

Program Committee

Members Present: Carrie Rigdon (Chair), Pam Wilger (Vice Chair), Francisco Diez, Paul Hanlon, Maria Hoffmann, Abani Pradhan, Manan Sharma, Angela Shaw, Gregory Siragusa, Christina Wilson, and Xianqin Yang.

Members Absent: Martin Duplessis, Faith Critzer, Heidi Den Besten, Doris D'Souza, Lone Jespersen, Janell Kause, Ramin Khaksar, and Benjamin R. Warren.

Board/Staff Present: Ruth Petran, Tamara Ford, David Tharp, and Lisa Hovey.

Number of Attendees: 15.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, July 18, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Pamela Wilger.

Old Business: The outgoing committee members Doris D'Souza, Janell Kause, Benjamin Warren, and Martin Duplessis were recognized for their service.

New Business: The meeting began with introductions. Tamara explained the process for the 2021 submissions and the timeline was reviewed. The overall evaluation of IAFP 2021 was positive. The hybrid format presented some challenges, yet attendee satisfaction was high. There were some violations of the Policy on Commercialism. This will be addressed by clarity in emails and a web call for organizers in March 2022.

For 2022, we hope that the pandemic ending will allow requiring all speakers to be in-person. There will be a need for accessibility of the online program. We want to make certain that the speakers and topics are diverse and new. The Board discussed (per a request) to get a few more consumer perspectives

We may look into adding a moderator role to sessions to transition from multiple convenors. Tamara would like to assign Student Monitors and Technical Moderators with PDG input after sessions are accepted, as a way to foster more involvement in IAFP and to identify potential future leaders. We will assess the need for the "data pending" option for abstracts in November.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 5, 2021 (Conference Call).

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05 a.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Carrie Rigdon.