related activities).

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. *(Do not submit copies of speaker Power Point slide presentations.)*

**Does not include funds provided under the IAFP Executive Board Speaker/Expanded Speaker Program*

Our annual meeting was held September 11-12, 2025 at Campbell's Resort in Chelan, WA, USA. This meeting brought in global thought leaders that discussed diverse topics consisting of:

- Use of whole genome sequencing to support regulatory public health mission
- PulseNet 2.0 and Beyond
- Industry, academic, regulatory partnership in the fight against bird flu
- NCIMS updates
- Food traceability final rule
- Microbial ecology of Listeria translating to cleaning/sanitation best practices

A major goal of this meeting was to improve networking opportunities among attendees. This was accomplished by hosting our annual golf event before the conference to win door prizes, sponsored by WAFFP member companies. Members also participate in the vendor conference game during the conference, where attendees visit each sponsored exhibitor to fill out their punch card, similar to IAFP's Explore the Floor (Exhibit Hall Game). This activity took part throughout the meeting to ensure problems are discussed where sponsored exhibitors have the opportunity to share knowledge and solutions to address those pain points. Participants who successfully filled out their card were qualified to enter a raffle for \$50 cash, sponsored by WAFFP member companies. During the science and cocktail event, attendees are encouraged to come to network with students as their present their research posters by incentivizing them to take part in a networking passport game to qualify for a raffle to win door prizes, sponsored by WAFFP member companies. Similar to a attendee scavenger hunt, attendees were to find other participants who could sign off on a specific attribute to fill their card. This encouraged attendees to stay for the awards and dinner

banquet to improve engagement and hopefully, incentivize their return for 2026 conference as we'd be celebrating our 75th anniversary with a stronger networking event.

WAFFP president, Kent Dowding, kicked off the business meeting along with a financial report presented by Treasurer, Diep Wisniewski. IAFP Executive Board Speaker, Dr. Kali Kniel, provided two educational talks and encouraged attendees to get more involved with IAFP through PDGs and conference abstract submissions. Corporate sponsors for this meeting included: Wesmar, Charm Sciences Inc, Chem Station, AFCO, Hygiena, Neogen, and Nether Industries Inc.

There were 50 attendees for the meeting representing academia (17), industry (29), and government (4). Government affiliations included the Washington State Department of Agriculture and Washington Department of Public Health. Industry members spanned several companies, including Tillamook, Darigold, Wilcox Farms, Talking Rain Beverage Company, Litehouse, Crooked Spoon Ice Cream, and Pacific Northwest Farmers Cooperative.



**WAFFP Annual Conference 2025
Networking Passport**

Rules

- Find people who fit the following descriptions and have a conversation with them.
- After the conversation, have them write their name in the Passport space.
- You cannot use the same person for more than one Passport space. You cannot sign your own name in any of the spaces.
- All Passport spaces must be filled out.
- Upon completion of all Passport spaces, turn in this page to Kent Dowding by 8:30 PM on Thursday, September 11, 2025.
- Pages will be entered into a raffle for a prize.

Your Name: _____

A WAFFP 2025 Platinum Sponsor	Screams During Scary Movies	Same Birth Month as You	From the Food Industry
Has Sang in Karaoke	A WAFFP 2025 Gold Sponsor	A Student	Has a Dog and/or Cat
Works for the Government	Took a Vacation in the Last Year	Is a PNW Native (born or raised in WA or OR)	Currently in Academia
Can speak a second language	In the WAFFP 2025 Organizing Committee	Wearing the Same Color Shirt as You	A Speaker on the WAFFP 2025 Program



✓ **C.B. Shogren Memorial Award**

NOTE: Applying for the Shogren Memorial Award does not automatically include your application for any of the other Affiliate awards. If applying for this award, you must apply separately for one or more of the other Affiliate awards which may have contributed toward meeting the criteria of the Shogren Award. (Note: Your Affiliate is not required to win one of the other Affiliate awards.)

How did your Affiliate demonstrate exceptional overall achievement during the past year in promoting the mission of IAFP (*"To provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply"*)? The judges will also consider how the Affiliate has demonstrated its commitment to food safety over the years. "Overall achievement" should encompass at least several of the following activities/accomplishments of your Affiliate:

- Exceptional achievement in membership;
- Types and effectiveness of communication and education;
- Awards and scholarships presented;
- Attendance numbers at meetings;
- Collaboration with other professional organizations;
- Whether the Affiliate has been considered for and/or won other Affiliate awards in the past;
- Involvement in the IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting (e.g., participation at the Affiliate Council Meeting held during the IAFP Annual Meeting and in online Affiliate Council meetings throughout the year; submissions to the *Affiliate View* newsletter, sharing Affiliate Council information with Affiliate members); and
- Other pertinent information.

While not a requirement, strong consideration will be given to an Affiliate whose officers (beyond the requirement for the President and Delegate) are also IAFP Members. Provide a description and include any supporting documents. You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use separate pages if necessary; please limit your explanation to 1,000 words or less in 12-point type.

We secured our IAFP executive board speaker (Dr. Kali Kniel) early on to kick off the 2025-2026 affiliate year and ensure plans of getting IAFP booth supplies sent in to have it showcased in our 2025 annual meeting. Our support and participation of the annual IAFP silent auction was also a continued effort and commitment from WAFFP. At the 2025 IAFP annual meeting, there were several WAFFP IAFP members involved in research presentations and events. These are listed below referenced in

<https://www.foodprotection.org/upl/downloads/meeting/archive/68a4c9c40f8a824d8633c.pdf>:

- Abstracts (33)
- Symposia (3)
- Roundtables (1)
- Workshops
- Special Events (1)

Outreach, Collaboration and Communications

We continue to partner with the Food Science and Human Nutrition department at Washington State University to connect members to participate in their training program:



WSU Extension: Upcoming Training Opportunities: 2025 / 2026

December 15th – 18th: **Packing House HACCP** (Virtual – Zoom)

January 7th – 8th: **Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training**: Virtual

January 20th – 23rd: **Juice HACCP** – Virtual

February 10th: **Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training**: Prosser

February 10th – 13th: **Better Process Controls School** – Tukwila

March 18th – 19th: **Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training**: Virtual

March 24th: **Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training**: Yakima

March 27th: **Product Safety Alliance Grower Training**: Wenatchee

These events continue to develop the skillset needed to help our producers/processors align with state and federal standards and better prepare for GFSI audits. We also collaborate with Washington State University to recruit members and sponsors to help fund scholarships for the next generation of food safety scientists. This year is the first time we've awarded 4 scholarships to four talented students at Washington State University in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.



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Washington Ass'n for Food Protection/L.O. Luedecke Endowed Scholarship

The Washington Association For Food Protection (WAFPP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting food safety through education, technology, and collaboration. WAFPP has been supporting students majoring in food science through the distribution of scholarships since 1982. Upon his death on June 4, 2014, this scholarship was renamed to honor Dr. Luedecke as a trusted friend, educator, mentor, and beloved colleague. Dr. Lloyd O. Luedecke was an active member of WAFPP for almost 50 years. He joined the organization in 1962, the same year he became a faculty member at WSU. Dr. Luedecke was honored many times during his career with excellence awards in teaching and advising. His students and advisees genuinely loved him and trusted that he wanted only what was best for them. After his retirement from WSU in 2000, he worked another 12 years at the WSU Creamery.

The distributions from this fund shall be used to encourage young men and women to become professionals in the food industry. Those persons considered eligible for this scholarship shall be a junior or senior majoring in Food Science and Technology, who have demonstrated interest in the food industry as has been shown by the course work and/or work experience. The eligible recipient(s) must also be outstanding individuals in terms of academic achievement, leadership, character, campus activities, and departmental activities.

Recipient thank you letters will go to Washington Association for Food Protection and Dr. Luedecke's daughter, Carol Hanson.

 Give to the Washington Ass'n for Food Protection/L.O. Luedecke Endowed Scholarship

Through Washington State University, we continue to highlight IAFP and WAFPP at the annual food safety & sanitation workshop. This event brings in 400+ attendees to help get members engaged with non-WAFPP members to knowledge share across other states. Industry members from California (Grimmway Farms) and Texas (Eurofins), for example, were in attendance.

45th Food Safety & Sanitation Workshop



Event Location



Sheraton®
PORTLAND AIRPORT HOTEL

November 11-12, 2025

The Food Safety & Sanitation Workshop addresses basic sanitation as well as cutting edge issues related to food sanitation and food safety. Topics having broad interest are covered in the general sessions. There are more specific subjects discussed in small breakout sessions, with basic and advanced tracks available.

Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
8235 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR 97220
Phone: (503) 281-2500 or (800) 808-9437

[Attendee Registration](#)

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We also feature IAFP content in our website to keep our members updated and engaged with IAFP as most members representing food producers/processors may not be able to step away from the plant to be present at the annual conference. We ensure they can stay in tune with industry trends and career development resources as we maintain and update our website:




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