Past Presidents’ Committee

Members Present: Bob Gravani, Don Schaffner, Gale Prince, Harold Bengsch, James Dickson, Jenny Scott, Kali Kniel, Kate Swanson, Kathleen Glass, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Linda J. Harris, Michael Brodsky, Mickey Parish, Robert Brackett, and Timothy Jackson.

Board/Staff Present: David Tharp and Dina Siedenburg.

Regrets from: Jeff Farber.

Number of Attendees: 17.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:35 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Kali Kniel.

2020 Minutes and Meeting Agenda: Approved without revisions (motioned by Mickey Parish and seconded by Michael Brodsky).

Unfinished Business: Mickey Parish and Linda Harris provided an update on the Black Pearl Article for FPT. They are making good progress on the article and have a working draft.

New Business: David and Kali reported on the state of IAFP. The association is doing well. The virtual European Symposium was successful, both journals are doing well, and planning for the 2021 meeting is going strong. Discussion included logistics of working virtual, including the IAFP staff working during the pandemic, virtual meetings, IAFP 2021 and financial obligations related to these programs. Continued discussion on developing a technology showcase with IAFP exhibitors. The IAFP Board will discuss this concept with exhibitors this year to gauge interest in a voluntary program, which could include videos housed on the IAFP website.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The Past Presidents’ Committee recommends approval of Roger Cook as the new Vice Chair-Elect.

2. The Past Presidents’ Committee recommends the Board consider the addition of a general statement on the IAFP Annual Meeting Registration page stating, “if extenuating circumstances apply, we recommend contacting IAFP for a registration waiver.” The Board can establish the approval process.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:40 p.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Tim Jackson.