Retail and Foodservice PDG


Board/Staff Present: Emilio Esteban, Didi Loynachan, and Dina Siedenburg.

Number of Attendees: 45

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, June 10, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Tia Glave and Eric Moore.

Old Business: Meeting was brought to order by PDG Chair Eric Moore, introductions by chair and co-chair (Tia Glave) were provided, the IAFP Antitrust guidelines were provided. IAFP Executive Board announcements were reviewed by Eric in place of the Board liaison due to computer issues. Co-Chair Tia Glave then introduced Chris Smith, FDA Retail Food Branch Director as the guest speaker for the meeting. Chris provided the PDG with an overview of Core Element 3: New Business Models and Retail Modernization of the FDA New Era of Smarter Food Safety. Chris spent time highlighting the main aspects of Core Element 3 as well as various key achievements to date and an overview of upcoming key New Era activities. Eric reviewed the minutes from the 2020 PDG meeting and went through the symposium/roundtable that were submitted and accepted/not accepted.

New Business: Tia discussed the possibility of creating a re-occurring PDG call/meeting and shared that an electronic poll had been created to evaluate the PDG’s level of interest in establishing an activity like this. She also reviewed that a previous poll had been sent out in 2020 but due to poor response numbers we felt the poll should be conducted again. Tia then provided direction on the availability of IAFP hosted webinars for topics of interest in place of them being submitted as a symposium/roundtable. Tia shared a list of rejected proposals from IAFP 2020/2021 and asked the group if any were interested in resubmitting and the availability of the IAFP webinar program in place of symposium/roundtable submission for the Annual Meeting. Then, proposal ideas submitted before the PDG meeting were shared. She then let the PDG know that in the coming months a new Vice Chair will need to be elected to the PDG and to please think about individuals to nominate or to self-nominate. At the close of the meeting, Emilio Esteban (PDG Board Liaison) was able to connect to the meeting and provided a self-introduction and note of support for any members that may have questions.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 2:40 p.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Eric Moore.