Food Packaging PDG


Visitors/Guests: Joe Hotchkiss, Ronald Jech, Erwin Dela Frente, Katie Burns and Rhonda Kane.

Meeting Call to Order: 11:00 a.m., Sunday, August 1, 2010.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Tony Flood.
Welcome by Linda Leake. Self-introductions by all in attendance.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

1. Guest speaker Joseph Hotchkiss, Ph.D., Director of the School of Packaging at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (Presentation of 15–20 minutes, followed by 10–15 minutes available for questions for the speaker and/or discussion of this talk). Topic: “Overview of the hot topics in food packaging relative to food safety, quality, protection and defense.”

2. Guest speaker: Albert Elboudwarej, Ph.D., Manager of Packaging Development for the Product Design Group at The National Food Lab, Livermore, CA. (Presentation of 15—20 minutes, followed by 10–15 minutes available for questions for the speaker and/or discussion of this talk.) Topic: “Hot topics in chemical migration into food from packaging materials.”

3. Everyone in attendance concurred that we should move forward with recommending to the Board that a Food Packaging PDG be established.

4. Time did not permit after the formal presentations; therefore Linda Leake suggested that a vote for Chair and Co-chair could take place via E-mail soon after the IAFP Annual Meeting. Linda promised to correspond with everyone in attendance via E-mail about this issue after the Annual Meeting. Linda announced the deadline for proposals for programs for the 2011 Annual Meeting is October 18, 2010. We will correspond about this issue via E-mail and possible conference calls in the weeks ahead.

5. Any other new business.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. We recommend a Food Packaging PDG be established.

2. Approve Albert Elboudwarej as Chair and Linda Leake as Vice Chair.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 p.m.

Acting Chairperson: Linda Leake.