

# 2011-2012 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Laboratory, Science and Technology Committee

**Co-Chair:** Daniel Rice, New York Department of Agriculture and Markets, Albany, NY

**\*Co-Chair:** Yvonne Salfinger, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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**Charge 1:** Serve as AFDO liaison with federal agencies for promotion of federal acceptance of state analytical results and participate in activities to promote accreditation of state labs.

**Discussion:** This is an on-going charge of the committee. Some discussion did occur this year about potentially hosting a laboratory session on accreditation. Additionally, some work occurred in writing a collaborative proposal for submission to FDA along with APHL, and AAFCO. Yvonne Salfinger is the AFDO representative to the AOAC International and Dan Rice is the AFDO representative to the APHL. Recent allocation of FDA funding to laboratory accreditation should result in a dramatic expansion of the number of laboratories accredited to the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 standard.

The committee does not have many active members. Increased membership would assist with expansion of duties for this committee, which when needed, is very active and has potential to add more to AFDO, if more members are available for activities.

**Recommendation:** AFDO should solicit additional membership for this committee and it should not be considered "solely" a laboratory committee.

**Executive Committee Action:**

Approval  Disapproval  Date 5/23/12

**Charge 2:** Edit the AFDO "Pocket Guide to Canned Food" as appropriate for Board review and approval in preparation for printing.

**Discussion:** This was completed and a hard copy and web copy published. The co-chairs were involved in reviewing the document and providing input.

**Recommendation:** Completed.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 3:** Review and propose updates on the Retail Guidelines for Refrigerated Foods in Reduced Oxygen Packages (Jan 2002) (*Due for revision in 2010*)

**Discussion:** This activity is still pending. The current co-chairs do not possess expertise in this, and even with solicitation of committee members, were unable to find appropriate persons to review this important document.

**Recommendation:** Solicit reviewers, for the guidelines, from the general membership of AFDO.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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*\*Responsible for submission of reports*