

Food Packaging PDG

Members Present: Albert Elboudwarej, Linda Leake, Andy Benson, Gordon Hayburn and Peter Slade.

Board/Staff Members Present: Isabel Walls.

New Members: Barbara Blakistone, Gary Cohen, Chuck Czuprynski, Ginny Edleman, Senya Finney, Rajko Platisa, Yoonseok Song and Helen Taylor.

Visitors/Guests: None.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:10 a.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Linda Leake.

Those in attendance were welcomed by Albert Elboudwarej. Everyone was asked to provide their contact information on a sheet that was passed around.

Albert Elboudwarej reviewed the packaging failures webinar that was held in June and included 23 registered participants. He also summarized the BPA symposium scheduled on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

Everyone in attendance then introduced themselves and shared their interests in and affiliations with packaging.

Board Liaison Isabel Walls shared several announcements from the IAFP Board of Directors. PDG meeting minutes are due at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2011. There is a new format for presenting PDG activities during the Chairpersons/Vice Chairpersons breakfast. This year the Chairs of five specific PDGs will be sharing the activities of their PDGs throughout the year since the 2010 PDG meetings. Dr. Walls also encouraged the PDG to include a synopsis of possible symposium proposal ideas on this year's minutes.

Gordon Hayburn thanked Albert Elboudwarej and Linda Leake for their efforts to launch the Packaging PDG and for providing a global forum for communication of topics and issues relative to food packaging. Members discussed the problem of post harvest losses of food associated with packaging limitations and failures. The importance of risk communications relative to resolving packaging issues was also discussed.

Albert Elboudwarej shared a PowerPoint presentation and talk entitled "Incorporating Sustainability, a Business Growth Model." Following the presentation, a group discussion of packaging sustainability ensued.

Old Business: The minutes of the organization meeting for the Food Packaging PDG were reviewed by Linda Leake. The minutes were approved by those in attendance.

New Business:

The possibility of having one or more speakers from the BPA symposium to be featured at a webinar, or having their presentations posted on the IAFP Web site, was discussed.

Linda Leake announced the deadline for proposals for programs for the 2011 Annual Meeting is Monday, October 17, 2011.

There was no other new business.

There was no discussion of possibilities for symposia and workshops for the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: July 22, 2011, Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, Rhode Island.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson: Albert Elboudwarej.