

Past Presidents' Committee

Members Present: Katie Swanson, Bob Brackett, Stan Bailey, Gale Prince, Don Schaffner, Jeff Farber, Roger Cook, Ruth Petran, Tim Jackson, Vicki Lewandowski, Kathy Glass, Linda Harris, Michelle Danyluk, Isabel Walls.

Apologies: Alejandro Mazzotta, Mickey Parish, Bob Gravani, Kali Kniel.

Board/Staff Present: Lisa Garcia.

Number of Attendees: 15.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, 1:01 p.m. July 14, 2024.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Ruth Petran.

Approval of Minutes from the 2023 Meeting: Katie Swanson moved to approve the minutes as read and Stan Bailey seconded it. Motion passed.

Old Business: Reviewed 2023 recommendations to the Board and the Board's responses.

New Business: Executive Board Update for IAFP 2024 for PDG Chairs and Vice Chairs.

- For IAFP 2024, more than 3,300 attendees have registered to attend. And IAFP membership is at its highest level ever at 4,577 members.
 - Please visit the Exhibit floor and talk to the exhibitors. Please learn from them and share your needs with them.
 - PDGs are essential to the success of IAFP. Last year, the acceptance rate for submitted session was less than 50%. As you develop symposia and roundtable, please prioritize the quality and information rather quantity of session submitted from your PDG.
 - Please consider a Webinar as a deliverable for your PDG. Often, the numbers of views of a webinar exceed the typical numbers of attendees at a live session.
 - Free webinars were again offered in June in celebration of Food Safety Month, which led to 4,000 views of these IAFP webinars.
 - Want to be more involved and join a committee or sign up for a volunteer opportunity? Go to the IAFP website, foodprotection.org, and click on "Get Involved" and then select Committees or Volunteer Opportunities. Standing Committees of IAFP include Program Committee, Membership, *Journal of Food Protection* Management, and others.
 - Download the meeting App if you haven't already and please re-sync it when prompted to ensure everything is current. This will have the most current agenda and you can find fellow attendees on the App.
 - This year at IAFP there is a Welcome Committee booth to provide information to new and first-time attendees about IAFP 2024. There is also a Quiet Room next to Room 104A for those members who would like to utilize it.
 - We would like to thank the California Affiliate and the Local Arrangements Committee for their hard work in advance of this meeting!
 - Please note that IAFP sends out important information frequently. If you are not getting these, please check with an IAFP Staff member.
 - Past President's Dinner is expensive. We agreed to plan to partially cover next year, with each person covering their own alcoholic drinks. Moved by Katie, 2nd by Stan. Motion passed. Consider - Is there an option for sponsorship for this?
1. Executive Director Lisa Garcia Update:
 - a. Up to 3,400 attendees at this meeting. The membership pipeline is building with 600 student members.
 - b. Reality = Expenses are up a Lot!

- i. This year is the biggest food bill for IAFP to date = more than \$1M. We will come out even though, but it's not going to generate as much excess revenue for the balance of the year as has been raised in the past.
 - ii. Registration rates will have to go up. Stan recommended trending these up slowly over time.
 - iii. Need to explain to the membership about these financial realities.
- c. Dues are going up Sept 1.
- i. 94% of membership in high income countries, \$80 per person
 - ii. Low income countries rates – from \$10 to \$40 per person.
 - iii. Student and retiree rates are half these.
- d. Investments doing well.
- e. Will need to consider a new financial model going forward since the Annual Meeting is not generating as many funds as previously.
- f. Staff is happy and engaged.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 17, 2025, Cleveland, Ohio.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:40 p.m. Pacific Time.

Chairperson: Ruth Petran