

Past Presidents' Committee

Members Present: Gary Acuff (Chair), Stan Bailey, Bob Brackett, Michael Brodsky, Bob Gravani, Paul Hall, Anna Lammerding, Bob Sanders, Jack Guzewich, Gale Prince and Jenny Scott

Board and Staff Liason Present: Vickie Lewandowski and David Tharp.

Visitors/Guests Present: None.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:35 p.m., Saturday, July 31, 2010.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Stan Bailey.

Old Business: Agenda approved. Minutes from 2009 meeting were approved.

Report from the President: Vickie Lewandowski provided a report summarizing activities and progress over the past year. Vickie reported that the IAFP is strong and overall had a good year. The membership is at an all time high with about 3450 members and, with a preregistration of over 2000, there is a good chance that the final attendance to this year's meeting will be a record. The majority of the growth in membership and meeting attendance is from members outside of North America. About 21% of the membership and preregistrants are from outside of North America. Since the last IAFP Annual Meeting there have been two European meetings, the first in Berlin, Germany in the fall of 2009 and the second in Dublin, Ireland in June of 2010. The Dublin meeting was very successful with about 300 attendees and future European meetings will be held in the spring. A very successful International meeting was held in Seoul, Korea in fall of 2009. At the April IAFP Board meeting, a new strategic plan for IAFP was developed and Vickie shared the highlights of the new plan. The IAFP Foundation Fund stands at about \$730,000. The IAFP Annual Golf Tournament will be used as a Foundation Fundraiser this year and in coming years. Sustaining membership has increased, and currently there are 20 Gold Sustaining and 13 Silver Sustaining Members.

Executive Director, David Tharp reported on the financial condition of IAFP. The organization still has a positive fund balance, but the past year was very challenging. There was a loss of about \$400,000, attributable to reduced attendance and high expenses of the Texas meeting in 2009, to a loss in investments, and to increased expenses associated with the implementation of the new IAFP Web site and new online registration material. Manuscript submissions to *JFP* and to *Food Protection Trends* seem to have stabilized.

New Business: There was a brief discussion of the 2011 100th anniversary of the Association's first meeting in Milwaukee, WI. The committee was asked to provide suggestions for the meeting. Specifically, the committee was asked to contribute ideas to be included in the 100 top food safety tips.

Recommendations to the Board: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:35 p.m.

Chairperson: Gary Acuff.