

Food Packaging PDG

Members Present: Linda Leake – Chairperson, Gordon Hayburn – New Vice Chairperson, Jean Anderson Barbara Blakistone, Kay Cooksey, Chuck Czuprynski, Dan Erickson, Tony Flood, Helen Taylor and Erdal Tuncan.

New Members: David Baker, Angela Richard, Michael Roberson and Paul Taylor.

Visitors/Guests: Ting Chen, Katie Clayton, Meghan Griffin, Gabriela Gonzalez, Kristie Grzywinski, Ning Ma and Michele Perna.

Board/Staff Member Present: Alejandro Mazzotta.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Gordon Hayburn.

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2013 by Linda Leake, Chairperson.

IAFP antitrust guidelines were reviewed.

All attendees were welcomed by Linda Leake and introductions were made by all in attendance. Linda thanked Albert Elboudwarej for his service as chairperson. Linda mentioned that Albert was not able to attend this year's meeting because of a recent family emergency. Linda reported that Albert asked that the PDG members keep his family in their prayers.

Old Business: The minutes of the 2012 annual meeting were reviewed by Linda Leake and approved by the membership as read.

Linda Leake reported that the Food Packaging PDG would be co-sponsoring the following symposium on Monday morning at this annual meeting: From Grapes to the Glass: Food Safety Issues that Affect Wine throughout the Production Chain (in collaboration with the Food Chemical Hazards and Food Allergy PDG) – Patrice Arbault, Evan Chaney and Linda Leake are the organizers/convenors.

On Tuesday Morning the Food Packaging PDG will be represented in the following roundtable: Bridging Gaps between Scientific Assessment of Risk and Public Perception – Panelists include Linda Leake as an invited representative of the Packaging PDG

New Business: The PDG unanimously elected Gordon Hayburn as the new vice chair. He ran unopposed.

Board liaison Alejandro Mazzotta updated the PDG on new information from the board. He offered his support and encouragement to the PDG for the coming year.

Linda Leake introduced guest speaker: Kristie Grzywinski, Technical Manager, Safe Quality Food Institute, Arlington, VA who gave a presentation on “Recent Updates to the SQF Code (specifically, the 7.1 Code update) and Alignment of the Packaging Module with the New, Proposed Packaging Criteria in the GFSI Guidelines”

The Group discussed packaging topics of interest that might lend themselves to symposia proposals for the 2014 annual meeting. Linda Leake promised to schedule a PDG conference call in early September to discuss symposia proposals that members have in progress.

Members also discussed additional possible activities for the coming year including webinars, webinar series, workshops, written materials, social media communications, etc.

Linda Leake mentioned she had recently reached out to all the Student PDG members via email, inviting them to attend this PDG meeting. She asked PDG members to encourage the students to get involved with our PDG.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Please approve Gordon Hayburn as the new vice chairperson.

Announcements

The deadline for proposals for symposia, roundtables and workshops the 2014 IAFP annual meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, August 3, 2014, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Linda Leake.