**New Business:**

Susan Smith (IAFP) provided an overview of the international student mentorship program at IAFP and the benefits it can provide to the mentees.

Tamara Ford (IAFP) provided tips on the development of proposals for symposia and roundtables and the importance of encouraging involvement of new speakers and convenors. Tamara also provided a brief overview of IAFP Connect and the benefits it provides for communication within the PDGs.

Barbara Smith (Arkansas IAFP Affiliate) discussed the some of the activities of the affiliate over the past year and how the local affiliates benefit members at the local or regional level.

Bob Brackett (IFSH) provided an overview of blockchain technology, its potential to improve food safety, and some of the hurdles to its implementation.

Pam Wilger (IAFP Program Committee) discussed the committee’s process of reviewing proposals and abstracts, tips for developing proposals, and guidance materials that are available on the IAFP website.

Several proposal titles were collected throughout the discussion on topics for 2020:

- Rapid confirmation of pathogen presumptive results.
- Organizers: David Legan, Larry Cohen, Alex Brandt.
- Level of confirmation required.
- Cross-platform or cross-technology confirmation.
- Harmonization of cultural methods across countries/regions.
- Organizer: Paula Cray.
- Harmonization of analytics, interpretation and outcome.
- Special emphasis on environmental methods.
- Application of artificial intelligence (AI) in analysis of foodborne pathogen data sets.
- Organizer: Paula Cray.
- An AI app to scan published data using natural language.
- AI in science – is it opening Pandora’s box?
- Use of Biosensors and phage-based technologies.
- Organizer: Hany Anany.
- Standards and means for the determination of live versus dead cells and infectious versus non-infectious viral particles.
- Verification methods for non-culturable foodborne pathogens.
- Organizer: Marianna Solomotis.
- Are GMOs safe to eat: educating the consumer.
- Organizer: Marianna Solomotis.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:** None.

**Next Meeting Date:** August 2, 2020, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:40 p.m.

**Chairperson:** Keith Lampel.