

Past Presidents' Committee

Members Present: Lee-Ann Jaykus (Chair), Isabel Walls (Vice Chair), Bob Brackett, Vickie Lewandowski, Kathy Glass, Stan Bailey, Michael Doyle, Paul Hall, Bob Marshall, Bob Sanders, Gary Acuff, Gale Prince and Jenny Scott.

Board/Staff Liaison Present: Katie Swanson and David Tharp.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:33 p.m., Saturday, July 27, 2013.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Isabel Walls.

Old Business: Agenda approved. Minutes from the 2012 meeting were approved. Members discussed the matters arising from the minutes – the Past Presidents' Committee had requested a change in the vision statement, but the Executive Board felt that they should keep the current statement as written.

Report from the Executive Board: Katie Swanson provided a synopsis of the Association's activities and financial condition since the 2012 annual meeting. IAFP continues to be strong and had an exceptionally good year. Membership remains high at more than 3,900 members. The 2013 Annual Meeting proves to be another record-breaker with over 2,600 participants already registered. Annual Meeting sponsorship is also up from last year. The European meeting was held in Marseille with 300 participants. The international meeting was held in Peru in 2012 and another will be in Taipei in the fall of 2013. Financially it was also a strong year for IAFP. The General Fund balance is now more than \$1 million. Sustaining membership continues to increase and currently there are 27 Gold Sustaining and 17 Silver Sustaining members. Katie expressed some concern that manuscript submissions to *Journal of Food Protection* are trending lower but she is not sure whether this is a cause for concern or not. However, she was pleased that *FPT* online is opened by 26% of members. The committee noted that they liked the redesigned version of *FPT*.

IAFP strengthened its partnerships over the past year – Memoranda of Understanding were signed with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, ILSI North America and the ICMSF. Katie noted that a New Media Task Force has been established to make recommendations for replacing the Audio Visual Library. David Tharp noted that there were 2 new staff members this year, to replace the receptionist, Karla Jordan, and accountant, Donna Gronstal.

David welcomed distinguished Past Presidents Bob Sanders and Bob Marshall, who have been members of IAFP for more than 50 years. He noted that if you combine the number of years of membership of all Past Presidents in the room it comes to more than 400 years.

New Business: Katie Swanson noted that we now have 50 affiliates and Board Members are not always available to attend affiliate meetings. She forwarded a request from the Board that Past Presidents be available to give a presentation if no Board members are available. Those Past Presidents willing to do this should send an email

to David Tharp with a presentation title. A suggestion was made that a speakers' bureau be developed from IAFP members also.

The group discussed the idea of IAFP serving as an electronic "portal" of food safety information. It was noted that this would be highly consistent with the strategic plan, but would require scientific expertise not currently held by the staff. The continuing need for an IAFP staffer with scientific background, to be housed at the central office in Des Moines, was noted by the past presidents.

Vickie noted that Fred Weber has offered a challenge to IAFP members to support the Foundation Fund. He will match contributions made during the IAFP meeting up to \$5,000.

Stan Bailey invited all Past Presidents to join him for a glass of champagne at the cheese and wine event on Sunday evening to celebrate the 50th anniversary of bioMérieux becoming a company.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Investigate the feasibility of establishing a "speakers' bureau" of IAFP members to give presentations on scientific issues to affiliates and others.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:33 p.m.

Chairperson: Lee-Ann Jaykus.