

## Food Law PDG

**Names of Attendees:** Melanie Abley, Pamela Abney, S. Balamurugan, DeAnn Benesh, Sohini Bhatia, Meseret Birhane, Michelle Bogda, Betsy Booren, Robert Brackett, Annemarie Buchholz, Erin Burdette, James Byam, Cigdem Caban, Sarah Cahill, Jessica Collado, James Cook, Jack Cooper, Darlene Cowart, Alvin Crosby, Sally Crowley, Carl Custer, Andrew Do, Dorothy Dupree, Ashley Eisenbeiser, Kerri Gehring, Chao Gong, Margaret Good, Leon Gorris, Christie Gray, Sanjay Gummalla, Susan Hammons, Craig Henry, Sandra Hoffmann, Ingrid Huntley, Atef Idriss, Kari Irvin, Priyamvada Kadam, Kathy Knutson, Mark Kreul, Panos Lekkas, Cynthia Leonard, Glenda Lewis, Martha Limo, Simone Machado, Deon Mahoney, Joseph Meyer, Rosetta Newsome, Giselle Nunes, Hilda Nyati, James O'Donnell, Don Pagh, Mickey Parish, Evelyn Pereira, Brian Perry, Li Qian, Barbara Rasco, Beth Riffe, Oscar Santos, Katherine Satchwell, Renee Schwartz, Jenny Scott, Chuck Seaman, Sol Shaikh, William Shaw, Jr., Dana Sizing, Philip Steinbrunner, Gloria Swick-Brown, Lidia Valdes, Daniel Vassar, Xinyue Wang, Christina Wilson, and Peipei Zhang. **Number of Attendees:** 72.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 3:20 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2017.

Christie Gray, Chairperson, opened the meeting expressing gratitude to participants, showing the agenda, and inviting introductions via an alternative, ice breaker approach. Individuals introduced themselves to a person sitting next to them and shared what they enjoy about their work. This was followed by each person introducing the person sitting next to them and sharing the information conveyed in their conversations.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Rosetta (Rosie) Newsome, Vice Chair-elect, subject to Board approval, prepared the minutes of the meeting.

**Board Liaison Welcome, Comments:** Mickey Parish, Board Liaison, gave an official welcome from the Board to the group and made a few comments. The Board asks the PDGs to think about ways to enhance recognition, beyond the oral and poster competitions, for the IAFP student members. More than 400 students are in attendance of the 2017 IAFP meeting. Also, the Board encourages PDGs to consider topic ideas for webinars.

**Review of Antitrust Guidelines:** Christie Gray reviewed the Antitrust Guidelines, showing them visually and speaking to them verbally.

### Old Business:

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the 2016 meeting with correction of the meeting date typo to July 31, 2016.

The seven sessions on the 2017 IAFP annual meeting program that have connections to the Food Law PDG were noted. They are:

- S13 – Global Dairy Indicators (Coliform vs. *Enterobacteriaceae* vs. Other Indicators): Their Value, Regulatory Impact and Effect on Global Trade. DeAnn Benesh and Deon Mahoney.

- S01 – STEC Regulation: What is Needed in Global Food Trade? Patrice Arbault, Roger Cook and Ian Jensen.
- RT5 – What is IARC and CA Prop 65? What on Earth Do They Mean to Me and My Food Safety Program? Christie Gray, Anthony Flood, David Crownover.
- RT4 – Artisanal Food Processing and Food Safety. Carl Custer.
- RT13 – Variations on a Theme: The Basis and Consequences of Inconsistent *Listeria* spp. Standards in Global Regulation. Leon Gorris, Tim Jackson, Jane Van Doren.
- S69 – Empowering Food Laws in Emerging Economies. Atef Idriss, Emefa Monu.
- RT6 – Can Industry and Government Take Safe Food Handling and Preparation Risks Out of the Hands of the Consumer? Nicole Arnold, Lily Yang, Cameron Bardsley, and Stephanie Barnes.

Data were presented on proposal submission and acceptance rates for the 2017 program: 74 of 114 symposia proposals submitted were accepted; 14 of 33 roundtable session proposals submitted were accepted; 5 of 10 workshop proposals submitted were accepted.

### New Business:

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to make a recommendation to the Board that Rosie Newsome be approved as incoming Vice Chair.

Christie Gray commented that individuals may opt to join any PDGs of interest via an online mechanism.

Carl Custer mentioned suggestions for enhancing the meeting symposia development process. He suggested that those who are interested in symposia connect and communicate with others to develop them, and to do so early on well in advance of the October 3, 2017 deadline for the 2018 program.

Christie Gray invited topic ideas for future programming, and she mentioned development of a spreadsheet that is being used to enhance the program development process. Several topic ideas were shared, most of which generated some discussion. The topics ideas that were raised are:

- New food paradigms and challenges arising with new food laws.
- Recent changes in the regulatory field.
- Regulations beyond FDA and USDA pertinent to the food industry (e.g., beyond the familiar regulatory law of FDA and USDA/FSIS to other federal laws, and other U.S. laws such as those at the state level, and agricultural, civil, inheritance, and tax law) Bob Buchanan would be willing to help with a session.
- Food system globalization issues (e.g., origin of contaminants, how value chains emerge, increasing temperatures, food safety at point of origin of foods).
- International trade and *Salmonella*.
- Food safety, law, and information disclosure. This idea may be best suited to a roundtable format.

It was noted that some topics of potential interest were identified in 2016, and might be suitable for reconsideration, with strengthening. These include:

- Issues in food safety negligence
- How underdeveloped consumer food safety knowledge affects implementation of food laws in developing nations

- Considerations in evaluating certain dated rules for either updating or elimination, and unintended consequences of changes in regulatory actions or developments (e.g., the trichinae rule relating, pork cooking temperature and unintended consequences of cooking behavior, legal basis of D values)
- FSMA follow up (e.g., regarding the specific rules, challenges specific to some parts of the world, how they apply throughout the different parts of the industry). The suggestion was made to consider partnering with FDA for this.

A comment was offered that a number of these topics may be suitable for partnering with the International PDG to organize.

Christie Gray commented that there is a new web form that will be used to capture the topic ideas when the minutes are submitted. The new form will aid communication and collaboration among PDGs. The information needed for completing the form is: sponsoring PDG; contact name, email, and phone number; proposed session title, description, keywords, and type; and other relevant PDGs.

Christie Gray recommended that the PDG make an effort to organize one webinar for next year.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Recommend approval of Rosetta Newsome as Vice Chair of the Food Law PDG beginning at the IAFP 2017 Annual Meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 8, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

**Print Chairperson Name:** Christie Gray.