Food Defense PDG


Board/Staff Present: Ruth Petran, Didi Loynachan, and Dina Siedenburg.

Number of Attendees: 30.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday, September 14, 2020.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Neal Fredrickson.

Old Business:
The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. CDT. Mark Kazmierczak reviewed the agenda and moved to approve it (Neal Fredrickson seconded). The agenda was approved with no objections. Dr. Kazmierczak then reviewed the anti-trust guidelines. Ruth Petran, Board Liaison, addressed the attendees and provided an update from the Board. Dr. Fredrickson then provided an overview of the Food Defense PDG engagement strategy.

Dr. Kazmierczak reviewed the minutes from the 2019 Food Defense PDG meeting. He moved to approve the minutes, and the minutes were approved.

New Business:
Dr. Kazmierczak explained that the Vice Chair election results were that Neal Fredrickson, as the only nominee, was selected by acclamation to be the Vice Chair of the Food Defense PDG. Dr. Kazmierczak moved to confirm himself as Chair of the Food Defense PDG and to confirm Dr. Fredrickson as Vice Chair of the PDG, and the motion passed with no objections.

Neal Fredrickson described the Food Defense PDG-sponsored roundtable session “Synthesizing Food Defense Programs for FSMA and Third-party Audits” scheduled to occur virtually on October 27 at 3:30-5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Colin Barthel, U.S. FDA, delivered a brief presentation on updates to the Food Safety Modernization Act Intentional Adulteration Rule and regulatory compliance inspection procedures and schedules. The audience submitted questions to Colin and discussion ensued.

The members of the PDG discussed the process for submitting session proposal ideas for IAFP 2021, which are due November 10, 2020, and discussed submission topics and identified interested speakers for potential session submissions. The collected session ideas were:

1. “Food Defense Community and Culture: What does it take to get corporate-built plans transitioned into operations level?”
   Suggested details include: How to teach/communicate facility leaders on food defense plan/creating a food defense culture; selling culture to smaller/midsize producers; supply chain;

2. “Post-Covid opportunities for integrating food supply chains and the associated risks;”

   Suggested details include: Understanding global issues, international standards, agencies; Importing – ingredients vs. semi-finished vs. finished – resources available;

4. “Food defense plans for small and local suppliers: How to challenge/validate food defense plans?”

5. “Food Defense Community and Culture” (combined with 1. above); and

6. “Establishing core principles in criminology.” Including: How to conduct an investigation (FDA Office of Criminal Investigation); Recent incidents; FDA training of law enforcement; Issues with cleaning and interference with investigations; Root cause analysis.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:
1. The Food Defense PDG recommends the Board approve Neal Fredrickson as the Vice Chair of the PDG.

Next Meeting Date: July 18, 2021, Phoenix, Arizona.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Mark Kazmierczak.