After calling the meeting to order, Dr. Roger Williams explained that the Advisory Group is appointed under the USP Bylaws to advance the work of the Council of Experts and the Convention and provide advice to staff. Advisory Group members were chosen to represent key stakeholder organizations that bring a particular perspective needed for advising USP on matters related to the implementation of Elemental Impurities General Chapters.

The purpose of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to USP on how to advance a timely implementation of USP’s Elemental Impurities General Chapters <232> Elemental Impurities—Limits and <233> Elemental Impurities—Procedures.

Two working groups were established to address key areas of the implementation:

- **Implementation Requirements Related to <232> and <233>:** This working group will consider common challenges manufacturers will face in implementing the standards.
- **Special Impact on Manufacturers:** This working group will evaluate issues for manufacturers whose products are especially impacted by the elemental impurities standards and consider regulatory and other solutions.
The Working Groups will provide reports at the next meeting of the Advisory Group, which is scheduled for August. Concurrent with the work of these subgroups, USP staff will work with the USP Elemental Impurities Expert Panel to consider potential revisions to General Chapter <232> in response to the ICH Q3D Step 2 document. The entire Advisory Group will participate in discussions related to next steps and timing of the standard.