

Program Committee

Members Present: Lou Tortorello, Faye Feldstein, Randy Phebus, Lee-Ann Jaykus, Joshua Gurtler, Vijay Juneja, Lori Ledenbach, Paula Fedora-Cray, Eric Martin, Kali Kniel, Mindy Brashears, Scott Hood, Isabel Walls, David Tharp, Lisa Hovey, Terri Haffner and Alejandro Mazzotta.

Members Absent: Purnendu Vasavada and Maria Teresa Destro.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 a.m., Wednesday, August 4.

Recording Secretary: Terri Haffner.

Old Business: The meeting was called to order by Randy Phebus. Lee-Ann Jaykus (IAFP President-Elect) asked the committee to consider 100 year ideas for the 2011 meeting. She is chairing the 100 Year Celebration Committee for the Executive Board.

Faye Feldstein (chair, 2010) thanked the committee members for their effort and being innovative, in particular, Kali Kniel, as she is rotating off. She introduced new members Mindy Breashears, Joshua Gurtler, and Lou Tortorello (assigned to a second term).

Randy Phebus (chair, 2011) thanked Faye for her hard work the past year. Good quality program. Isabel Walls is the new Board liaison. Randy introduced Terri Haffner who is the new IAFP staff person who is our organization liaison.

Randy went through the IAFP Anti-trust policy.

New Business: Randy went through the mission/activities of the Program Committee for the benefit of new members, and the timeline for developing the 2011 meeting technical program. November conference call will occur. Send an E-mail for availability on selected days (discuss with David and Lisa).

Symposia – set up the review center so the committee can score them online prior to November call. Communi-cations will come to all committee members via E-mail on the evaluation process and timeline.

This year we need to document notes well so we can let rejected symposia, or symposia that the committee suggests significant revisions or reformatting, know with more detail what the committee discussed or felt.

Sometimes more than one PDG sponsors a symposium. Sometimes it is not a PDG that submits. In Scholar One we need to allow for those things.

Try to encourage short symposia so that more proposals can be accepted, but not at the expense of symposia quality. People are already developing long symposia, so it may not work for this year.

The committee discussed ideas for types of preferred speakers and potential names for the Ivan Parkin and Silliker Lectures for the 2011 meeting. These ideas will be forwarded to the Executive Board.

2010 Meeting Recap:

Lori Ledenbach – is there a way to get more detail on speakers within each symposium in advance of the meeting to help with companies/individuals putting together travel plans? Itinerary planner link will be placed on the IAFP Web site.

Paula Fedorka-Cray – 2nd ILSI symposium. The title was wrong. Not good attendance.

Faye Feldstein – A couple of symposia had 7 speakers; thus, no break. Some committee members didn't mind. It gave people the option of either going on a break, but exhibitors don't like it. Don't encourage it.

Isabel Walls – some people had difficulty with online symposia submissions. It was slow and tedious. Lisa Hovey said IAFP office was working on improvements currently.

Recommendations to Executive Board:

1. The IAFP Bylaws state that the Chair of Developing Scientists Committee is to assign up to 5 additional judges. This needs to be updated to allow us to expand the number of judges since we now have many more poster and oral awards to evaluate.
2. Continue with the current system for submitting and evaluating symposia and workshops.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 a.m.

Chairperson: Randall Phebus.