

Food Packaging PDG

Members Present: Linda Leake (Chair), Gordon Hayburn (Vice Chair), Gary Cohen, Kay Cooksey, Chuck Czuprynski and Larry Dworkin.

Board/Staff Members Present: Alejandro Mazzotta.

New Members: Turonda Crumpler, Margaret Duckson, Tony Jin, Mary Krogull, Abhijit Natu, Milad Navaei, Lee-Yan Sheen, Yan Song, Sarisa Suriyarak and Lily Yang.

Visitors/Guests: Brent Brehmer, Erdogan Ceylan, Liz Cohen, Roxanne Davis, Maria El-Haddad, Larry French, Andy Hwang, Alireza Mahdavi, Lisa Olsen, Vincent Paolillo, Gale Prince and Marianne Solomotis.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Gordon Hayburn, Vice Chair.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014, by Linda Leake, Chairperson.

IAFP antitrust guidelines were reviewed.

All attendees were welcomed by Linda Leake and introductions were made by all in attendance. In particular, attendees shared information on their professional interests in packaging.

Old Business:

The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were reviewed by Linda Leake and approved by the membership as read.

Linda Leake reported that the Packaging PDG would be sponsoring the following symposium at this Annual Meeting: A Physical Firewall: Packaging is the Ultimate Food Protection. Organized and Convened by Barb Blakistone and Kay Cooksey. Kay reported that one of the speakers had dropped out and that she would be deputizing.

New Business

Linda Leake introduced PDG member, Larry Dworkin, who gave a special presentation entitled "Food Safety for Packaging Materials should be based on Packaging Science."

Larry is the Director of IFS PAC Secure and Government Relations, PAC, The Packaging Consortium, Toronto, ON. Canada.

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 explained that she and Gordon Hayburn suggested that the PDG elect the new vice chair for 2015 through an on-line election next spring, to allow all PDG members to vote, not just the Annual Meeting attendees. There were no objections to this plan.

While Gordon Hayburn had been scheduled to attend the PDG Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting on Saturday afternoon as the representative from this PDG, he had issues with travel arrangements which prevented this.

The group discussed packaging topics of interest that might lend themselves to symposia, roundtables, workshops, etc. for the 2015 Annual Meeting. 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 E-mail, inviting them to attend this PDG meeting. She asked PDG members to encourage the students to get involved with our PDG.

Possible Symposia Ideas:

1. The Impact of New Regulations; FSMA, Safe Food for Canadians Act, etc. on Food Packaging.
2. Requirements for Recycling and Compostable Packaging Materials.
3. See addendum below for 3rd symposium idea.

Possible Workshop Ideas:

1. "Packaging 101" The Key Properties of Various Packing Materials, their Performance Criteria and Food Safety Risks.
2. GFSI Packaging Standards and Auditor Requirements.

Linda Leake will schedule a conference call, before the end of September, for the PDG members to further discuss these ideas and formalize the proposals.

Announcements

Our next PDG meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 25, 2015, at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland OR.

The deadline for proposals for symposia, roundtables and workshops the 2015 IAFP Annual Meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time.

Recommendations to the Board: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:55 p.m.

Chairperson: Linda Leake.

Addendum to the Meeting Minutes:

1. PDG Member Tony Flood, who was unable to attend the meeting, provided Linda Leake with a suggestion for a symposium: "Packaging Alternatives for the 21st Century: Food Packaging 2.0 from BPA to What?" This symposium would cover where we are today, micro challenges, consumer input, novel technologies for food packaging like nanotechnology and for banned substances what do we use as replacements in packaging.
2. Barb Blakistone was not able to attend the PDG meeting because she had to chair the Seafood PDG meeting at the same time as Packaging. After the PDG meetings she informed Linda Leake that she would be willing to work on the proposed Packaging 101 workshop as a team member.

Larry Keener joined the PDG on the final day of the Annual Meeting. He informed Linda Leake that he planned to send her an idea for a symposium after the Annual Meeting.