

Fruit and Vegetable Safety and Quality

Attendees: Govindaraj Dev Kumar (Chair), Adam Baker (Vice Chair), Precious Aduloju, Douglas Adjei Afrane, Leili Afsah-Hejri, Maryam Ajasa, Mohammad Alam, Adriana Alfaro, Ana Allende, Andrew Appiah Darkwah, Charles Bency Appolon, Samir Assar, Al Baroudi, Chad Becnel, Rebecca Bell, Gabriela Betancourt, Betsy Bihn, David Blomquist, Samantha Bolten, Smita Borkar, Kellie Burris, Kristin Butler, Michelle Carter, Chloe Castanon, Alex Castillo, Yuhuan Chen, Caroline Clark, Donna Clements, Kinsey Clishe, Mario Cobo, Nigel Cook, Vanessa Cranford, Kayla Crouch, Alexandre Da Silva, Michelle Danyluk, Angela Delk, Gayatri Dhulappana, Francisco Diez-Gonzalez, Diane Ducharme, Ashley Eisenbeiser, Ahmed El-Moghazy, Savana Everhart Nunn, Monijesu Fadamiro, Xuotong Fan, Christina Ferreira, Mark Florin, Tong-Jen Fu, Ellen Gabriel, Vikas Kumar Galipothu, Donna Garren, Charles Giambrone, Joseph Glavin, Juan Goncalves, Jose Guerrero, Sanjay Gummalla, Anushuya Guragain, Alan Gutierrez, Jack Guzewich, Rick Heiman, Evan Henke, Shauna Henley, Farnaz Izadi, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Tony Jin, Lynette Johnston, Ai Kataoka, Chyer Kim, Margaret Kirchner, Maria Klobongona, Larry Kohl, Jovana Kovacevic, Kento Koyama, Sarah Kozak-Weaver, Comfort Kwamikorkor, Sangmi Lee, Susan Leonard, Girvin Liggans, Paul Liu, Robert Lynch, Morgan Madison, Birata Mainali, Humberto Maldonado, Gary Maloncon, Justin McConaghy, Jennifer McEntire, Meredith Melendez, Courtney Mickiewicz, Marlee Mims, Karen Nájera Salcido, Mehran Niazi, Mmaduabuchi Okeh, Rocio Ortega, Monica Osorio-Barahona, Sipei Ouyang, Esther Palmer, Amy Parks, Jitu Patel, Akenio Patterson, Amanda Philyaw Perez, Suresh Pillai, Arenis Piñon, Alda Pires, Jenna Porter, Vasuki Ramakrishnan, Joanna Rothwell, Miriam Ruiz, Christopher Rupert, Arlette Shazer, Adrienne Shearer, Amy Siceloff, Jared Smith, Eric Stevens, Don Stoeckel, Stacy Stoltenberg, Laura Strawn, Lauryn Strong, Yuan Su, Sriya Sunil, Cassandra Suther, Irene Tchagou, Max Teplitski, Eric Tetteh, Janiah Thomas, Phillip Tocco, Francis Torko, Quang Tran, Grace Tung, Adriana Vanegas, Adebimpe Vaughan, Prem Sai Veeranki, Jeff Veesenmeyer, Gretchen Wall, Jason Wan, Rory Wang, Jason White, Jacqueline Woods, Jeffrey Xue, Caroline Yates, Kranti Yemmireddy, Christine Yu.

Number of Attendees: 138.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 26 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Precious Aduloju.

Old Business: Approved 2025 FVSQ PDG Meeting Minutes.

New Business: The PDG Vice Chair Adam Baker, introduced the new Student Liaison Officers (Precious Aduloju & Juan Gao). Precious Aduloju provided an update on student PDG activities and initiatives. The FVSQ PDG served as the primary sponsor of five symposia and a secondary sponsor of one roundtable at the 2026 IAFP Annual Meeting. A live poll was conducted to assess members' experience in food safety and quality, as well as their reasons for participating in the FVSQ PDG. Vice Chair Adam Baker called for nominations for an industry representative to serve as the next FVSQ PDG Vice Chair starting July 18, 2026.

Presentation updates were provided by Dr. Betsy Bihn on Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) activities, including PSA's objective of establishing a fellowship program in the Northeastern United States. Dr. Kristin Butler presented FDA Produce Safety updates, and Dr. Brooke Whitney provided an update on the CORE Network.

Following the presentations, members participated in a networking session and brainstormed ideas for symposia and roundtables for the 2027 IAFP Annual Meeting. A dot-voting exercise was conducted to identify the most preferred topics from each discussion group.

Recommendations: none.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 18th, Kansas City, MO.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Govindaraj Dev Kumar.