

Physical Hazards and Foreign Material PDG

Attendees: Byron Chaves (Chair), Gale Beard (Vice Chair), Arlette Shazer, Kitty Appels, Anika Bansal, Jared Bock, Adam Bolain, Polly Courtney, Darlene Cowart, John Donaghy, David Flicek, Stephen Grove, Adrienne Hill, Amanda Jones, Kent Juliot, Kunihiro Kubota, Sumin li, Christopher Mains, Jacob Mitmoen, Linda Nadeem, Janet Rowat Kraiss, Paula Schwarz, Tom Sidebottom, Dara Smith, Sarah Smith-Simpson, Jennifer Turpin, Adwy van den Berg, Lea Wachowich, Lisa Wang, Patrick Wouters.

Number of Attendees: 29.

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

Minutes Recording Secretary: Gale Beard.

Old Business: Previous year's meeting minutes approved. Discussion of IAFP 2024 sessions to attend related to physical hazards and foreign material, including RT1 The Inclusion of Foreign Material Inspection and Foreign Material Forensics in Food Safety Programs and Management and S22 Food Packaging Should Protect, Not Hurt: Assessing and Mitigating Physical Hazards in Packaging Materials. Discussion of LinkedIn group reactivation and invitation to join.

New Business: Virtual meeting frequency was established quarterly similar to 2023-24. The discussion centered around prioritizing topics for webinars and how to turn the webinar content into more permanent records, such as a general interest paper in *Food Protection Trends*. The ranking of topics resulted in the following: 1) Hazard analysis and risk assessment, 2) Establishing foreign material specifications, 3) Regulatory aspects at a global scale; 4) Methods of detection, including root cause analysis. The consensus was to focus on metal and hard plastics first. The webinars, white papers, general interest papers, and any other output will be part of the PDG's toolkit that can be hosted on *IAFP Connect* or another platform. Multiple ideas for case studies were also floated around, including investigating customer complaints and recalls due to foreign material. The established deliverables are 1) Two webinars for 2024–2025; 2) Coordination with other PDG (HACCP; Audit and Inspection; Pet Food) for IAFP 2025 session proposals; and 3) Start invited sessions at the annual PDG meeting, one internal (Nestle Purina offered to get us started) and one external from another PDG.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 4:15 p.m. Pacific Time.

Chairperson Name: Byron Chaves