

## Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG

**New Members:** Sean Leighton, Aaron Uesugi, Angelica O'Shaughnessy, Ben Chapman, Betsy Booren, Brenda Stahl, Brita Ball, Chris Conway, Chrissy Leopold Wager, Dan Belinn, Deann Akins, Di Li, Dumitru Macarisin, Heidi Weinkauff, Hongshun Yang, Hyun-Gyun Yuk, Jason Richardson, Jie Wei, Joshua Gurtler, Kali Kniel, Lacey Guillen, Louise Lee, Manan Sharma, Manpreet Wingham, Matthew Taylor, Melissa Gwinn, Michelle Danyluk, Peter Slade, Renee Boyer, Roxanne VonTayson, Scott Burnett, Shannon Dugan, Staci De Geer, Stephen Grove, Steve Kenney, Tyler Berg, Wendy Maduff, Wendy White and Yousef Alsaadi.

**Board Present:** Stan Bailey and Katie Swanson.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 1, 2010.

**Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Matthew Taylor.

**Meeting Called to Order by Sean Leighton** (Coca-Cola Co.) and agenda passed around. Introduction provided for meeting and discussion surrounding PDG organization. Purpose of meeting discussed and vision for PDG outlined by Sean L.

Sean presented information on population pyramids and shifts towards younger generations in U.S. and potential impacts for IAFF members, discussed trend towards younger members (i.e., echo generation) and need for members to begin assuming leadership roles in IAFF and introduced possible mission statement and objectives of PDG.

**Mission Statement:** "To develop, connect, empower, and retain IAFF members who are in the early years of their food safety career."

**Objectives Statements:**

Bring together young professionals to improve and • strengthen networking opportunities.

Recognize the importance of the younger food • safety professionals to the sustainability of IAFF and the food industry.

Establish an environment in which developing food • safety experts can be recognized and leveraged.

Recognize experienced food safety experts who • have positively influenced developing scientists within the industry.

**Comments by Stan Bailey** (Executive Board): Support for concept of PDG and need for networking opportunities and for us to seek out networking.

**\*Comments by Katie Swanson** (Executive Board): Support for PDG and request for interested parties to volunteer to serve and nominate for committees.

\*Following S.B. and K.S. comments, further discussion on the mission statement. Motion to accept mission statement as is with potential to change later. Motion seconded (M. Danyluk) and voted. Motion passed.

The PDG Name was debated/discussed. The options for the names were:

Professional Leadership PDG•

Career Development PDG•

Leadership PDG•

Young Professionals PDG•

Future Leaders PDG•

Developing Leaders PDG•

Developing Food Professionals PDG•

New Professionals PDG•

Career Development for Young Food Professionals • PDG

PDG name voted: Developing Food Safety Professionals won by simple majority (12 votes vs. 11 votes for Young Professionals PDG).

**Chair and Vice-Chair Elections:** Chair-nominee: Sean Leighton. Vice-Chair nominees: Angelica O'Shaughnessy (bioMérieux USA) and Wendy White (Golden State Foods). Angelica O'Shaughnessy was elected (12—11) as Vice Chair.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Approve official PDG name: Developing Food Safety Professionals.
2. Approve Chair and Vice-Chair Elections of Sean Leighton as Chair and Angelica O'Shaughnessy as Vice Chair.

Sean opened floor for new business or concerns. None expressed. Sean adjourned meeting.

**Chairperson:** Sean Leighton.