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**Minutes**  
**Food Marketing Institute**  
**Food Safety Committee**  
**Fairmont Pacific Rim**  
**Pearl Room**

October 16, 2014  
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Present:**

*Committee Members:* Colleen Wegman, Chair, Craig Boyan, Tim Devanney, Jerry Garland, David Hirz, Darrell Jones, Tres Lund, Norman Mayne, Fred Morganthal, Christy Spoa

*Others Present:* Gillian Kelleher, Wegmans, Brian Wright, BiLo

*Staff:* Hilary Thesmar, Leslie Sarasin, Mark Baum, Sue Borra, Dagmar Farr, George Green, Jennifer Hatcher

**Proceedings:**

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chair, Colleen Wegman.

Slides from the meeting are available on the FMI website:

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- Upon a motion duly made and seconded the January 2014 meeting minutes were approved.
- Attendees were reminded of FMI's Antitrust Policy and of the need to comply with the antitrust laws in all respects.
- **First Agenda item--** Hilary Thesmar reviewed the Food Protection Committee (FPC) and Board Food Safety Committee governance and communication model that has been successful for the past three years. The FPC priority issues were reviewed and progress reported.
- Gillian Kelleher reported on the Produce Safety priority issue and the workgroup. Committee emphasized that simple tools are needed for the industry – 1 page how to

guides. Committee members volunteered to assist the FPC with their work in any way that is needed.

- **Second Agenda Item**—Hilary Thesmar reported on a member survey on benchmarking retail food safety programs. The committee discussed the low participation on this survey as well as a previous produce survey fielded in May 2014. Ideas were shared about the reasons for low participation and how to improve participation in the future.
- **Third Agenda Item**—Hilary Thesmar and George Green shared a memo from the Law Firm of Morgan Lewis regarding the retail exemption for meat and poultry inspection. Over the years there have been issues with the industry's awareness of the regulations and FSIS enforcement of the regulations. The committee discussed and agreed that they do not think there are issues at this time. Some general education for the industry might be helpful but they think most companies are aware of the requirements and are in compliance.
- **Next meeting** – January 23, 2015 just before the Midwinter Executive Conference in Miami

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Signed by Hilary Thesmar on November 17, 2014

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