

## Food Law PDG

**Attendees:** Eric Edmunds (Chair), April Bishop (Vice Chair), Maryam Ajasa, Kitty Appels, Jyoti Aryal, Janice Ball, Bruna Bertoldi, David Blomquist, Jared Bock, Han Chen, Darlene Cowart, Betsy Craig, Gina Cullerton, Damarys Del Castillo, Maria Diaz, Mary Donaldson, Elizabeth Duffy, Natoavina Faliarizao, Elise Forward, Fanny Gozzi, Ben Graves, Sunee Himathongkham, Leslie Hintz, Taryn Horr, Atef Idriss, Oluwatosin Ijabadeniyi, Pete Kennedy, Elma Kontor-Manu, Vijay Krishna, Glenda Lewis, Briana Lorenzo, Mallika Mahida, Aishwarya Nagesh Marathe, Rachel McEgan, Jennifer McEntire, Rodrigo Mendoza, Shway Patel, Abbey Pollok, Jeffrey Read, Marco Reina Antillon, Jamie Richards, Briseida Rios, Lisa Robinson, Karina Rodriguez, Lilian Saad, Vicki-Lynne Scott, Girdhari Sharma, Deb Smith, Pauline Spagnoli, Aparna Tatavarthy, Rachel Teoh, Rozita Vaskoska, Victoria Wagoner, Shecoya White, Vanessa Whitmore, Amy Wise, Eiki Yamasaki, Lily Yang, Yuzhen Zhang.

**Number of Attendees:** 56.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Sunday, July 14, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Jyoti Aryal.

**Old Business:** The meeting commenced with a call to order, and a welcome was extended to all attendees. Each participant introduced themselves, sharing their areas of interest in relation to food. A change in the chair was noted, with Melaine stepping down as the outgoing chair. An election was held for the vice chair position, and April Bishop was appointed. Information on how to get involved with *IAFP Connect* was presented. The Antitrust Guidelines were read aloud and subsequently discussed. An update from the IAFP Board liaison was provided, including updates on webinars, the IAFP App, and the exhibit floor. Acknowledgments were made to the Cali affiliate. Updates on the *Journal of Food Protection* were given, emphasizing the release of their special issue. Updates on the IAFP SPDG included encouragement for attendees to join as invited scientists for the "Meet Your Fave Scientist" program, an invitation to volunteer as judges for the 3MT competition, and a request for attendees to submit proposals and consider the Student PDG as a session co-sponsor. The minutes from the previous meeting, held on July 16, 2023, were reviewed and a formal motion was made to approve them. Last year's recommendation to the Board to add the term "risk and" before "scientific issue" in the mission statement was discussed. This was to clarify whether the PDG discusses actual risks associated with laws or risks addressed by the laws. A motion to include food security in times of war conflict in the mission statement was made. The motion to make changes to the mission statement was carried out, and the new statement will be sent to members via *IAFP Connect* for a poll before being sent to the Board.

**New Business:** Food law PDG sessions at the Annual Meeting were discussed, with 252 proposals submitted and 97 accepted (38% acceptance rate). The proposal to hold more regular meetings and webinars apart from the annual meeting was made, suggesting the use of polls to decide whether meetings should be quarterly or more frequent. Ideas for the 2024 IAFP Annual Meeting symposia, roundtables, and workshops were discussed. Some of the discussion topics included Chapter 11 Allergen Draft Guidance considering sesame addition and warning letters (e.g., Bimbo Bakeries), novel/alternative proteins, GRAS, traceability, state initiatives to ban food additives, cottage food laws, freedom food laws, data sharing, comparing jurisdictions around the world (U.S. vs. global), comparing the contrast among international regulations focusing on pathogens of zero tolerance, and Chevron deference. Chevron deference was proposed as a priority topic for a webinar followed by a roundtable including professionals from government and industry.

### Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The mission statement of the Food Laws PDG was discussed, and a poll was decided to conduct final changes. The PDG is tabling the recommendation to change the mission statement pending discussions during the year, and will reconsider the recommendation for 2025.
2. Recommendation to appoint April Bishop as Vice Chair.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

**Chairperson:** Eric Edmunds