

Food Packaging PDG

Attendees: Kimberly Yeager (Chair), Tony Jin (Vice Chair), Dan Erikson, Gayle Prince, Stephanie Wilkins, Kay Cooksey, and Aquila Vasan.

Board/Staff Present: Emilio Esteban.

Number of Attendees: 8.

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Tony Jin, Vice Chair.

Old Business: Antitrust Statements from the IAFP were read by current Chair Kimberly Yeager. The Committee and PDG announcements from the IAFP Board were also shared at the meeting by current Chair Kimberly Yeager. Members had been emailed the minutes from the last meeting held on July 21, 2020 and Kim asked if anyone had any comments or corrections before the old minutes were accepted. No members objected to the acceptance of the meeting minutes from the meeting of July 21, 2020.

IAFP Connect Food Packaging PDG Community was discussed again—and that IAFP Connect is the preferred 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>).

Kim also reviewed how to opt in to receive email messages from the PDG and how to change your options as well.

New Business: Kim indicated that there were no Packaging PDG Symposia/Roundtables selected for 2021 IAFP Meeting that were sponsored by this PDG alone. At the upcoming 2021 meeting, the IAFP is sponsoring a Networking session for the PDG on July 18, 2021 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Mountain Time in Room 230. Kim and Tony are both attending the meeting virtually this year and are unable to act as hosts during the networking sessions and are asking for volunteers to act as host(s) of the networking session. Dr. Kay Cooksey offered to do so. Information about the types of topics and about each category are available on the IAFP website at the following links: Call for Symposia and Roundtables (<https://iafp.confex.com/iafp/2022/cfp.cgi>); Call for Workshops (<https://iafp.confex.com/iafp/2022/work/cfp.cgi>); Call for Abstracts (<https://iafp.confex.com/iafp/2022/abstracts/cfp.cgi>) Kim indicated that there were no Packaging PDG Symposia/Roundtables selected for 2021 IAFP Meeting that were sponsored by this PDG alone. In an effort to change that for 2022, The group was encouraged to participate fully in the symposium planning session. For 2022, all submissions are due by the deadline of October 5, 2021. No late proposals will be accepted. Ideas generated for the 2022 meeting are listed below: COVID Drivers of Food Package Safety (symposia). Proposal lead: Kay Cooksey; Active Package/Antimicrobial Packaging (roundtable). Proposal lead: Tony Jin and Kay Cooksey; Strategies for Determining NIAS for Food Packaging. Proposal Lead: TBD (Kay Cooksey is willing to help); Consumer Expectation, Safety, and Perception of Packaging (symposia). Proposal lead: Kimberly Yeager; Sustainability of Food Packaging (symposia). Proposal lead: Stephanie Wilkins.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 11:40 a.m. Eastern Time.

Chairperson: Kimberly Yeager, Ph.D.