

NAFP August General Meeting 10/19/2011
UNL, Filley Hall; 6-7:30

Attendees: 12 members (see list to follow)

1. **NAFP President Beth Burmester's Update:** unable to attend due to SQF Audit this week.
2. **Introductions by Amy Kerby:**
 - Thanks to all for attending the meeting and especially to Lori Byrne for arranging the meeting quarters!
 - Please enjoy the light supper and get a chance to know each other!
 - Please invite more friends next meeting!
3. **Calendar of Events: see NAFP brochure (nefoodprotection.org)**
4. **Committee Sign-up**
 - There are open positions on every committee, everyone needs to help!! *Committees Need YOU Success has U in it!*
 - **Membership Committee** needs help recruiting, developing Linked In site, working with new companies and their needs.
 - **General Meeting Planning Committee** needs help in determining monthly meeting plans
 - **Annual Meeting Committee** needs help planning and executing the annual meeting (next fall)
 - **Awards Committee** needs help soliciting donations from businesses, developing and awarding student sponsorships/scholarships
 - **Communications Committee** needs help developing brochures, newsletter? announcements, web page updates, Facebook updates, etc.
3. **Membership updates and dues:**
 - Please turn in your membership information updates to Membership Chair Tracy Kurkowski, tracy.kurkowski@silliker.com. (name, email, phone #, company)
 - Please turn in your dues to Beth Burmester, Amy Kerby or send them to Treasurer Penny Mack, Penny.Mack@conagrafoods.com. Dues for this year are \$5.00 payable to NAFP. Next April dues will be raised to \$10/year.
 - Purpose: The dues will hopefully go to sponsor a student to present at IAFP next year!
5. **Ideas for future meetings, group "outings" and what you would like to see at NAFP...Please are your additions?**
 - Members have suggestions for the good of NAFP, chapter affiliate of IAFP:
 - ✚ Continue our networking connections for the common cause for food safety by coming together like this
 - ✚ Stay attune of new regulations-share with each other
 - ✚ Help each other with how to deal with customer complaints, sanitation, pet products, SQF, ISO
 - ✚ Provide assistance to smaller companies, what procedures to implement, how to begin
 - ✚ Be a special need contact for others in the group
 - ✚ What's good or works for you will likely be the same for others: share your knowledge!
 - ✚ Reach out to the USDA tech center here in Omaha
 - ✚ Recruit more of the regulatory people as well as industry and academia, we all need each other!
 - ✚ Join the Heartland Round Table informal breakfasts to discuss industry regulations, etc.
 - New suggestions: **have more meetings in Lincoln and other areas beside Omaha!**

Presentations:

• **Dennis Lechinsky** Spoke regarding the epidemiology of Food Borne Outbreaks. Dennis is a Health Surveillance Specialist from the Nebraska Dept. of HHS. Good discussion followed about food safety and how our organization could play a part in getting information out that there is help in Nebraska for food related industries!

• **Opa-O's Introduction** of Nebraska made Opa-O's Spice Mixes by Mary Lee and Stewart Olson. They handed out samples of Corn Chip Dip, Coney Dog & Sloppy Joe Mix. Visit OPAOS.com

Misc:

Website: <http://www.nefoodprotection.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=115004098521630>.

(We need help updating these sites and getting on Linked-IN!)

Meeting Calendar (6-7:30pm)

Nov. 16, 2011

Location: Airlite Plastics, Omaha, NE

Event: SQF Update and Tour

Jan. 18, 2012

Location: Valentinos, 108th and Maple, Omaha, NE

Event: Fun Raiser Social ! : Food Comedy with Cullen Chollett

Mar. 28, 2012

Location: Nebraska Orthopedic Hospital, 2008 S. 143 Plz, Omaha NE

Event: Peggy Lubbert, Infection Control Specialist/topic- Food Industry

Apr. 18, 2012

Location: UNMC Durham Research Center, Omaha, NE

Event: Shawn Gibbs, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dept. of Environmental, Agricultural & Occupational Health

May 16, 2012

Location: Cargill, Blair, NE

Event: Tour and FSMA Updates

Attendees this evening:

Heather	Hallen-Adams	UNL	hhallen.adams@unl.edu
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Lori	Byrne	UNL	lbyrne1@unl.edu
Patty	Harvey	ConAgra Foods	Patty.Harvey@conagrafoods.com
Amy	Kerby	UNMC Special Pathogens & Biosecurity Lab	to be announced
Carrie	Leathers	FSIS USDA	Carrie.Leathers@fsis.usda.gov
Dennis	Leschinsky	HHS State of Nebraska	dennis.lechinsky@nebraska.gov
Penny	Mack	ConAgra Foods	Penny.Mack@conagrafoods.com
Joan	Menke-Schaenzer	ConAgra Foods	joan.menke@conagrafoods.com
Katie	Menke-Schaenzer	high school senior interested in epidemiology	kaschaenzer@msn.com
MaryLee	Olson	Opa-O's	sales@opaos.com
Stewart	Olson	Opa-O's	sales@opaos.com

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Back, left to right: Stewart Olson, PattyHarvey, Heather Hallen-Adams, Mary Lee Olson, Carrie Leathers, Joan Menke-Schaenzer, Katie Menke-Schaenzer
Front left to right: Lori Byrne, Dennis Lechinsky, Penny Mack, Julie Albrecht (Amy Kerby- not pictured)



OPA-O's Spice Mix!