

Past Presidents' Committee

Members Present: Gary Acuff, Stan Bailey, Bob Brackett, Jeff Farber, Kathy Glass, Linda Harris, Alejandro Mazzotta, Gale Prince, Don Schaffner, and Jenny Scott.

Board/Staff Present: Mickey Parish and David Tharp.

Number of Attendees: 12.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:35 p.m., Saturday, July 7, 2018.

The 2017 Minutes were approved with a motion by Stan Bailey and a second by Gary Acuff.

Old Business:

Collaboration with NEHA: David Tharp reached out to the NEHA Executive Director to discuss possible collaborations. Advertising in NEHA publications is in the range which was considered too high to justify. The potential for formal application for CEUs was discussed. It is a lot of work to get this in place. Any attendee can individually have the program evaluated for CEUs. The IAFP staff does not get requests for CEUs so it is unclear if there is an actual demand that would justify the administrative burden.

All agreed that the lines of communication should remain open between IAFP and NEHA and David agreed. Jeff Farber volunteered to reach out to the Canadian Association of Public Health to insure they are aware of IAFP and the benefits of membership including awards. David Tharp indicated that he had reached out to AFDO regarding the Sanitarian Award and travel awards that had yielded a large number of applications this year – a strategy encouraged moving forward.

New Business:

Mickey Parish update:

- The Association is strong by all metrics.
- Membership is at 4,300 members with about 20% international.
- We have 54 Affiliates with the Chilean Corporation for Food Protection as the newest Affiliate. Sustaining membership is strong.
- Financials: General fund is at \$2.85M.
- Both journals are doing well.
- Everyone was encouraged to open and click on at least one article for the *IAFP Report*. Jeff Farber was thanked for his efforts in preparing the *IAFP Report* each month.

- International meetings have been very successful. The European meeting in Stockholm was our 14th and set a record attendance at 370. Next year's meeting is in Nantes, France from April 24–26. The 6th Latin American Symposium is in Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 25–27 and Mickey Parish and Alejandro Mazzotta will attend. We continue to participate in the Dubai International Food Safety Conference (October 29–30) and the China International Food Safety and Quality Conference November 7–8 in Shanghai.
- A discussion on the Black Pearl Award and uneven numbers of annual applications took place. It was acknowledged that it was a lot of work to pull together an application and that that might be a barrier to submission. It was noted that this is the 25th year of awarding the Black Pearl (2018 is 25 years). David Tharp noted that there is a brochure for the award that includes quotes from past awardees and additional information is online. Each year an executive summary of the awardee is published in *FPT*.
- We are on target to hit \$2M by 2020 for the Foundation.
- Fred Weber Challenge this Year: \$20,000.

Action: Mickey Parish approved as incoming Vice Chair.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. An article for *Food Protection Trends* should be developed that provides the history of the Black Pearl Award, the sponsor, some of the highlights of the companies who have received the award over the past 25 years, and information and tips on preparing a strong application. IAFP staff could facilitate the preparation of the article by providing the identified author additional materials on the Black Pearl Award as needed.
2. Approve Mickey Parish as incoming Vice Chair beginning in 2019.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: July 21–24, 2019, Louisville, KY.

Chairperson: Alejandro Mazzotta