

# Network Connections

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of the FPSA Networks

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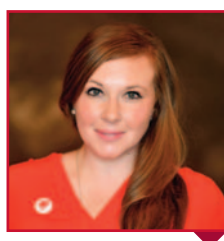
## A Message from the Networks Leadership Chairperson, Cara Godack

It is with great excitement that I take on the role of Chair for FPSA Networks. I am honored to serve as a leader in an organization dedicated to advancing the food processing industry and helping its members achieve their goals. I am also thrilled to work with you to prioritize the issues, changes, and advancements surrounding this vital industry. It was amazing to see the participation at the Annual Conference, and I hope we can keep that momentum throughout the year for each of the Networks.

As we all know, the food processing industry is critical in feeding the world's population. Our work is essential, and we all share a great responsibility. I am confident that, working together, we can continue to make strides in improving our industry's efficiency, safety, and sustainability.

One of my top priorities as Chair will be to ensure that our Networks have access to the resources they need to thrive. I am committed to working with each Network to stay on the cutting edge of the industry. I am also passionate about advancing the issues that matter most to our industry. As Chair, I am committed to working with all of you to identify solutions that benefit our industry for each of the networks, Food Safety, Technology, Packaging, Women's Alliance, and Young Professionals.

I am excited about the opportunities for FPSA Networks, and I am honored to be part of such a dedicated and passionate community of professionals. I look forward to working with you to advance our industry and achieve our shared goals.



Cara Godack

Thank you for your support and commitment to FPSA Networks. I am honored to serve as your Chair and look forward to working with you all. Please **contact me** with any questions, ideas, or thoughts about joining the FPSA Networks.

## FPSA Networks Meetings during the 2023 Annual Conference

The FPSA Networks held several successful meetings during the 2023 Annual Conference in Tucson, Arizona. This includes handing off the baton from former leaders of the Networks to the next generation. The Women's Alliance held a luncheon on the first day of the conference, addressing various topics facing today's women leaders as well as discussing the Network's goals for 2023. The Networks had a full presentation to the attendees, where the Networks Leadership Team presented each Network's "Why" statements, activities, and goals. The Networks then met informally over lunch, followed by the formal breakout sessions of the Food Safety Network, Packaging Network, and Technology Network. Lastly, the Young Professionals Group met after the keynote session. These meetings were an excellent opportunity to grow the network members through recruitment and engage the executive level of member companies in discussions about what they would like to see moving forward with the networks.





# Networks Updates



**Chair:** Brian Shoop, *Gray Solutions*  
**Vice-Chair:** Jon Miller, *A M King*



## Food Safety Network Update

Meet the new Vice Chair of the Food Safety Network, Jon Miller (*A M King*):

Jon Miller, Director of Business Development for A M King, has more than 25 years of experience in the design and construction industry. His knowledge of property consulting, preconstruction, and project management drives him to build strong client relationships for multifaceted food processing and cold storage distribution facilities across the U.S.

Jon specializes in design-build facilities and prescribes the doctrine that heavy upfront coordination, targeted team assembly, and development of project expectations allow for client-focused and successful assignment delivery. His multidisciplinary background in understanding site development, architectural design, and construction implementation offers a unique overarching management approach to enable significant emphasis on achieving client objectives.

The Network has recommitted itself to tackling the following areas of concern:

- Hygienic Design Standards for Plant-Based Foods
- Review of FSMA & USDA updates
- Digesting the Regulations and Standards Road Map

2023 is shaping up to be a busy year for the Network including their bi-monthly meetings on first Thursday of the month at 3 PM ET/ 2 PM CT. Save the following 2023 meeting dates to your calendars:

- May 4
- July 13
- September 7
  - ♦ The Network will hold a mixer during Process Expo 2023 – Stay tuned for more details!
- November 2



**Chair:** Denise Klaren, *Glen Dimplex Thermal Solutions*  
**Vice-Chair:** Kelvin Binns, *WIPOTEC*

## Packaging Network Update

The mission of the FPSA Packaging Network is to provide expertise, solutions, and guidance for FPSA member companies while raising awareness of emerging trends within the packaging industry. The Network is focusing on various areas of interest to create content for the industry in 2023, including:

- #UnpackSustainability Campaign
- Calculation of Carbon Footprint
- What Constitutes a Recyclable Package
- Plant-Based Polymers

The Network looks to continue its valuable work in 2023 and will hold bi-monthly meetings on the third Tuesday at 1 PM ET/ Noon CT. Save the following 2023 dates to your calendars:

- May 16
- July 18
- September 19
  - ♦ The Network will hold a mixer during Process Expo 2023 – Stay tuned for more details!
- November 21

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**Chair:** Tim Barthel, *Cybertrol*  
**Vice-Chair:** Brian Krumsee, *Handtmann*

## Technology Network Update

For 2023, the Network is undertaking 5-minute “Tech Talks” for its fellow Networks and the FPSA Councils. These short convos will tackle technical areas of need and success stories. Additionally, the Network is focusing on various areas of interest to generate helpful content for the industry, including:

- Cross-training technical staff on sales
- IT/OT Convergence
- Industry 4.0

2023 promises to be a busy year for the Network, with bi-monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 2 PM ET/ 1 PM CT. Save the following 2023 dates to your calendars:

- June 6
- August 1
- October 3
  - ♦ The Network will hold a mixer during Process Expo 2023 – Stay tuned for more details!
- December 5



**Chair:** Cara Godack, *Rome Grinding Solutions*  
**Vice-Chair:** Kendra Consiglio, *Weber*

## Women's Alliance Network Update



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## Women's Alliance Network Update



During the Annual Conference, the Events Sub-Committee for the Women's Alliance once again held a successful PACK IT Tucson Event. Thank you to the two sponsors of this year's event, Alfa Laval, and Weber! The Women's Luncheon was also a big success during the Annual Conference.

For 2023, the Network's Events Subcommittee is busy planning the 2023 Process Expo Women's Alliance Breakfast with special guest speaker Nicole Makowski and the return of the Red Circle Honors Awards Program. The Membership Subcommittee is hard at work producing videos while continuing its social media outreach efforts. The Professional Development Subcommittee is searching for its next webinar topic while continuing its Book Club and Mentor Circle program support. Don't forget to register for Book Club's upcoming events:

### 2023 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

- ***The Energy Bus*** by Jon Gordon to meet on **Wednesday, April 26** at 11:30 AM ET / 10:30 AM CT.  
♦ **REGISTER ONLINE** to join in on the discussion of ***The Energy Bus***.
- ***Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action*** by Simon Sinek to meet on **Wednesday, June 14** at 11:30 AM ET / 10:30 AM CT.  
♦ **REGISTER ONLINE** to join in on the discussion of ***Start with Why***.
- ***Good Leaders Ask Great Questions: Your Foundation for Successful Leadership*** by John C. Maxwell to meet on **Wednesday, September 20** at 11:30 AM ET / 10:30 AM CT.  
♦ **REGISTER ONLINE** to join in on the discussion of ***Good Leaders Ask Great Questions***.
- ***Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know*** by Adam Grant to meet on **Wednesday, December 13** at 11:30 AM ET / 10:30 AM CT.  
♦ **REGISTER ONLINE** to join in on the discussion of ***Think Again***.

The WAN will continue to build on its mission in 2023 and will conduct its bi-monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 3 PM ET/ 2 PM CT. Save the following 2023 dates to your calendars:

- June 1
- August 3
- October 5
  - ♦ The Network will hold a mixer and breakfast during Process Expo 2023 – *Stay tuned for more details!*
- December 7





**Chair:** Len Roche, *Seiberling, a Haskell Company*  
**Vice-Chair:** Nicole Chestnut, *Rome Grinding Solutions*

## Young Professionals Group Update

The Network continues to support the bi-weekly promotion of #YoungProfessionalsThursday by FPSA. Additionally, the Network is focusing on various areas of interest to develop content for the industry, including:

- Student Programs for Process Expo such as:
  - ♦ Career Fairs;
  - ♦ Mock Interviews;
  - ♦ And Career Roundtables;
- Career Development, including volume 2 of the **Career Booklet**, to help young people understand the wide variety of careers available in our industry.

The YPG will again be active in 2023; its bi-monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday at 2 PM ET / 1 PM CT. Save the following 2023 dates to your calendars:

- June 7
- August 2
- October 4
  - ♦ The Network will hold a mixer and several student-related events during Process Expo 2023 – *Stay tuned for more details!*
- December 6



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