

Minutes

A meeting of the ISSC Executive Board was held virtually.

I. Attendance

Board Members Present

Michael Bott	Chair
Shannon Jenkins	Vice Chair
Keith Skiles	Executive Director
Eric Hickey	Region 1 Regulatory
Lori Howell	Region 1 Industry
Debra Barnes	Region 2 Regulatory
Steve Fleetwood	Region 2 Industry
Danielle Schools	Region 3 Regulatory
Gary Hill	Region 3 Industry
Portia Sapp	Region 4 Regulatory
Barry Hurt	Region 4 Industry
Erik Broussard	Region 5 Regulatory
Todd Phillips	Region 6 Regulatory
Miranda Ries	Region 6 Industry (alternate)
Bruce Flippens	Non-Producing
Blake Millett	Non-Producing
Jonathan Gerhardt	Non-Producing
Jessica Jones	FDA
Bess Ormond	FDA/ORA
Jon Bell	NOAA
David Fyfe	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Kohl Kanwit	Past Chair
Keith Jackson	Retail Advisory
AJ Erskine	VMC Chair
Kathy Brohawn	Lab Chair

Board Members Absent

Steve Pollack	Region 5 Industry
Bill Kramer	EPA
Mike Hughes	CDC
Kim Stryker	

II. New Business

Membership Fees

A motion was made to untangle previous day's discussion of ISSC membership dues. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Since the ISSC biennial meeting is being postponed, individual member's will need to renew their membership at the end of the year for 2026.

The current membership rates are \$1100 for state membership and \$60 individual memberships, which account for 10% of the ISSC's operating budget as specified in the constitution and bylaws.

A suggestion was made to reevaluate the ISSC membership fee structure in early July, after there is a better understanding of the position of the federal grant, so that members can have a better understanding of what the conferences' needs will be.

Advisory Panels

In order to encourage academic representatives to participate and advise the conference without the burden of membership fees, a suggestion was made to form a scientific advisory panel. The panel would be a committee of individuals who would provide comments on issues the conference faces and offer their scientific expertise on relevant, technical issues. These individuals would not be full conference members, but labeled as participants who would have their entry fees waived, as subject matter experts on various topics.

Future Proofing ISSC Committees

The motion passed at the previous day's meeting, requesting a work group to be formed for future proofing ISSC committees, was revisited to discuss the potential charge for that committee.

Proposed topics for this committee to explore included exploring how to ensure participation from all conference parties, any potential changes to the membership fee structure, and whether future meetings should be held virtually, in-person, or hybrid.

A request was made for the executive office to send out a survey to membership asking them to reply with three to five items they consider the most important to future proofing.

Chinese Imports

The issue was raised of illegal imports of raw milk and shellfish coming from China, as well as illegal imports of counterfeit products that are mislabeled and misbranded.

In order to help combat the issue the states have requested the FDA flag importers that are repeat offenders, hold the product longer in customs, develop better protocols and screening tools, and overall play a greater role in preventing illegal imports.

The FDA has been working on addressing these requests with the tools and authority they possess, and hopes to be able to present their responses at regional meetings.

The executive office offered to compile any affected states' perspectives on the issue, to be provided to any interested party. Any states that would like to share their experiences is encouraged to reach out to the executive office.

Illness Attribution Committee

A motion was made to form a committee to review case attribution. The motion was seconded, but further discussion led to a conclusion that such a committee would not ultimately address the desired problem, and the motion was withdrawn.

A decision was made for several interested board members to draft a charge for a potential committee, to have it ready for the fall board meeting for review.

III. Other Information

FDA PFAS Study

The FDA will start to reach out to states who have volunteered to participate in the PFAS sample collection.

NSSP Centennial

Even though the biennial meeting will not be taking place during the centennial anniversary year, the FDA still has a landing page for the NSSP centennial celebration.

The ISSC centennial celebration committee still has the ability to meet and can disseminate any relevant information.

IV. Executive Session

A motion was made to enter executive session. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

A motion was made to approve the pay increases as discussed in the executive session. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.