

2013-2014 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Associate Membership Committee

*Chair: Sarah Geisert, General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, MN

Chair: Cynthia Culmo, Abbott Laboratories, Temecula, CA

Charge 1: Provide a Master of Ceremonies for the Wiley Award Banquet.

Discussion: The idea was brought forward that perhaps a Master of Ceremonies was no longer needed based on eliminating the program portion. After 2014, this can be again discussed.

Recommendation: Jerry Wojtala will be the 2014 Master of Ceremonies.

Executive Committee Action:

Approval

Disapproval

Date

6/2/14

Charge 2: Solicit a worthy candidate for the AFDO Associate Award. The prior year's winner will be the chair and the past 7 recipients will comprise the Associate Award sub-committee. The sub-committee chair will advise the committee chair of the nominee annually by March 15th. The committee chair will present the award at the Wiley Award Banquet at the Annual Conference.

Discussion: Work continues in this area to select an appropriate candidate or to recommend no award be given.

Recommendations: Associate Award will be awarded to Nancy Singer.

Executive Committee Action:

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Charge 3: Solicit industry associations and members for regulatory concerns that should be brought to the attention of the Board.

Discussion: An industry mid-year meeting was sponsored by the Associate Committee and held at GMA's office in Washington DC. Mycotoxins and the lack of uniformity between states and between states federal agencies received the most attention.

Recommendations: The 2014 program includes a session on mycotoxinis with speakers from both FDA and state agencies.

Executive Committee Action:

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Charge 4: Provide ideas and recommendation on how to increase industry membership and participation.

Discussion: Industry was active this year in working to build a strong 2014 set of topics and speakers. Feedback from Associate membership wanted to hear more from industry and have agency speakers provide data and

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insights from their work. In addition, there was interest in seeing more FDA district directors or ORA personnel present at the meeting. The program this year should meet this objective.

Additional attention was based on getting new members to regional affiliates. It is believed this is a good place to then recruit broader AFDO membership.

The meeting with the broad food industry coalition at GMA was the third area of focus.

Recommendations: Continue the three-pronged approach used in this year.

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