

Food Safety Education PDG

Names of attendees: Ellen Shumaker (Chairperson), Betty Yaohua Feng (Vice Chairperson), Aaron Lavallee, Aldo Xoxocotla Sánchez, Alicyn Dickman, Allison Howell, Ann Charles Vegdahl, Anna Schumann, Arenis Piñón, Austin Cary, Aytan Pirverdiyeva, Brittany Saunier, Christina Allingham, Clint Stevenson, Courtney Crist, Dina Scott, Elma Kontor-Manu, Eric Moore, Fanny Gozzi, Han Chen, H. Lester Schonberger, James Beix, Jennifer Quinlan, Jessica Roman, Joel Riemer, Julian Cox, Kailyn Hanke, Kris Sollid, Kristen Hunt, Laurie Post, Lisa Peterson, Lorena Correia, Luann Schafer, Martin Duplessis, Mary Morris-Donaldson, Maureen Hanley, Melanie Rank, Michael Ciaramella, Nadia Narine, Natalie Seymour, Nicole Arnold, Pratiksha Kotkar, Pratiksha Shrestha, Rocio Ortega, Ryan Maus, Sam Hadden, Savana Everhart Nunn, Shams Adigozalzade, Suyapa Rojas, Tony Flood, Vanessa Coffman, Wendy White, Yvonne Masters.

Number of Attendees: 52.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 27, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Suyapa Fabiola Rojas Oropel.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. and began with a welcome from Dr. Ellen Shumaker, Chair of the Food Safety Education PDG, and introductions from all attendees. Wendy White shared IAFP Executive Board announcements, and Dr. Shumaker reminded attendees of the Antitrust Guidelines and Ethical Guidelines.

Old Business: 2024 PDG meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made, seconded and accepted by attendees.

New Business: Dr. Shumaker reviewed IAFP symposia and workshops proposals for the 2025 IAFP Annual Meeting. Journal acceptance rates from 2023–2025 were presented, highlighting an increase in acceptance from 30% to 41% for the FS Education PDG from 2024 to 2025.

JFP's call for invited review papers were also shared, seeking manuscripts on a variety of food safety-related topics and providing a great opportunity. Interested individuals can reach out to the journal and send a summary, authors' information, and a timeline for submission. STOP Foodborne Illness, the Partnership for Food Safety Education, and the International Food Information Council provided updates on current work and initiatives. Following that, the meeting proceeded with four breakout groups discussing a) Emerging technologies for FS education, b) New collaborations/partnerships, c) New research in FS education for consumers, and d) New research in FS education at retail. The goal of these sessions was to share current work, brainstorm collaboration opportunities, and to generate ideas for webinars and IAFP 2026 sessions. Each group shared their major highlights to the entire group.

Virtual meeting to be scheduled in August 2025.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Could the communications, outreach, and education sessions switch up and not be in the final slot of IAFP (Wednesday afternoon session).
2. Recommend Approval of Betty Yaohua Feng as Vice Chair of the PDG.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 A.M.

Chairperson Name: Dr. Ellen Shumaker.