

Data Management and Analysis PDG

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 27, 2025, 3:02 P.M.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Carrie Rigdon.

Old Business: 2024 DMA PDG meeting minutes were approved without edits or additions.

New Business: Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and encouraged to fill out a brainstorming card with their ideas for the 2026 IAFP to facilitate discussion. Executive Board, *JFP* Editors, and Student PDG announcements were made. Luke Qian of Cornell University announced a new student competition to develop AI models; details will be posted on *IAFP Connect* soon. The current DMA PDG mission statement, “To provide a multidisciplinary forum for advancing the application of data management and analytics in food safety and quality,” was discussed. PDG founders were in attendance to provide historical context for the mission, scope and title. Suggestions to expand the title, such as including data capture, were not approved as they would make the title too long and cumbersome; “management” was believed to encompass the broader range of data aspects. PDG leadership proposed creating standardized requirements for DMA PDG sponsorship in response to rejecting several requests for sponsorship last year because the proposals fell outside the PDG scope. These requirements could include justification for the proposal being in-scope for the PDG and being new or novel. The utility of standardized requirements across all PDGs was discussed. PDG leadership proposed setting them for the DMA and tracking their effectiveness, as well as making the recommendation to the Executive Board. Attendees with proposals for webinars and 2026 sessions presented a summary of their ideas to the group. All attendees then broke into working sessions to expand on those ideas, and there were brief report-outs before adjournment.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Recognize Matthew Stasiewicz as Chair.
1. Approve Gustavo Reyes as Vice Chair.
2. Approve Carrie Rigdon as Secretary.
3. Ask the Program Committee to adopt uniform criteria for PDG sponsorship. To facilitate this, the DMA PDG will draft criteria for its own sponsorship of proposals for the 2026 IAFP Annual Meeting, apply those criteria to 2026 submissions, and provide a report to the board with recommendations.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 4:29 P.M.

Chairperson Name: Matthew Stasiewicz.