

## **Past Presidents' Committee**

**Members Present:** Mickey Parish (Chair), Gary Acuff, Robert Brackett, Michael Brodsky, Jim Dickson, Jeff Farber, Kathleen Glass, Jack Guzewich, Linda Harris, Gale Prince, Don Schaffner, Jenny Scott, Katie Swanson, Isabel Walls, and Don Zink.

**Board/Staff Present:** Kali Kniel, Dina Siedenburg, and David Tharp.

**Regrets from:** Tim Jackson (Vice Chair), Mike Doyle, Bob Gravani, Alejandro Mazzotta, and Frank Yiannis.

**Number of Attendees:** 18.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 1:05 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Mickey Parish.

**2019 Minutes and Meeting Agenda:** Approved without revisions.

**Unfinished Business:** Black Pearl Article in *FPT* – Mickey reported that the activity to produce and publish an article in *FPT* regarding the Black Pearl Award history did not advance forward in the past year. He agreed to continue this effort with support from Linda Harris. Gale Prince and Katie Swanson volunteered to assist with edits.

**New Business:** David and Kali reported on the state of IAFP. The Board has been unusually active this year due to COVID-19 and the need to implement a virtual Annual Meeting. Details regarding these items were discussed.

Other issues brought up by committee members included IAFP staff health, staff ability to work from home if necessary due to COVID-19, types of future annual/other meetings (virtual, in person, hybrids), technology showcase for exhibitors, investigating foundation support for scholarships to attend virtual meetings.

### **Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends approval of Kali Kniel as the new Vice Chair-Elect.
2. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends the Board direct David to investigate necessary logistics required for staff to work from home if necessary due to COVID-19 restrictions.
3. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends the Board conduct contingency planning in case the 2021 Annual Meeting must also be conducted virtually.
4. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends the Board direct staff to survey exhibitors regarding a pilot program to develop a Technology Showcase to occur at a time other than the Annual Meeting.
5. The Past Presidents' Committee recommends the Board investigate asking the Foundation to support scholarships for attendance at IAFP virtual annual meetings, including those individuals who are not allowed pay registration fees to participate in virtual meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:57 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Chairperson:** Mickey Parish.