

Water Safety & Quality PDG

Members Present: Wendy Maduff (Chair), Dan Anderson, Michael Brodsky, Peter Kennedy, Kalmia Kniel, Sharan Lanini, Susan McKnight, Geoffrey Morell, Suresh Pillai, Kathleen Rajkowski, Jennifer Shields, Trevor Suslow, Lisbeth Truelstrup Hansen, Mike Villaneva and Dorothy Wrigley.

Board/Staff Members Present: Alejandro Mazzotta.

New Members: Siobhan Egan, Carlos Fuhr, Barbara Gerten, Gulu Gwesa, Fawzy Hashem, Heather Jordan, Rachel McEgan, Stephanie Nadya, Abhijit Natu, Milad Navaei, Salina Parveen, Pat Spaninger, Daniel Wing and Mejun Zhu.

Visitors/Guests: Kim Cook and Mabuhay Malonzo.

Meeting Called to Order: 10:04 a.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Siobhan Egan.

Old Business:

1. Review of antitrust guidelines and housekeeping items
2. Reviewed and accepted 2013 minutes

New Business:

Include recommendations on vice/chair

1. Asked for self-nominations for Vice Chair. Dorothy Wrigley and Suresh Pillai were the two volunteers; Suresh requested Dorothy fill the position. Dorothy gave a brief summary of her background and was voted into the position. The Revised Total Coliform Count Rule (RTCR) was discussed.
2. Alejandro spoke on behalf of the IAFP Board.
3. Webinar suggestions:
 - a. Water in the Food Safety Modernization Act.
 - b. RTCR.
 - c. The impact of fracking on water safety and quality and availability.
 - d. Impact of climate change on water quality and availability.
 - e. Overview of Safe Drinking Water Act and other Global Standards.
 - f. Source water protection.
4. Roundtable suggestions:
 - a. Where does water come from?
To include discussion about ground water, surface water, rain, one speaker to be a hydrogeologist to address tracing water systems.
 - b. Task force to find resources to speak at this roundtable: Suresh, Kathleen, and Lisbeth.
5. Discussed the value of Global Water Quality Standards – Jamie Bartram is working on collecting and collaborating with him to create a database of searchable standards. Many members agreed this would be valuable but questioned the maintenance and support of the site once posted. Wendy will follow up on the status this project and ask about the maintenance plan for the site. Requesting funding form the IAFP Foundation was debated and members thought offering a letter of support would be appropriate.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. International positions on public policy, food safety and regulations.
2. Posting a link to the ISO standards on the IAFP Web site.

Next Meeting Date: Pre-proposal deadline (October 14) conference call.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45 a.m.

Chairperson: Wendy Maduff.