

Journal of Food Protection Management Committee

Members Present: Vijay Juneja, Sean Leighton, Joe Frank, Lauren Jackson, Elliot Ryser, Panagiotis Skandamis, Faith Critzer (*FPT* Chair), Fred Breidt, Alejandro Castillo, Peyman Fatemi, Narjol Gonzalez-Escalona, Barbara Ingham, Stephen Kenney, James O'Donnell, Laurie Post, Abani Pradhan, Manan Sharma, and Hyun-Gyun Yuk.

Board/Staff Present: Linda Harris, Tim Jackson, Kalmia Kniel, Alejandro Mazzotta, Mickey Parish, Lisa Hovey, Didi Loynachan, and David Tharp.

Visitors/Guests Present: Larry Beuchat, Catherine Cutter, Tong-Jen Fu, Gopal Gopinath, Sherri McGarry, and Guodong Zhang. **Number of Attendees:** 32.

Meeting Called to Order: 9:05 a.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Sean Leighton.

Old Business: Committee reviewed minutes from 2016 *JFP* Management Committee meeting. A motion was approved to accept the 2016 minutes, as written. No edits were needed.

New Business: The meeting opened with a vote to approve the 2016 minutes as written.

Dr. Panos Skandamis, who began his tenure as Scientific Editor on January 1, 2017, provided the Scientific Editors' Report. Highlights include that Vol. 79 (2016) included 2,224 pages and 275 articles (263 research articles). By comparison, Vol. 78 published in 2015 contained 2,312 pages and 302 articles, which included 295 research papers and seven review papers. The average length of time between receipt of manuscripts and their publication remained the same in 2016 compared to 2015. Georgia and Texas were the most-published states within the USA and the top-published international countries were South Korea (16), Canada and China (15 each) and Brazil (11). The Editorial Board consisted of 159 members, with 51 representing non-USA countries. Dr. P. Michael Davidson retired in 2017 after serving the *Journal* for 15 years. Dr. Skandamis concluded the report by stating that the "John N. Sofos Most-cited Publication Award" and the "Most-downloaded Publication Award" were given again this year. Dr. Frank commented that the increase in papers seen in 2016 could have been driven by the editors' active solicitation for review papers. The editors recently sent out an additional solicitation for this year. For more details about the *Journal* in 2016, please see the Scientific Editors' Report and the Administrative Editor's report prepared by Didi Loynachan.

Dr. Ryser spoke on a topic raised by a member around the page number order for articles in the *JFP* print TOC where articles are currently ordered by topic. This causes the page numbers to be out of numerical order. Readers trying to find an article only by page number have a difficult time finding an article and must scan through the whole table of contents. Because there are no "sub sections" to direct the reader to the relevant topic, this creates a more complicated interface with the print issue. This issue is not present in the online version of the *Journal* where articles are listed in numerical order by paper type. The Committee decided to revert to putting the articles in numerical order in the print table of contents. In the September 2017 issue, the *Journal* will begin placing articles in numerical order by paper type (research articles, research notes, review, mini-review, and general interest) to facilitate ease in referencing and searching for specific articles. This will match the online table of contents.

Didi mentioned in the report from the Administrative Editor that the website launched on Dec. 1, 2016, which gave us a month to help our subscribers get their passwords set up in the website before the content was removed from Ingenta and available completely on Pinnacle. Also in December, we started charging publication fees shortly after a paper is accepted (within about 1 week) and authors can pay online with a credit card, which has improved the time to receive payment. About 80% of our authors are using the online credit card payment mechanism. We signed on with Kudos in early June. Kudos sends a message on behalf of *JFP* to corresponding authors to ask authors to enter a description of their article in "plain language." Kudos also allows authors a mechanism to share their paper on social media and tracks metrics and interest in articles in the social media space. Some other new features include: all content over 5 years old is now free to read and refreshes every month; final published articles are published online ahead of print now which should cut publication time down from 8 months to about 7 months; subscribers can sign up for new issue alerts; three special sections are available consisting of Featured Articles (selected by the Editors), Top Articles (based on previous month downloads), and Top Cited Articles (via an interface with CrossRef); supplemental materials are being posted along with the article;

ORCID IDs are published and included in metadata, and more open access articles are being published.

The 2016 Impact Factor is 1.417 and the 5-year IF is 1.739. The 2015 IF was 1.609 with a 5-year IF of 1.963. With all the changes we have made in the past year, we are confident that the IF will improve as we continue through 2017.

Linda Harris asked a question about alert frequency options. Didi responded that if we were doing pre-print on manuscripts, weekly alerts were available. Since ahead-of-print publication of the final edited article was chosen, weekly alerts do not apply. Didi had Allen Press remove the weekly update link to avoid confusion.

Manan asked a question about DOIs. The DOI for an ahead-of-print article does not become active until it's registered with CrossRef. As soon as the article goes online, the DOI should be active. Manan indicated that sometimes the ahead-of-print articles do not have an active DOI. Didi will check if there is a lag time with CrossRef and Allen Press to get more information on this.

Didi was recognized by the entire committee for her contributions to many of the positive changes that have occurred to the *Journal* this year.

David Tharp led a discussion on the replacement of Dr. Joe Frank as a Scientific Editor, beginning Jan. 1, 2018. Beginning in late September or early October, we need to establish a search committee to include a Board member, a Scientific Editor, and four – six committee members. A search plan has been developed and documented by the IAFP Board. The deadline for submitting interests and CVs is Sept. 12, 2017. The selection committee will have a teleconference around Sept. 25–29. The Board would like to have the recommendation from the Committee by October 3, 2017 with the entire process complete and communicated to the selected editor by the end of October. The new editor would visit the Des Moines office for an orientation meeting with Didi, David and the IAFP team. Duties of the new editor will commence on Jan 2, 2018. Joe Frank was appointed Jan 1, 2002. Volunteers were requested resulting in a sub-committee of Sean Leighton, Steve Kenney, Abani Pradhan, Panos Skandamis, Guodong Zuang, and Faith Critzer.

Didi shared a status update on *JFP* prepared by Informed Strategies. The report included an update on the communication plan, work on our metrics, and some recommendations: 1) conduct a discovery audit to confirm current content is visible through primary discovery sources – Google Scholar, EBSCO and ProQuest, 2) evaluate emerging publication systems in development and demand for Open Access to determine options in two years, and 3) consider creating collections of prior articles on hot topics that could reinforce the *JFP* brand and generate new revenue.

Judy Luther provided a second report on the *Journal's* Impact Factor, showing historic levels. Judy's recommendations for consideration include: 1) obtain an IF analysis from Clarivate Analytics, 2) consider utilizing Clarivate's service for inviting well-cited authors to submit a paper, 3) evaluate the impact of articles less likely to be cited, 4) work with Allen Press to implement TrendMD, and 5) examine the role of citations in Altmetrics.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The Committee would like to continue to work with Judy Luther to
 - a. Correlate article downloads with citations to get a better understanding of our metrics and our readership and,
 - b. Run a distribution curve of our citations in conjunction with our impact factor.

Next Meeting Date: July 8, 2018 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Vijay K. Juneja.