

## Past Presidents' Committee

**Members Present:** Vickie Lewandowski (Chair), Stan Bailey, Michael Brodsky, Paul Hall, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Anna Lammerding, Bob Sanders, Gale Prince and Jenny Scott.

**Board/Staff Liaison Present:** David Tharp.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 3:34 p.m., Saturday, July 21, 2012.

**Recording Secretary of Minutes:** Lee-Ann Jaykus.

**Old Business:** Agenda approved. Minutes from the 2011 meeting were approved.

**Report from the Executive Board:** David Tharp represented IAFP President Isabel Walls and the rest of the Executive Board, providing a synopsis of the Association's activities and financial condition since annual meeting, 2011. David reported that IAFP continues to be strong and had an exceptionally good year. Membership remains high at more than 3,600 members. In the past year the Association has sponsored another annual IAFP European Symposium (in Warsaw, Poland) and co-branded food safety meetings in China, Dubai and Australia, the latter of which served as IAFP's biennial Asia-Pacific international Symposium. Two new international affiliates (Africa and Lebanon) will be chartered this year. The 2012 Annual Meeting proves to be another record-breaker with over 2500 participants already registered. Annual Meeting sponsorship is also up 33% from last year. A new Annual Meeting smartphone app has already received positive feedback. The Executive Board completed a long-term strategic planning exercise that will steer the Association's direction for the next three to five years.

Financially it was also a strong year for IAFP. The 2011 Gala 100-Year Anniversary celebration in Milwaukee was very successful adding almost \$400,000 to the General Fund balance. Despite market fluctuations, the Foundation Fund has reached the \$1 million mark. Sustaining membership continues to increase and currently there are 26 Gold Sustaining and 16 Silver Sustaining members. Manuscript Submissions to *Journal of Food Protection* and *Food Protection Trends* remain stable.

**New Business:** Lee-Ann Jaykus provided a summary of the strategic plan document, including a description of the vision statement, and the three major strategic initiatives (i.e., Recruitment and Engagement; Information Exchange; and Resources and Foundation). The Committee had some concern about the vision statement phrase "...recognized as the pre-eminent source of information for....," stating that IAFP does not necessarily provide sources of information, but rather serves as a forum for information exchange. After discussion, a slight change to the vision statement was suggested and this is reflected in the recommendations below. A number of Committee members also expressed their disappointment about the absence of a formal golf tournament for Annual Meeting 2012.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:**

1. Change the IAFP vision statement to read as follows: "IAFP is recognized as the pre-eminent venue for information exchange between food safety professionals around the world."
2. Reinstate the IAFP Annual Golf Tournament as a Saturday social event but not a formal Foundation fundraiser.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:26 p.m.

**Chairperson:** Vickie Lewandowski.