

2011-2012 AFDO 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: Completed. Michael Roberson will be the MC. Discussions have occurred to encourage an abbreviated process.

Recommendation:

Executive Committee Action:

Approval Disapproval Date 5/23/12

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: Completed. Stan Hazan was chosen. Michael Roberson will present the award to Stan.

Recommendations:

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: Associate members have participated in the development of AFDO and affiliate programs (food and drug/devices) and have assisted in obtaining speakers for these events. The Committee continues to encourage participation of Associate members on AFDO committees.

With budget challenges at federal and state levels, AFDO should be cognizant of possible low agency attendance. FDA's District level attendance is important to the success of the conference. AFDO should be mindful of other programs and other association meetings, such as IAFP, and monitor topics/speakers in an effort to ensure that AFDO remains relevant.

Recommendations: Continue to identify and evaluate regulatory concerns from large association annual meetings and report these concerns/issues at the Fall Board of Directors meeting in an effort to glean insights and build a strong annual AFDO conference.

Executive Committee Action:

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