

Food Packaging PDG

Attendees: Tania Martinez (Chair), Adriana Alfaro, Rocio Barron, Gabriela Betancourt Barszcz, Daniela Chavez-Velado, LeAnn Chuboff, Betsy Craig, Matthew Curtis, Darrell Donahue, Mary Donaldson, Shiva Dubey, Natoavina Faliarizao, Xuetong Fan, Joanna Griffiths, Jeffrey Hall, Cathleen Howick, Patricia Jeanette Johnson, Nicholas Johnson, Karen Leacock, Raquel Medeiros, Sudarsan Mukhopadhyay, Krystalyn Nation, Kenneth Nieves, Katheryn Parraga, Karla Rodriguez Flores, Sarah Smith-Simpson, Jonathan Stokes, Daiki Utsunomiya, David Vargas, Evelyn Watts, Zane Xu.

Number of Attendees: 29.

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

Recording Secretary: Shiva Dubey.

Old Business: Approved the previous year's meeting minutes.

New Business: The speaker invited, Dr. Elizabeth S. Furukawa from the FDA spoke about FDA-regulated and different substance interactions with food material. Provided an overview of section 402 on direct and indirect food additives. An overview of food contact substance inventories also explained different regulatory mechanisms for Food contact substances. Explained about environmental, microbiology (antimicrobial agents). Introduced an electronic filing submission for new manufacturers and COSM submission compilation. Talked about the administrative process and prenotification consultation. The session on food packaging was explained, and attendees were thanked for signing up. Detailed reminders regarding the process were provided, with any queries directed to the IAFP staff. The possibility of organizing more webinars was discussed as an alternative to those topics that may not have been accepted for symposia or roundtables. Webinar planned for the year with Dr. Elizabeth. New symposium ideas suggested by attendees are on the global overview of packaging reduction or plant-based recycling material and the webinar on natural polymers in association with the American Chemical Society. Other potential subject matters were discussed and will be presented before October 1, 2024.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 2:20 p.m. Pacific Time.

Chairperson Name: Dr. Tania Martinez