

## **Past Presidents Committee**

**Attendees:** Gary Acuff, Jim Dickson, Jeff Farber, Linda Harris, Don Schaffner, Stan Bailey, Vickie Lewandowski, Gale Prince, Kathy Glass, Jenny Scott, Isabel Walls, Bob Brackett, Kali Kniel, Roger Cook, Ruth Petran.

**Apologies:** Katie Swanson.

**Board/Staff Present:** Ruth Petran, Lisa Hovey.

**Number of Attendees:** 16

**Meeting Called to Order:** Sunday, 1:04 p.m. July 16, 2023.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Roger Cook.

**Minutes of the 2022 Meeting:** Approved as an accurate record (Acuff/Scott).

**Old Business:** The meeting acknowledged the Board's agreement with the 2022 Board recommendation.

**New Business:** Committee discussions centered around:

1. The update by the Executive Board, including IAFP finances and membership, attendance at the 2023 Annual Meeting, and the value to members and future membership of the removal of charges for historical webinars.
2. Membership continuity requirements for IAFP Fellows and Honorary Life Membership Awards.
3. Honoring Past Presidents who passed away in the previous year.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. The Committee recommends that IAFP policies outlining membership continuity requirements for IAFP Fellows and Honorary Life Membership Awards be amended to remove the word "continuous." Should there be a break in membership during the required time period, the Committee recommends that the Awards Committee consider the contribution of the nominee to IAFP or affiliates prior to and after the break when evaluating the strength of the nomination.

2. The Committee recommends that the Board consider recognition at the Opening Ceremony of Past Presidents who have passed away during the previous year; the means of doing so being the prerogative of the Board.

3. Given the extent of enhanced food safety regulations and food safety certification over the last 10 years, the Committee recommends that the Board continue to evaluate innovative means to encourage membership by young professionals such as, for example, provision of member-sponsored and funded “certificates with a one-year introductory membership”.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024, Long Beach, California.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:04 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Chairperson:** Roger Cook.