

Past Presidents Committee

Names of Members Present: Alejandro Mazzotta, Don Schaffner, Gale Prince, Gary Acuff, Isabel Walls, Jenny Scott, Katherine Swanson, Kathleen Glass, Linda Harris, Michelle Danyluk, Robert Brackett, Ruth Petran, Tim Jackson, Vickie Lewandowski.

New Members Present: None.

Regrets: Jack Guzewich, Mickey Parish, Frank Yiannas, Jeff Farber, Stan Bailey, Don Zink, Bob Gravani.

Board/Staff Present: Lisa Garcia.

Number of Attendees: 15.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday July 27, 2025, 1:04 P.M.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Michelle Danyluk.

Approval of minutes from the 2024 meeting: Don Schaffner moved to approve the minutes of the 2024 Past Presidents Committee Meeting as read. The motion was seconded by Isabelle Walls. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The updates from the IAFP Executive board were reviewed. Time was spent discussing: meeting attendance, the tiered Membership fee structure, encouraging IAFP

Membership, the new podcast, AI generated closed captioning, exhibitors, and webinar attendance.

Lisa Garcia provided an update on IAFP. Topics discussed included: the new IAFP podcast IAFP is working no with Trilex, targeting less than an hour and one to two per month initially, and to build for there; attendance at the annual meeting is down, especially from international and government individuals, general Membership is also down, especially as many renew Membership linked to the annual meeting registration, all past presidents are asked to help spread the word as we speak to various audiences; the European Symposium is moving to an every other year format, with the support of European Members, in the opposite year as Food Micro, IAFP will work with Food Micro to have a session scheduled at their meetings to include visibility there; impacts to DEI activities have been limited to date.

The publication of not peer-reviewed papers was discussed at length. The discussion resulted in the recommendations below. A motion to accept the recommendations was provided by Don Schaffner, and seconded by Katie Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The Past Presidents Committee recommends that *JFP* will publish only peer reviewed papers. We request a list of all papers that have been published without peer review in the past 10 years. The current instructions to authors state that all submissions will be sent for peer review; nothing exists in our review of the instructions to authors that is indicative that anything is published without peer review.

2. The Past Presidents Committee recommend that papers previously published in *JFP* without peer review be identified as not peer reviewed in all published formats. Should authors wish that a paper previously published without peer reviewed article be peer reviewed, that the peer review occurs on those papers.
3. The Past Presidents committee recommend that all articles published in *Food Protection Trends* with a DOI be clearly identified as peer reviewed or not.
4. The Past Presidents Committee recommend the board investigate the formal agreements that exist between IAFP, the journal editors, and/or publishers.
5. The Past Presidents Committee recommend that IAFP develop a records retention policy.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15 P.M.

Chairperson Name: Michelle Danyluk.