

Food Law PDG

Members Present: Jenny Scott (Chair), John Allen, DeAnn Benesh, Zeb Blanton, Jr., Scott Crerar, Ginny Edleman, Kathleen Glass, James Gorny, Anna Lammerding, Yale Lary, Jr., Susan Linn, Deon Mahoney, Mickey Parish, Thomas Schwarz, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Jolyda Swaim, Gloria Swick-Brown, Christina Wilson and Kathleen Wybourn.

Board/Staff Member Present: Katie Swanson.

New Members: Shaun Kennedy, Nicole Henderson, James Cook and Ted Labuza.

Visitors/Guests: Bill Marler, Courtney Parker, David Luedeke, Faye Feldstein, Gwenda Jarrett, Steve Thome, Kathleen Vail, Aaron Pleitner, Partick Ward and Gwenda Jarrett.

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: DeAnn Benesh.

Update from Executive Board: Katie Swanson:

- Record attendance at IAFP this year.
- Would like *Food Protection Trends* articles, especially on FSMA from this PDG.
- Symposia ideas should be included in PDG meeting minutes, so the program committee can gather and share between PDGs to find synergies.
- Put Board *recommendations* in PDG minutes – only things the board would need to act on, such as projects that require resources/funds – vs. suggestions for programs.
- At the PDG Chair/Vice Chair breakfast – not all PDGs will provide updates, only a select few who have accomplished some unique/significant activities this year.

The meeting began with a presentation from guest speaker, Bill Marler, on the topic: “FSMA – Where Do We Go from Here?”

Old Business:

- Motion to approve 1 Aug. 10 Meeting minutes – Jody Swaim; seconded by Mickey Parish.
- IAFP Board response to 2010 recommendations:
 1. PDG submissions: Include name of PDGs on symposium submissions – accepted (although they are still not represented within the meeting program).
 2. PDG Chair notification: Auto-notification to PDG chair when symposia are submitted by PDG – rejected (deemed to be too time consuming).
 3. Rejected symposia: inform PDG chair and provide rationale for rejection – Board relies on symposia organizers to inform PDG, but agreed that reject-ion rationale should be provided.
- Review of last year’s activities:
 1. Vice Chair election – completed.
 2. Webinar: conducted mid-year on the outcome of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).
- Update on white paper for *Food Protection Trends (FPT)*: Criteria and Tools for Comparing National Food Safety Systems. White paper was outlined and resources collected, but writing put on hold until Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) document on this issue is completed – will pick up again in October post the CCFICS meeting.

New Business:

White Paper Suggestions:

1. As we wait for ruling to be made; prepare white papers that would help describe FSMA to the *FPT* audience, by following the title sections of the law to write separate articles (preventive controls, foreign supplier/imports, etc.) Subcommittee to define specific topics: Caroline Smith DeWaal, Jody Swaim, John Allan and DeAnn Benesh.
2. Use Caroline's presentation at the Food Law 2011 PDG Symposium "100 Years of Food Law" as a template to create a paper for *FPT* on FSMA.

2012 IAFP Symposia Suggestions:

1. **Domestic and Import Sections of FSMA**, focus on the legal and practical implications – since these portions of FSMA should have outputs circulating for comment by June of 2012. Work with the Food Defense PDG to create. Could break into two submission: U.S. domestic and International. Caroline Smith DeWaal and Shaun Kennedy.
2. **Role of FDA, USDA, Customs, and International Export Agencies, etc.** in food import safety.
3. **Re-work the Comparing National Food Safety Tools Symposium** submitted in 2009 and work in with International PDG symposia suggestions to submit.
4. **Risks: Deliberate vs. Calculated:** How companies assess and address risks in their product production processes, and how some risks are passed down-stream. Speakers could be in-house counsel and defense attorneys. Organizers: Christina Wilson and Gloria Swick-Brown.

Webinar Topic Suggestions: FSMA Updates:

- FDA Rules – as they emerge during the coming year. Perhaps organize a webinar on the Produce rule by year-end; Preventive Controls early 2012.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Approve: DeAnn Benesh as PDG Vice Chair of PDG.
2. Improve PDG meeting overlaps: assess the overlap of PDG meetings based on membership lists and adjust PDG meeting schedules to accommodate the larger PDGs, so members can maximize their PDG participation at meetings.
3. For consideration: Where do consumer groups, lawyers, WHO, FAO members have their voice represented in the current structure of the three categories [Industry, Education, Government] represented in governance within IAFP.

Next Meeting Date: July 22, 2012, Providence, Rhode Island.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:50 a.m.

Chairperson: Jenny Scott.