

## **Food Packaging PDG**

**Names of Attendees** Kimberly Yeager (Chair), Tony Jin (Vice Chair), Nicholas Forshee (Outgoing Chair), Brian Himelbloom, Carolyn Trabert, Kathy Chan, S. Balamurugan, Xinhui Li, and K. H. (full name not provided).

**Staff Present:** Dina Siedenburt and Didi Loynachan.

**Number of Attendees:** 11.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 24, 2020.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Kimberly Yeager.

The Anti-trust Statement from the IAFP was read by Outgoing Chair Nick Forshee. There were no Committee or PDG Announcements shared at the meeting this year.

### **Old Business:**

Minutes from the last meeting (and all previous meetings) held on July 21, 2019 are available at <https://www.foodprotection.org/get-involved/professional-development-groups/food-packaging-pdg/>. No members objected to the acceptance of the meeting minutes from the meeting of July 21, 2019. IAFP Members were reminded that they can directly update their PDG affiliations online and that information would be in the minutes. *(Log into the IAFP Web site; on the Member Dashboard click Edit Profile, then the Professional Info tab. They can then select any PDG to add or delete.)*

This year's Annual Meeting will be IAFP 2020, A Virtual Annual Meeting, October 26–28, 2020. The Food Packaging related program items are: (i) Microbiomes and Plasticspheres – Effects of Plastic Pollution on Food Safety (Symposia), (ii) Novel Technologies for Extended Shelf Life (Symposia), and (iii) Plastics and the Environment: How Industry is Responding to the Need for Change (Round Table Discussion).

### **New Business:**

IAFP Connect Food Packaging PDG Community was mentioned again—and that IAFP Connect is the only means of communication among members of the PDG. The members were reminded that the group was given information last year by Kim about IAFP Connect and how to log in and access our community, and that this information would be shared again in the meeting minutes. (Link: <https://connect.foodprotection.org/home>; Food Packaging PDG Community: <https://connect.foodprotection.org/communities/community-home/digestviewer?communitykey=246716cf-70bf-459e-bd79-93aef8c33987&tab=digestviewer>) You must be logged into the IAFP website to access IAFP Connect.

For our annual PDG meeting, we welcomed Dr. Xinhui Li, Associate Professor of Microbiology at UW-La Crosse, who presented his work on development of antiviral edible films. This topic was considered to be particularly timely in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Interest in this topic and other potential antiviral topics for the 2021 meeting is obviously high this year.

New Symposium Topics Brainstorming and Development was the next item on the meeting agenda. The deadline for IAFP 2021 symposia, roundtable and workshop proposals is **November 10, 2020** (No late submissions will be accepted). Due to time constraints and to low attendance numbers, a second meeting will be held to discuss new symposium topics for 2021 and to organize subteams to develop the submissions for the committee. Kim Yeager will send out a meeting invite via IAFP Connect for that meeting shortly.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Recommend appointment of Kimberly Yeager as the new Chairperson of the Food Packaging PDG beginning at the 2020 meeting for a two-year term.
2. Recommend the appointment of Tony Jin as the new Vice Chairperson of the Food Packaging PDG for a two-year term beginning at the 2020 meeting, and to then serve as Chairperson as a two-year term immediately following.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 18–21, 2021, Phoenix, Arizona.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:52 p.m.

**Chairperson Name:** Kimberly Yeager.