

Food Safety Assessment, Auditing and Inspection PDG

Attendees: Andrew Clarke (Chair), Tracie Sheehan (Vice Chair), Bill Huntley, Christine Hilbert, Craig Reinhart, Gale Prince, Isabel Walls, James Cook, Jaya Sundaram, Jennifer Lott, Kathy Knutson, Loralyn Ledenbach, Sarah E. Jensen, Sharon Dobesh, and Tracey David.

Board/Staff Present: Dina Siedenburg.

Number of Attendees: 17.

Meeting Called to Order: 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Tracie Sheehan.

Old Business: No outstanding business from the previous meeting held on September 14, 2020.

New Business: Reference provided to the Antitrust statement, attendees reminded and encouraged to review the statement. Previous meeting minutes approved by T. Sheehan and seconded by G. Prince.

Various submissions made by the PDG for the 2020 conference, the PDG are a primary sponsor for one symposium: RT29 Can you trust third party certification? July 21, 2021 10:45–12:15 p.m. And secondary sponsor for the following sessions: S54 Defining Criteria for Assessment and Execution of Gluten-Free and Allergen-Free Claims, Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 1:30–3:30 pm; RT16 Boo! Does That Delivery from a Ghost Kitchen Scare You? Monday, July 19, 2021 3:45–5:15 pm; S23 Your Significant Other: Using Statistics to Interpret Microbiological Data, Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:30–10:00 am.

An overview was also provided to the members of the work which has been completed on the GFSI Race to the Top Feature 1 associated to GFSI Auditor Training and Professional Development and the link to a webinar detailing the framework was to be provided to interested members: https://mygfsi.com/news_updates/gfsi-hosts-webinar-on-securing-the-future-of-food-safety-auditors-a-review-of-race-to-the-top-feature-1/) A podcast by the GFSI Technical Manager, Marie-Claude Quentin was also referenced for members interested in hearing more on the topic: <https://mygfsi.com/podcast/securing-the-future-of-food-safety-auditors/> The consultation work linked to the GFSI Race to the Top feature 1 was discussed and members interested in the topic were encouraged to participate in the open consultation: https://mygfsi.com/press_releases/gfsi-opens-new-public-consultation-on-securing-the-future-of-food-safety-auditors/.

Andrew shared information on the forthcoming webinars linked to the PDG which are scheduled for July 7/8 2021 which he will be moderating and will be available on the IAFP website.

Members were encouraged to register for the webinars and share the information to support the work being completed. Andrew also reminded the Members of the IAFP Mentor program and encouraged those with interest to sign up for the program as the transfer of knowledge and experience helps to support the development of future food safety leaders.

IAFP are kindly making a room available for PDG members to meet in person during the conference.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Recommend the Board approve Jennifer Lott as incoming Vice Chair for the Food Safety Assessment, Auditing and Inspection PDG.

Next Meeting Date: July 31–August 3, 2022, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Andrew Clarke.