

## Food Defense PDG

**Attendees:** Kristin Schill (Chair), Shahram Ajamian, Angela Anandappa, Fernando Avelleyra, Maryam Blythe, Cole Calbaugh, Jeanine Cerar, Darlene Cowart, Matthew Curtis, Michael Evangelista, Elise Forward, Neal Fredrickson, Dayane Gossner, Olivia Haley, Oluwatosin Ijabadeniyi, Richard Jacobs, Nicholas Johnson, William Lachowsky, Karen Leacock, Glenda Lewis, Paul Liu, Jackie Lyle, Ryan Maus, Amie Minor, Andrew Morin, Gale Prince, Paula Rosowicz, John Saniga, Marsha Sayre, Claire Schamp, Julie Simcox, Christopher Snabes, John Spink, Preethi Thiruvengadam, Phillip Thomas, Collin Timm, Nassifatou Tittikpina, Daniel Unruh, Daiki Utsunomiya, Michelle Vance, Lea Wachowich, Tom Weaver, Matthew White, Clare Winkel, Katie Zammit.

**Number of Attendees:** 44.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Sunday, July 14, 2024, 2:45 p.m. Pacific Time.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Mariana Paredes.

The meeting started at 2:45 pm with a motion (Neil), seconded (Katy Z), and approved by attendees. A few new PDG members were identified. Dr. Kristin Schill welcomed the members. She reviewed the Guidelines for Ethical Conduct and Antitrust. Dr. Schill shared general Board updates, which included the IAFP 2024 App, number of IAFP 2024 conference attendees (3,300) and the new Quiet Room for people who need it. In addition, she mentioned how to access the *IAFP Connect* and introduced the members of the Food Defense PDG including Chair (herself, Kristin Schill), incoming Vice Chair (Megan Francies) and Student Liaison (Mariana Paredes).

**Old business:** 2023 minutes were approved with a motion and a second motion approved by attendees. Dr. Schill mentioned that IAFP Webinars are now free for members, FDA update from Colin Barthel and proposal ideas from 2023.

**New business:** Student PDG 2024 updates were shared by the Student Liaison Mariana Paredes including “Meet Your Favorite Scientists”, the 3-Minutes Thesis competition (3MT) and proposal submissions. Dr. Schill mentioned that symposia/roundtables that were submitted for Current Annual Meeting were not accepted with an exceptionally high number of submissions resulting in <50% acceptance. Definition and rules of roundtables and symposia were shared. Review Process and Timeline will be October 1, 2025 as the proposal submission deadline. The PDG Proposal brainstorming session started with >15 participants sharing ideas.

### Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Add the definition of food defense for the ones that are new members and are not familiarized with the term.
2. Approve Megan Francies as incoming Vice Chair for 2025.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, July 27, 2025, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:44 p.m. Pacific Time.

**Chairperson Name:** Dr. Kristin Marie Schill