

## **Food Defense PDG**

**Attendees:** Shahram Ajamian, April Bishop, Bob Brackett, Tracey David, Craig Edwards, Ellen Evans, Emily Feldpausch, Liane Ford, Elise Forward, Megan Francies, Tia Glave, Abdul Aziz Al Hajeri, Maria Hansell, Sanaz Hemati, Nasrin Honardar, Basel Al Jaber, Richard Jacobs, Ahmed Al Kaabi, Fumiko Kasuga, William Lachowsky, Karen Leacock, Loralyn Ledenbach, Zhiwei Li, Taylor Maloney, Yvonne Masters, Ryan Maus, Ann Marie McNamara, Mike McQuarie, Abigail Aba Mensah, Nadia Narine, Raghu Ramaswamy, Luz De-Regil, Amy Rhodes, Donna Schaffner, Mandel Smith, Ana Souza, Pauline Spagnoli, Jill Stuber, Tom Tansey, Lori Tansey, Susan Teegardin, Sheetal Thomas, Theresa Upshall, Lauren Waldman, Sharon White, Bridget Xie, Katie Zammit.

**Board/Staff Present:** Manpreet Singh.

**Total Number of Attendees:** 48.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, July 16, 2023.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Kristin M. Schill.

**Old Business:** Lori Ledenbach initiated a motion to approve the 2022 meeting minutes and Shahram Ajamian seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. Two sessions sponsored by the Food Defense PDG were accepted: one symposium S62 – U.S. Army Funded Research in Food Safety that will be presented on Wednesday, July 19 at 10:45 am – 12:15 pm Room 801A and RT13: Practical Approaches to Compliance with the Intentional Adulteration Rule, Benchmarks and Challenges.

**New Business:** Agenda for the July 2023 Meeting was approved (motion to approve by Lori Tansey and seconded by Tom Tansey). Manpreet Singh provided the updates from the Executive Board including that there is a new DEI video available for all IAFP Members to view, Webinars during the month of June were downloaded for 9,000 times, asked for a call for IAFP volunteers and suggested becoming a mentor/mentee program. The PDG Chair called for nominations of a new Vice-Chair, but no nominations were forthcoming. Abdullahi Idris Muhammad provided the student PDG Update. Colin Barthel provided an FDA update on the IA Rule and discussed the facilities that are and are not exempt from the IA Rule, the two-tiered inspection process which includes a Food Defense Plan Quick Check and a more in depth inspection that would include a team of FDA ORA inspectors specially trained for Food Defense. Next, Abdullahi Idris Muhammad presented on Food Defense concerns and strategies in Nigeria. Kristin Schill, the Vice-Chair then lead the brainstorming discussion on symposium/roundtable/webinar ideas for IAFP 2024 meeting.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:** None.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024, Long Beach, California.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Chairperson:** Neal Fredrickson.