

Committee on Control of Foodborne Illness (CCFI)

Names of Members Present: Laura Gieraltowski (Chair), Melanie Firestone (Vice Chair), Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Alexander Cheah, Jose Emilio Esteban, Neal Fredrickson, Tong-Jen Fu, Jack Guzewich, Xiang Li, Morgan Madison, Patrick Mies, Yoshinori Mizoguchi, Mehran Niazi, Ruth Petran, Brett Podoski, Carrie Rigdon, Mansour Samadpour, Manan Sharma, Katherine Swanson.

New Members Present:

Board/Staff Present: Manan Sharma.

Visitors:

Number of Attendees: 17.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:00am, Sunday, July 26, 2026.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Michael Batz.

Old Business: Laura welcomed everyone to the meeting. After a round of introductions, she moderated a short quiz on food safety and the history of CCFI. Everyone was reminded about the antitrust policy. Minutes from the 2025 meeting were approved. The Board Report was put up on the screen and was discussed. No student was present to provide an update; the committee discussed the desire for more student involvement. The committee discussed the Board's responses to the recommendations from last year, including sales and download data recently provided by Springer on the two manuals. We also requested a projector for this year's meeting, and we agreed this change in room format was preferable. The committee discussed CCFI-sponsored symposia and presentations at this year's meeting; only 5 of 15 were accepted, though this matches the overall conference rate of 33%.

New Business: The Committee welcomed Melanie Firestone as the new Vice Chair, following online nomination and acclamation. Melanie will take over as Chair at the 2028 meeting.

The committee discussed the manuals, starting with the data provided by Springer. Although the numbers are not astronomical, they do suggest that people continue to buy and use the book even though this edition is 15 years old and there are other online sources. There remains quite a bit of uncertainty around updating the manuals given the size of the lift and the number of freely available online options. Jack Guzewich raised concerns that parts of the WHO materials on outbreak investigations were taken from the CCFI manuals without approval or even attribution. The room agreed that this was a significant issue that warrants further investigation and action, if necessary. The discussion on manuals also included discussion of CIFOR manuals, the CDC Food Safety COE efforts in this space, and other online resources like those at IFPTI. Members of the committee agreed to investigate these resources to determine potential collaborations. Members once again raised the idea of making the manuals open access so they could be more accessible; this has been discussed many times before, but we cannot do this under the current contract with Springer. The only option to make the book open access is to include these kinds of changes in any new contract for a new edition of the book.

The conversation moved to development of sessions for the next annual meeting and the upcoming European meeting. This discussion was particularly vigorous, and the board will need to organize the discussion and identify people to lead some of these sessions. The committee agreed to schedule a virtual meeting in late August or early September to refine symposium and roundtable ideas.

The committee agreed on a goal of developing two webinars before IAFP 2027.

Numbered List of Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The committee recommends that the board approve Melanie Firestone as incoming Vice Chair.
2. The committee recommends that the CCFI meeting be moved to start at 8:30 so it is concurrent with other Sunday morning PDGs and committees.

Next Meeting Date: In-person: July 18, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned at (Time): 9:52am, July 27, 2026.

Chairperson Name: Laura Gieraltowski.