

Food Law PDG

Attendees: Melanie Neumann (Chair), Eric Edmunds (Vice Chair), James Cook, Brian Perry, Cory Ortego, Joelle Williams, Rosie Newsome, Kate Meck, Eric Stevens, Brian Ramsaur, Lauren DiMenna, Leonard Ogomo, Wendy Bigala, Rose Omari, Jeffrey Read, Jack Cooper, Anthony Flood, Mario Leone, Tania Martinez, Leslie Hintz, Carl Katz, Vanessa Cranford, Daniel Sohler, Betsy Booren, Barbara Masters, Weifan Wu, Kaylee Farmer, Katherine Qu, Weilin Shelver, Alicia Ford, Gayatri Rajashekhar Dhulappanavar, Aaron Dudley, Tim Gillam, Tina Gettis, Jack Cooper, Susan Teegardin, Rosie Newsome, Jennifer Lott, Maryana Glavan, Joanna Griffiths, Xinhui Li, Lauren DiMenna, Jeannie Kim, Mario Leone, Jennifer Burke, Michelle Kotler, Bassam Annous, Shuopeng Yang, Xuotong Fan, Yifan Cheng, Deborah Hutchins, Frank Velez.

Number of Attendees: 52.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:05 p.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Eric Edmunds.

Old Business: The meeting was called to order and all attendees were welcomed to the meeting. All attendees then introduced themselves and provided information as to their interests relating to food law. The tentative agenda was reviewed and approved with no changes. The Antitrust Guidelines were read and discussed.

Minutes from last year's meeting were reviewed and approved. One clarification was made to the group to clarify that the IAFP Board does not approve the minutes in their entirety, but only reviews the recommendations to the board before approving those recommendations.

An update on the Regulatory Systems Summaries project was provided by Rosie Newsome. An example of the systems summary was provided and a general timeline was discussed. A request for additional volunteers to participate in the project was made with several PDG members showing interest. Discussion included ideas on how to best address these issues moving forward. An opportunity to do more comparative roundtables at future IAFP conferences

to discuss specific topics such as food defense and novel food regulations was discussed, particularly with reference to differences between the US and EU regulatory systems. A next phase of the project was discussed to begin breaking down the systems summary into more commodity/product specific comparisons. Additional resources and the need to have a person from the relevant jurisdictions review the information for accuracy were discussed.

Food Law PDG sponsored proposals for this IAFP conference were discussed showing which proposals were accepted or rejected.

New Business: An IAFP Board liaison update was not provided during the meeting as they were not available however updates were provided in writing after the meeting that included attendance numbers, reminders to submit PDG minutes, development and submission of symposia for 2023, and opportunities for webinars or webinar series throughout the year. There is also a reminder that next year's meeting will be in Toronto, Canada and that members should verify that they have current passports and that early application for a visa should be considered by members if needed.

Student PDG updates were provided, encouraging members to participate in both the 3-minute thesis competition and the opportunity to encourage student develop through the meet a scientist program through the student PDG.

Ideas for the 2023 IAFP Annual Meeting Symposia, Roundtables, and Workshops were discussed. Discussion and topics included: plastic food packaging and environmental considerations, green/sustainability claims and review of FTC green guides, food waste and how it applies to food safety, food systems governance, verification of food safety/food laws along the supply chain in relation to potential ongoing supply chain disruptions, updates on lawsuits and litigation in the food industry, remote inspections from a regulatory and GFSI perspective, the future of information sharing and confidentiality issues.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: July 16, 2023, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:58 p.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

Chairperson: Melanie Neumann.