Laws and Regulations Committee

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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. This information is also being posted to AFDO website.

**Recommendations:** Continue with charge.

**Executive Committee Action:**
- Approval ☒
- Disapproval ☐
- Date 6/17/2019

**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 specific bill requests were received. The trends portion of the charge was addressed jointly with charge #5 though information sharing webinars on areas of emerging development.

**Recommendations:**
If the charge is continued, the President may consider determining if this charge should be combined with charge #5. Another option for consideration is determining whether a more formal system for the solicitation of and analysis process for specifically identified bills is necessary.

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**Charge 3:** Charge related to the recall project will require a formal project manager, in-person meeting, and perhaps some IT funds.

**Discussion:** This project is underway and has conducted two in-person working sessions in January and March of 2019. Executive Director Steven Mandernach has specific project updates and planning detail. AFDO staff played a key role in arranging and supporting this charge.

**Recommendations:**
Continue with charge until project completion.

**Executive Committee Action:**
- Approval ☒
- Disapproval ☐
- Date 6/17/2019

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Charge 4: Develop a pilot for data sharing of distribution lists during recalls.

Discussion: It was determined that this charge falls into the scope of charges 3 and 5.

Recommendations: Eliminate this as a separate charge and update Charge #3 accordingly.

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Charge 5: Coordinate webinars on emerging legal issues of importance to state food safety programs.

Discussion: Webinars were arranged and advertised through AFDO eNews. The topics were:
- Trends in Food and Cannabis Law-Making Across the U.S.
- Hot Topics in the Regulation of Cell-Cultured Proteins—What You Need to Know.

AFDO staff played a key role in arranging and supporting these deliveries. The committee chairs plan to survey the attendees at the next committee meeting to determine if adjustments to the formatting, marketing or topic selection are necessary.

Recommendations: Continue with charge. Recommend expanding to include archiving recordings for access and developing for use as continuing education for professional certifications and/or regulatory program standards requirements.

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Charge 6: Work with AFDO staff to develop a link to industry contacts to be shared.

Discussion: It was determined that this charge falls into the scope of charges 3 and 4.

Recommendations: Eliminate this as a separate charge and update Charge #3 accordingly.

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