

## Food Law

**Attendees:** Rosetta Newsome (Chair), Eric Edmunds (Vice Chair-Elect), Ashley Eisenbeiser, DeAnn Benesh, Emily Forauer, James Cook, Justyce Jedlicka, Michelle Smith, Natalia Owens, Rachel Teoh, and Tatiana Lorca.

**Board/Staff Present:** Ruth Petran and Dina Siedenburg.<sup>1</sup>

**Number of Attendees:** 13.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 11:02 a.m., Eastern Time, Monday, June 21, 2021.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Emily Forauer.

**Old Business:** Attendees were welcomed to the meeting, and then introduced themselves.

The tentative agenda was reviewed and was approved with one slight change (i.e., a decision item was changed to an informational item). The Antitrust Guidelines were read.

Sept. 18, 2020 PDG Meeting Minutes: The minutes of this prior Food Law (FL) PDG meeting were reviewed, and it was noted that the minutes were posted in the PDG Community and published in the Jan./Feb. 2021 issue of *Food Protection Trends*. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as shown with no changes.

International Food Protection Issues PDG Collaboration Opportunity: DeAnn Benesh, Chair of the International Food Protection Issues (IFPI) PDG, updated attendees about the collaboration opportunity to prepare short documents summarizing the regulatory systems of individual countries, an idea originating with the IFPI PDG a couple of years ago.

She briefly shared the outcome of the short questionnaire that was sent to the IFPI and FL PDGs, which showed further interest in the project and identified several countries on which to focus the regulatory summaries. Moving forward this year, the IFPI and FL PDGs will team up to begin producing summary documents focused on 10 countries.

Timing will be established for collaborators, and reviewers will be sought. Final documents would be stored as a resource on the IAFP website, and possibly submitted to *Food Protection Trends*.

Sessions at the IAFP 2021 Annual Meeting with Food Law PDG Sponsorship: Sessions with the FL PDG as primary sponsor are: "FSMA Turns 10! Achievements, Compliance, and the Future of Food Safety" and "Cannabis and Your Supply Chain—How to Protect Yourself and Your Customers." Sessions with the PDG as secondary sponsor are: "Strengthening Food Safety Risk Management on the African Continent through International Collaboration," "Latest Developments in Food Safety Standards for Water Reuse in Food Production and Processing," and "Ever Thought of Being an Expert Witness?"

**New Business:** 2021/2022 PDG Leadership (Chair, Vice Chair, Vice Chair-Elect): The terms of the three positions for which candidates were identified were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve all three candidates for recommendation to the Executive Board as follows: Rosetta Newsome, Chairperson for an additional year; Melanie Neumann, Vice Chair; and Eric Edmunds, Vice Chair-Elect.

IAFP Update: Rosetta Newsome read Ruth Petran's IAFP Update from the notes provided prior to her departure from the meeting. The notes included encouragement to PDGs to continue to meet throughout the year independent of the meetings held in conjunction with the IAFP Annual Meeting, and for members to become involved in committees as well as webinar and Annual Meeting session proposals. Additionally, the notes mentioned that IAFP formed a Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council which has a charter and includes a vision, mission, and purpose within the organization.

IAFP Student PDG Informational Update: Emily Forauer updated attendees on the Student PDG's activities, including the virtual 3-Minute Thesis Competition and the merging of the Student PDG's mentor program with the IAFP's program to expand mentor/mentee offerings to a greater number of IAFP Members.

Ideas for 2022 IAFP Annual Meeting Symposia, Roundtables, Workshops: Discussion of possible session topics for the 2022 Annual Meeting included several ideas: Clarifying information on the legality around cannabis and hemp derivatives, revisiting cottage foods, food traceability and the traceability rule, as well as internationally focused topics such as those relating to equivalency programs and produce importation (e.g., addressing partnerships promoting food safety, harmonization of good agricultural practices, and systems recognition). These and other ideas could be pursued through the IAFP Connect PDG Communities.

Ideas for 2021/2022 Webinars: No specific ideas for webinars were mentioned. In considering possibilities in the future, subject matter could include topics that are seasonal or time-sensitive, best suited for the webinar format, or which may arise in conjunction with any developments throughout the year. A template for webinar proposals for review by the Webinar Committee is available on IAFP's website.

Opportunity to Gather in Phoenix: Space is reserved for Sun., July 18, in Phoenix to allow PDG members to network without a formal meeting environment.

Next IAFP Meeting Date: July 31–August 3, 2022. The proposal deadline is Oct. 5, 2021.

Legal Compliance Discussion: A few comments were shared and a brief discussion ensued.

Ideas for addressing the topic in the future were mentioned: schedule a future PDG meeting focused solely on this topic,

(2) have a webinar on the topic with a couple of speakers, or (3) have a series of webinars and address aspects particular to different regions.

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

1. The Food Law PDG recommends the Board approve Rosetta Newsome as Chair for one additional year, Melanie Neumann as Vice Chair, and Eric Edmunds as Vice Chair-Elect.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 31–August 3, 2022, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:15 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Chairperson:** Rosetta Newsome.