Food Safety Culture PDG

Attendees: Megan L. Kenjora (Chair), Lone Jespersen (Vice Chair), Cameron Bardsley (Student Liaison), Sultan Al Taher, Sulaiman Aljasir, Lucia Anelich, Hussam Azzam Mohammed, Brita Ball, Suchitra Basudkar, Mark Beaumont, Rachael Blevins, Neil Bogart, James Chen, Nitin Dhowlaghar, Joan Donelan-Weber, Monica Galleguillos, Balasubramanian Ganesan, Charles Giambrone, Jana Gorveatt, Jesus Guzman, Phyllis Hu, Michael Kalish, Ahyoon Kim, Jeong-Eun Lee, Shihan Lin, Kory Longhurst, Deon Mahoney, Ryan Maus, Benjamin Morrow, Morrine Omolo, Jaime Ragos, Marc Scanlon, Carla Schwan, Nicola Sharman, Amarat Simonne, Debbie Stroud, Joni Sweet, Virginia Till, Tomohiko Tsurumaru, Carol Wallace, Zhinong Yan, and Wenjie Ying.

Number of Attendees: 42.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:10 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2018.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Cameron Bardsley.

Old Business: Approved the 2017 meeting minutes with a majority vote.

New Business:
Goals of 2018 meeting:
• Share and learn from best demonstrated practices related to top PDG areas of interest.
• Identify 2019 symposia/roundtable/workshop topics and organizers.
• Identify development teams to share BDPs with wider IAFP membership (articles, webinars, etc.).

IAFP 2018 Symposia: 20 submissions with five accepted sessions. Members were provided a hard copy of the Global Food Safety Initiative Technical Working Group Position Paper on Food Safety Culture, a special edition of Food Safety Magazine related to food safety culture, and the Cultivate maturity model tied to the five dimensions of the GFSI position paper.

Members reviewed the definition of food safety culture as per the position paper and were broken up into five groups to share best demonstrated practices (BDPs), identify symposia ideas for 2019, and other topics of interest for a webinar or article publications.

Members then rotated around the five dimensions led by Nicola Sharman, Dr. Brita Ball, Dr. Carol Wallace, Melanie Neumann, and Mark Beaumont. At each dimension, members shared best demonstrated practices related to that area, road blocks to achieving an objective or BDP, and successful tactics. Members engaged in detailed conversation and idea sharing relating to each of the areas for the majority of the meeting.

Group leaders provided a report out of the main ideas from each dimension, which will be transcribed in detail with all of the notes taken during the meeting to be disseminated to the wider PDG audience for review and further development. Megan Kenjora will schedule a PDG call based on a Doodle Poll to discuss specific organizers and follow up on the topics to be further developed.

This was the first time the meeting has been a rotating, detailed discussion and feedback was solicited and given related to the meeting structure.
• Pros: Good collaboration, gave the opportunity for individuals to see what other people are doing across companies and industries, and how it can transfer to a member’s specific company. This format can be easily transformed into a workshop.
• Suggestions: The room was loud, have fresh sheets/new perspectives for each arriving group instead of reviewing already discussed topics, dark marker vs pens so all members can see information written on Post-its, improve facilitation to ensure one member does not dominate the discussion, maybe have groups stay and leaders rotate.

Anyone wanting to participate in the article series in Food Protection Trends should contact Lone Jespersen lone@cultivatefoodsafety.com.

If you are interested in having a workshop in China and translation of GFSI position paper into Chinese contact Dr. Zhinong Yan, Walmart Food Safety Collaboration Center, (zhinong.yan@walmart.com).

Recommendations to the Executive Board:
1. Recommend Food Safety Culture PDG and HACCP PDG do not share a time slot as Members were going back and forth between the two.
2. Better technology for sharing information and BDPs – emails are cumbersome and get lost, the website does not allow engagement, and communicating across time zones is very difficult using only email and calls during limited hours.
3. Technology updates for conference calls as it is difficult to hear and know who is speaking.

Next Meeting Date: July 21–24, 2019, Louisville, KY.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:04 p.m.

Chairperson: Megan L. Kenjora.