

Water Safety and Quality PDG

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, July 27, 2025, 10:31 A.M.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Alyssa Rosenbaum.

Old Business: 2024 PDG Meeting Notes Approval, July 27, 2025, 11:18 A.M. ET – First, Betsy Bihn; Second, Phyllis Posy.

New Business: Board updates – Wendy White: Highlights include deadline for proposal submission on September 30, 2025, with submission options to 2026 Annual Meeting, 2026 Latino Symposium, and 2027 European Symposium. Proposal acceptance rate was 36% (97/231) in the 2025 submission cycle. Student flash talks – Kevin Tarwa, Brenna DeRocili, and Alyssa Rosenbaum.

Submitted eight symposiums/roundtables for 2025, with five accepted (62.5%). One webinar sponsored by the PDG on crop and field flooding over the past year. Student PDG updates provided.

JFP invited review – 58 hot topics, with many related to water. Topics will be emailed out and Water PDG can collaborate with interested individuals across the IAFP Membership or other colleagues.

Open discussion on scope of the water PDG – impetus to maintain a broad scope of topic area while recognizing and responding to current level of interest in produce and agricultural water. Members highlighted opportunities to collaborate with other PDGs to broaden topics. Topic areas beyond agricultural water include certifications, PFAS, monitoring contaminants in source

water for various uses, water recycle and reuse, soil and water interface, antimicrobial resistance. Chairs and participants also noted that the interest in agricultural water has been a positive, meeting the needs of the IAFP Membership as indicated by the PDG above-average acceptance rate.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. We ask the board to extend the proposal submission deadline beyond September 30, 2025.
Since the 2025 meeting was later in July, this adjustment will allow Members sufficient time following the annual meeting to develop and submit thoughtful, well-formulated proposals.
2. We request that the Board provide access to, or clear instructions on how to access, data within the IAFP portal that allows Members to view and track the number of views for webinars they have organized, moderated, or presented.
3. We recommend exploring strategies to streamline the delivery of Board updates in a way that preserves the value of the information while minimizing the time taken from PDG meeting agendas.
4. We recommend the approval of Don Stoeckel for Vice Chair of the PDG.

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

Meeting Adjourned: July 27, 2025, 12:05 P.M.

Chairperson Name: Claire Murphy.