

# 2017-2018 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Laws and Regulations Committee

**Chair:** Craig Nielsen, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Atlanta, GA,

**Chair:** Katherine Simon, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, St. Paul, MN

**Chair:** Steve Mandernach, Iowa Dept. of Inspection and Appeals, Des Moines, IA

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**Charge 1:** 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:** Through a relationship with Hogan Lovells, each week Enews features a weekly summary of federal agency activities.

**Recommendations:** Continue the charge.

### **Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 2:** 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. Analyze the annual NCSL report and prepare and disseminate information (such as in the AFDO News) on trends in state laws.

**Discussion:** No requests during current year.

**Recommendations:** Continue the charge.

### **Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 3:** Coordinate webinars on emerging legal issues of importance to state food safety programs.

**Discussion:** No webinars were coordinated during this year.

**Recommendations:** If approved, we would suggest potentially some webinar including areas as Cannabis laws and regulations update. NCSL update on food safety laws. Continue the charge.

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**Charge 4:** Develop a list of State Marijuana Regulatory Agencies.

**Discussion:** This charge was transferred to the Cannabis committee.

**Recommendations:** Transfer the charge.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 5:** Develop a webinar for retail program managers discussing the functions and responsibilities of the FDA Retail Program Specialists including how each area can provide support to state retail program managers.

**Discussion:** This charge was transferred to the retail foods committee.

**Recommendations:** Transfer the charge.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 6:** Develop a pilot for data sharing of distribution lists during recalls.

**Discussion:** We have begun the process on this during the next year, we have several pieces in place to begin the project. We have also reached out to a potential consultant to assist with the project.

**Recommendations:** Continue this charge.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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