

## ***Journal of Food Protection Management***

**Members Present:** Kendra Nightingale (Chair), Manan, Sharma (Vice Chair), Mike Davidson, Joe Frank, Elliot Ryser, Peter Bodnaruk, Alejandro Castillo, Tong-Jen Fu, Sean Leighton, Sherri McGarry, Abani Pradhan and Siddhartha Thakur.

**Board/Staff Present:** Don W. Schaffner, Katie Swanson, Linda Harris, Didi Loynachan and David Tharp.

**Visitors Present:** Doris D'Souza, Jinru Chen, Carlos Conte, Patricia Desmarchelier and Guodong Zhang.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 2:05 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2013.

**Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Sean Leighton.

**Old Business:** Committee reviewed minutes from 2012 *JFP* Management Committee meeting. A motion was approved to accept the 2012 minutes, including a minor edit to the "New Business" section of Page 1, paragraph 3, from "If an author plagiarizes their own work, it is acceptable..." to "If an author plagiarizes their own work it is unacceptable..."

**New Business:** The Committee reviewed agenda and approved the meeting agenda.

The meeting opened with a report by Katie Swanson. She stated that IAFP set a new record for attendance this year with over 2700 attendees and over 150 exhibitors. She indicated that IAFP as an organization is healthy and that the journal is healthy and continues to be a critical part of IAFP's success. Katie highlighted that *Food Protection Trends (FPT)* has been redesigned and is focused on more 'general interest' topics. Dave Golden has retired as editor and Cathy Cutter from Penn State University has been recommended as his replacement. The journal produces a 26% "open rate" which is commendable when compared to peer-reviewed journals. Katie mentioned that with new PDGs continuing to be developed, time and space is becoming more limited, but that this committee will continue to get the time needed on Sundays despite a request to other PDGs to move to Saturday, if possible.

Joe Frank provided the journal's Scientific Editors' Report. Highlights include that Vol. 75 (2012) included 2,308 pages and 306 articles (295 research articles). By comparison, Vol. 74 published in 2011 contained 2232 pages and 296 articles, which included 288 research papers. The average length of time between receipt of manuscripts and their publication remained the same in 2012 compared to 2011. In 2012, researchers from countries other than the U.S. authored 52.6% of articles compared to 59.1% in 2011. Dr. Frank concluded by stating that the "Most Cited Publication" award was given again this year. For more details about the Journal in 2012, please see the Scientific Editors' report and the Administrative Editor's report

prepared by Didi Loynachan.

A discussion about duplicate submission issues and plagiarism followed. Dr. Frank observed that we do not have a policy for ethical lapses of authors. Dr. Davidson suggested that we may want to consider maintaining a list of authors whose submissions have encountered problems such as duplicate submission or plagiarism, etc. in the past. It was agreed that the senior author is accountable for all corresponding authors work, but that it is sometimes challenging to get the senior author to include all of the correct contact information for the corresponding authors.

The policy for the journal *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* was reviewed and it states that authors demonstrating ethical lapses will be managed by (1) a letter of reprimand (2) a suspension of submissions to the publication and (3) a formal notification submitted to the academic/research institution. A decision was made that Manan Sharma will draft a similar policy and share with editors for final review. The editors all agreed that the next time a case of plagiarism occurs; they will record the process they follow for documentation purposes.

The next topic discussed was about “open access” to the journal. Authors currently can pay \$3,000 per article for open access to a specific article (five authors did this in 2012). Editors can choose to recommend articles every year to be considered for open access. The decision was made not to make the journal an open access journal in its entirety.

A motion was made to recommend and approved for the reappointment of Dr. Joseph Frank as Scientific Editor for another four year term.

The last topic of discussion concerned raw milk. Katie Swanson indicated that the pro-raw milk organization (Weston A. Price Foundation) cited three papers published in *JFP* with the interpretation that raw milk was low-risk. David Tharp confirmed that he responded to press inquiries by stating that the policy of IAFP is that the interpretation of results is performed by authors of the research article, and not IAFP. It was confirmed that the publications do not suggest raw milk is low-risk.

#### **Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. The Committee recommends that Joseph Frank be re-appointed to another four year term as scientific co-editor.

**Next Meeting Date:** August 3, 2013.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:40 p.m.

**Chairperson:** Kendra Nightingale