



An Update from the AAFCO President

November 23, 2009

AFIA endorses new AAFCO Model Legislation. On November 12, 2009, the AFIA Board of Directors voted to endorse the new AAFCO Model Non-Commercial Feed Bill and the new AAFCO Model Good Manufacturing Practices Regulations for all Feed and Feed Ingredients. The endorsement continues the long standing AFIA endorsement of all of AAFCO model legislation that promotes regulatory uniformity amongst the member states. As AAFCO President, I made a presentation to the AFIA Board of Directors that acknowledges the AAFCO-AFIA 100-year old history of cooperation in promoting our common goals.

Recent AAFCO Committee, Workgroup, and Taskforce Changes. There have been some changes in the different groups that work to accomplish the goals that AAFCO membership has set in the Strategic Plan. You may already be aware of the changes but I thought I would summarize them here for your convenience:

- **Tim Darden, New Mexico**, has agreed to chair the Enforcement Issues Committee. **Ben Jones, Texas**, former chair of the committee has agreed to serve as interim vice-chair.
- A new task force has been established by the AAFCO Board of Directors. The purpose of the **Education Task Force** is to work with the AAFCO Board of Directors and Committees to identify and secure subject matter experts on education and outreach topics. The Education Task Force will be chaired by **Meagan Davis, Kentucky** and **Kent Kitade, California** will serve as vice-chair.
- **Shannon Jordre, FDA-CVM** has decided to step down as the chair of the **Ingredient Definitions Committee** and **Richard Ten Eyke, Oregon** has agreed to chair the committee. Assisting Richard will be **Aaron Elam, Oklahoma** who will serve as vice-chair. Shannon has assured us all that he will be readily available to assist Richard until he has comfortably assumed the role that Shannon has successfully fulfilled.
- **Dave Syverson, Minnesota** has stepped down as chair of the **Pet Food Committee**, and **Teresa Crenshaw, Delaware** has agreed to serve as interim chair until a willing volunteer has been identified to take the reins of one of the most dynamic and challenging of all AAFCO committees.
- After fulfilling its assignment, the **AAFCO HACCP Task Force** was disbanded by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors wishes to thank the members and advisors of the task force for completing an important component of the AAFCO Model Feed Safety Program.
- The Board of Directors thought that the Association would be better served if Sharon's long list of duties as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer did not include

chairing the Communications Committee and has asked **Rod Noel to serve as Interim Chair of the Communications Committee**. The Board of Directors expresses its appreciation of Sharon's valuable contributions as chair of the committee.

Save these dates:

AAFCO Midyear Meeting	January 19 - 21, 2010	Crowne Plaza in Redondo Beach, CA
AAFCO Feed Administrators Seminar	April 20 – 22, 2010	Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC
AAFCO Annual Meeting	August 2010	Portland, OR