

## **Food Protection Trends Management Committee**

**Attendees:** Laura Strawn (Chair), Connie Fisk (Vice Chair), Frederick Adzitey, Ana Allende, Angela Anandappa, "Bala" Balamurugan, Teresa Bergholz, Ernest Bonah, Fred Breidt, Christine Bruhn, Zonia Elizabeth Caro-Carvajal, Jessica Chen, Cathy Cutter, Darin Detwiler, Doris D'Souza, Laurel Dunn, Yaohua Feng, Melanie Firestone, Julia Fukuba, Mark Gannon, Stephanie Gates, Dale Grinstead, Stephen Grove, Joshua Gurtler, Lauren Jackson, Armitra Jackson-Davis, Kent Juliot, Arshpreet Kaur Khattri, Kali Kniel, Jovana Kovacevic, Alvin Lee, Judy Luther, Chip Manuel, Yvonne Masters, Joseph Meyer, Kathleen O'Donnell, Hae Woong Park, Ruth Petran, Sarita Raengpradub, Jason Scheffler, Panos Skandamis, John Spink, Preethi Thiruvengadam, Purnendu Vasavada, Daniel Weller, Ian Young.

**Board/Staff Present:** Manan Sharma, Manpreet Singh, Tamara Ford.

**Number of Attendees:** 48.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Sunday, July 14, 2024, 1:03 p.m. Pacific Time.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Connie Fisk.

**Introductions** – past, present and new members. Manpreet Singh provided an update from the IAFP Executive Board. Tamara Ford provided an updated from the IAFP Staff. Cathy Cutter provided an updated on *FPT* as the Editor on publication article metrics. Jovana moved for approval of minutes; Dan seconded. There was no discussion, and there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as distributed. Dan moved to approve agenda; Angela seconded. There was no discussion, and there was a unanimous vote to approve agenda as distributed.

The committee reviewed the 2023 Board Responses. Everyone was thrilled that articles are open access after 6 months now, and several other changes like DOIs. Next year (2025) we will need to elect a Vice Chair ~ if interested in being nominated, please reach out to Laura, Connie, Cathy or anyone on the IAFP staff to chat more about responsibilities– it is a very fun job.

Celebrated the exceptional reviewer award: Angela Fraser, Clemson University (Kudos), also thank you to all the *FPT* reviewers.

**Old Business:** Continued the conversation from our June 2024 meeting which discussed Judy Luther's report on *FPT* evolution. Topics discussed ranged from: providing summary highlights from the most attended sessions (maybe engage students, what would this look like for them), IAFP sessions to general interest publications (spearheaded by sponsoring PDG and *FPT* members), request fees for product placement ads in *FPT*, move presidents/exec columns to video or other forum, *FPT* articles with video promos, interviews with authors, or short audio or video content that can be clicked on to engage more article views, popular *FPT* articles to webinars to highlight content, and author Q&A, and more about accessibility of *FPT* (less clicks, ease of access to articles, etc.). Other conversations occurred around further engagement with students and other PDGs for *FPT* content from annual meeting.

**New Business:** Continued digestion of Judy Luther's report. Could winners of the technical session awards be invited to write something short for the potential special issue or students from the 3-minute thesis competition? This could also be a mentorship opportunity for students.

Generation of a webinar for all IAFP Members to learn about the findings from our interviews and discussions with IAFP Members from the Judy Luther Report. Laura, Cathy and Judy to work on this effort for upcoming year.

### **Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. We recommend that the Executive Board allow *FPT* to have a special issue on the IAFP Annual Meeting which would consist of *FPT* being able to develop a set of instructions or call for articles from the IAFP

symposia, roundtables, technical talks, posters, etc. from members/PDGs (call target fall 2024; target issue spring 2025). All approved, Cathy abstained.

2. We recommend that the Executive Board provide input on how to proceed with the industry products section of *FPT*, specifically, can *FPT* charge for these product placements/advertisements/promos? All approved, Cathy abstained.
3. We recommend that the Executive Board remove the President's and Executive Director's columns from *FPT*. Instead use any preferred format chosen by the President and Executive Director to provide their IAFP updates, announcements and activity happenings to the membership. This will allow real-time updates. All approved, Cathy abstained.
4. We recommend that the Executive Board allow *FPT* to use and support multi-media options (such as videos) to promote *FPT* articles. Maybe a trial period. All approved, Cathy abstained.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:22 p.m. Pacific Time.

**Chairperson Name:** Laura K. Strawn