

# 2012-13 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Laws and Regulations Committee

**\*Co-Chair:** Steven Mandernach, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

**Co-Chair:** Gary W. Elliott, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

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**Charge 1:** Continue to identify information on federal laws/regulations/proposals of interest to AFDO members. Forward information identified to the AFDO office for eNEWS and the website.

**Discussion:** Information is being supplied by committee members on a daily work-day basis and forwarded to the AFDO Office for listing in the weekly AFDO eNEWS. It is also posted on the AFDO website in the Laws and Regulations Committee Update section for reference by the active membership.

**Recommendation:** This charge should be continued. It captures current information from multiple federal agencies in one place and provides direct links for more detailed information. Additionally, this effort should be coordinated with the Food Safety Regulatory Program Manager Information Portal which AFDO wishes to provide for regulatory officials. The federal laws information provided by this Committee could be integrated with state/local agency laws information provided by the National Council of State Legislators.

### Executive Committee Action:

Approval



Disapproval



Date

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**Charge 2:** Track federal food safety legislation which may impact federal/state food protection agencies. The primary focus should be on following new proposed legislation, evaluating whether it includes an integrated strategy for working with the states, and alerting membership of new proposals which are being considered.

**Discussion:** No significant new legislation has been passed in 2012-13.

AFDO participates on the Produce Safety Alliance [PSA] and the Food Safety Preventive Plan Alliance which awaits passage of 2 key components of FSMA – the requirement for manufacturers to have food safety plans in place and the produce safety rule. The activities of these Alliances have been slowed somewhat until the new rules are posted.

The AFDO Board of Directors are preparing comments on behalf of the organization to the FSMA related proposed regulations. The Committee is having a discussion related to the rules and industry perspective during the Committee Meeting at the Annual Meeting in 2013. This charge should be continued.

**Recommendation:** AFDO must remain active on these 2 Alliances. Continue this charge.

**Executive Committee Action:** Food Committee to take the lead on FSMA.

Approval



Disapproval



Date

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**Charge 3:** Solicit states for bill analyses as requested by President for emerging issues such as: trans fat bans, labeling of meat or milk from cloned animals, RBST labeling, nanotechnology labeling, farmers market and cottage food bills, smoking bans, or any other trend in legislative attention.

**Discussion:** No requests have been made by the President related to this charge during the past year.

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**Recommendation:** This charge may be continued to provide a mechanism for serving specific needs that may be identified by the AFDO President in the future.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 4:** Work with the AFDO staff to determine how state regulation data from the National Conference of State Legislatures can be imported into the Food Program Manager Information Portal.

**Discussion:** To date this has not moved forward. If the Board and project coordinators feel this should go forward, we would suggest making this a priority item for 2013-14.

**Recommendation:** The AFDO Board and project coordinators should identify if this is a need and if it is a need make this a priority charge in 2013-14.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 5** Pilot and promote the “AFDO Regulation Issue Form” developed by this committee and approved by the AFDO Board of Directors.

**Discussion:** The form was completed and posted to the AFDO website on August 8, 2012 as both a fillable online form and PDF. To date, the committee is unaware of any requests. The Regulatory Review Form was featured in the August 16, 2012 AFDO eNews.

**Recommendation:** The Board may want to consider, if they desire additional promotion of the form.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Other items:**

We would respectfully suggest, that some committee should undertake gathering FSMA related materials developed by states and making them available for sharing among the states. Whether that should be the Laws and Regulations Committee or another committee is something for the Board to consider.

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