

## **States-Industry Relations Committee Meeting – Ali Kashani (WA), Chair**

### **Annual Meeting, August 2008**

The States-Industry Relations Committee held an open forum at the Annual meeting on August 2nd in Hilton Down Town in Nashville, Tennessee, from 9:00 am till 10:30 am. There were over 160 people in attendance.

After welcoming remarks and introduction of the members and advisors, Andy Gray, AAFCO President, and Kent Kitade, AAFCO President Elect, discussed the AAFCO strategic plans. A summit was held last February with the industry representatives with two major recommendations: 1. promotion of the association's growth; 2. facilitate consistent and fair interpretation and enforcement of feed laws and rules. Andy also discussed the following recommendations he received from the regulators at the administrative seminar last May: 1. enhance communication; 2. promote and enhance member participation; 3. promote organizational growth and efficiency; 3. emphasize feed & Food safety & public health; 4. ensure working partnerships with stakeholders, 5. promote AAFCO internationally. Andy will be taking inputs from members and advisors between now and the Midyear meeting. The board of directors is planning to finalize the 2010 association's strategic plan at next year's AAFCO administrative seminar and present it to the membership at the annual meeting for their vote. A copy of a survey was passed out to the audience with an invitation for participation at a meeting scheduled the following Monday (8:00 -10:00) to continue with the strategic plan discussion. Details of the presentations in slide format will be posted on the AAFCO website.

Dr. Dragan Momcilovic, FDA's Medicated Feed Specialist, presented information on the origin of nanotechnology, provided examples of nanomaterials, and reflected on regulatory aspects of evaluating nanomaterials in new animal drugs and animal feed. Dragan explained the terminology used in nanotechnology and compared particle sizes of a human hair (80,000 nm) with Parvo virus (26 nm) and Rotavirus (60-80 nm) and a molecule of glucose (1nm). Some examples of nanoparticles (1-100 nm) mentioned were: nanotube, fullerenes, liposome for drug delivery and quantum dots. Dragan reviewed his agency's role in review of animal drugs and animal feeds and the type of information they would require for approval for conventional products as well as products on nano-scale. Dragan indicated that FDA may issue guidance document on various aspects of nanotechnology on products the agency regulates as it becomes appropriate to do so. A copy of the slide presentation was posted on the AAFCO website.

Dr. Timothy Herrman Professor and Director at Office of the Texas Chemist gave a progress report of his HACCP task force (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Plan) and activities (two meetings) since the Midyear meeting. State feed programs and their purposes were discussed as well as some of HACCP background information. The purpose of the taskforce is to develop a verification program for a voluntary HACCP plan. The taskforce is comprised of AAFCO members, other government agencies, industry advisors and academia. HACCP was described as a management system that could meet some of the purposes of FDA Food Protection Plan as well for prevention of food safety problems from occurring. Tim said that a 10-page document on voluntary HACCP will be soon available for public input at the AAFCO website.

A tentative topic, future of feed industry with respect to global situation, for the Midyear meeting to be held in January was mentioned. Meeting adjourned at about 10:30 AM