

Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG

Attendees: Jill Stuber (Chair), Alison Cousins (Vice Chair), Alphajou Bah, III, Shahram Ajamian, Dosso Ali, Kitty Appels, Saif Arabi, Sakura Arai, Janice Ball, Bruna Bertoldi, Richelle Beverly, Micah Black, Kaicie Chasteen-Ko, Bhaswati Chowdhury, Sitara Cullinan, Bonny Dadji Stephane Serge, Prashant Dahal, Madhuparna Deb, Brenna DeRocili, Maria Diaz, Samantha Dicker, Shiva Dubey, Alejandro Echeverry, Natoavina Faliarizao, Jaber Ghorbani, Tia Glave, Brian Goodwyn, Ellen Gravi, Sam Hadden, Yosra Helmy, Shouhei Hirose, Cathleen Howick, Arpit Jain, Tahirah Johnson, YeonJin Jung, Harsimran Kaur Kapoor, Veeramani Karuppuchamy, Sushant Kaushal, Karuna Kharel, Arshpreet Kaur Khattrra, Unji Kim, Elma Kontor-Manu, Patrick Logan, Mark Loh, Gina Lorenzi, Kyle Lunsford, Aishwarya Nagesh Marathe, Luis Maroto-Martin, Karina Martino, Scott McKinney, Sarah Medley, Patrick Mies, Hansel Mina, Razieh Sadat Mirmahdi, Amit Morey, Cisse Moussa Moustapha, Laura Munoz Leyva, Shpresa Musa, Charles Muyanja, Taylor O'Bannon, Adeniyi Odugbemi, Amy Parks, Grishma Prabhukhot, Narindra Randriamiarintsoa, Marco Reina Antillon, Paula Rosowicz, Hilal Samut, John Saniga, Mari Schroeder, Katherine Sierra, Amarat (Amy) Simonne, Shyam Singh, Kaitlin Smith, Sarah Smith-Simpson, Mary Snow, Autumn Stoll, Gabriella Strocko, Cassandra Suther, Ross Travis, Chelsea Tyus, Adriana Vanegas Torres, Kasey Ward, Benjamin Warren, Tom Weaver, Pamela Wilger, Stephanie Windschitl, Michael Wood, Yikai Yang.

Number of Attendees: 87.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 14, 2024, 10:15 a.m. Pacific Time.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Veeramani Karuppuchamy, Student Liaison.

Old Business: Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m., as Jill Stuber welcomed everyone to the PDG. Jill recognized the outgoing Chair, Dr. Amit Morrey, and welcomed the incoming elected Vice Chair, Alison Cousins. Jill also welcomed the Student PDG Liaison, Veeramani Karuppuchamy, and appointed him to record minutes. The anti-trust guidelines were reviewed at 10:18 a.m. The previous year's meeting were approved at 10:30 a.m.

New Business: At the beginning of the meeting, the participants did an ice-breaker activity on finding commonalities with others and shared their findings. The Developing Food Safety Professionals PDG is sponsoring two roundtables and two symposia at the IAFP 2024. Pamela Wilger (Post Consumer Brands), Board representative provided some statistics about the IAFP 2024 (3300 attendees, 4557 members, visit exhibit floor, importance of PDGs to the success of IAFP, quality vs quantity for the proposals, possibility of webinars, sign-up for volunteer, download the IAFP 2024 app). The five panelists in food safety pitch slam 2024 (Kyle Lunsford [FlexXray], Stephanie Windschitl [corporate microbiologist – Lamb Weston], Tia Glave [leadership coach – Catalyst], Zonia Elizabeth Caro Carvajal [CODEX], Sarah Smith-Simpson [physical safety specialist – Nestle]) shared about the important aspects of their job functions for five minutes. Then the panelists answered the questions from audience. The PDG discussed about the submissions of proposals along with deadlines for the IAFP 2025. Possible ideations for IAFP 2025 were brainstormed at the end for approximately 20 minutes.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. To recognize Alison Cousins as the Vice Chair for the term of 2 years before continuing into the Chair role for 2 years.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 27, Cleveland, Ohio.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:46 a.m. Pacific Time.

Chairperson Name: Jill Stuber