

Animal and Pet Food Safety PDG

Names of Attendees: Michele Sayles (Chairperson), Deepa Thiagarajan (Vice Chairperson), Adrienne Shearer, Aldo Xoxocotla Sánchez, Alex Brandt, Amanda Jones, Anru Shen, Ann Charles Vegdahl, Anna Carlson, Ariel Buehler, Aryany Peña Gomez, Brent Wallen, Brian Schaneberg, Celina To, Chad Becnel, Chuck Bird, Chyer Kim, Cole Vaughan, David Luedeke, Derek Richey, Elise Forward, Elliot Corless, Fanny Gozzi, Festus Tawose, Florence Postollec, Halle Greenbaum, Janet Rowat Kraiss, Jasmine Kataria, Jeffery Kornacki, Jena Roberts, Jon Hammond, Maggie Miller, Mario Cobo, Mary-Grace Danao, Maryan Serour, Michael Barnett, Neha Shantanu Wavare, Neil Bogart, Pam Wilger, Paula Schwarz, Peg Coleman, Prashant Dahal, Quincy Lissaur, Rachel Anderson, Romy Yu, Scott Sayles, Subash Shrestha, Suhan Bheemaiah Balyatanda, Suresh Pillai, Tiffany LaLonde, Tyler Mattson, Vanessa Whitmore, Youngmin Park.

Total Number of Attendees: 56.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 27, 2025, 1:07 P.M.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Halle Greenbaum.

Old Business: First order of old business was to approve the previous year's meeting minutes. Pamela Wilger and Peg Coleman make the motion to approve. Executive Board announcements were given by Pamela Wilger.

New Business: 6 out of 8 submissions in the previous were accepted for this year's meeting (S3, S27, S32, S36, S63, and RT 15). RT 25 and S11 were also mentioned as worthwhile to attend. Initial submissions deadlines for future proposal were discussed. Dr. Michelle Sayles gave updates on the Pet Food Alliance and Pet Food Institute. Foreign material mycotoxins, and long-time pathogen confirmation were recognized as issues in the industry from attendees in the room.

Deepa Thiagarajan presented on regulatory updates on behalf of CDM, including the PURR Act, AFIC guidance, and traceability requirements. Paula Schwarz with Flex-ray presented on foreign material challenges. Chuck Bird from Neogen presented on mycotoxin testing and calibration. Topics for future symposia and roundtables for 2026 were brainstormed and dates for upcoming virtual meetings to solidify these were discussed, about a month out from today.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The approval to appoint Dr. Deepa Thiagarajan as Vice Chair of the PDG.
2. Initiation of an AI focused PDG.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026, New Orleans, LA.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:27 P.M.

Chairperson Name: Dr. Michele Sayles.