Strategic Planning 2017-2020

Update	ed Goals 2017-2020						
Strengt	Strengthen organizational infrastructure						
1	Manage and pursue revenue generating opportunities to maintain a sound financial base						
2***	Pursue hiring executive support						
3	Evaluate the effectiveness of the organization of AAFCO for continuous improvement						
4	Provide leadership skills enhancement to develop and support AAFCO leaders						
5	Optimize resource sharing opportunities						
6	Enhance internal communication efficiencies and documentation within the association						
Promot	e and enhance membership participation (internal)						
7**	Identify opportunities to increase member agency participation						
8*	Develop and provide professional development and technical training opportunities in support of feed programs						
9*	Enhance collaboration, communication and cooperation among regulatory agencies						
10**	Communicate and document AAFCO benefits and accomplishments						
Emphas	size feed and food safety						
11	Continue developing member feed safety programs in alignment with FSMA and IFSS						
12*	Promote and support laboratory technology, methods, quality systems and collaboration						
Vitalize	partnerships with external stakeholders						
13	Identify key stakeholders and working partners and common goals						
14	Develop and maintain professional relationships with stakeholders and affiliated organizations						
Strengt	hen international presence						
15	Participate in relevant international meetings as resources permit						
16	Invite International attendees to association activities						
17	Provide a forum for international discussions on feed safety						
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^{*} Top 3 priority goals

^{**} Adequate progress was made on the first three; Goal 7 was initially identified as a fourth goal. The Board/Chairs subsequently added goal 10 October 2018 - January 2019.

^{***} Board priority action completed February 2018

Top 3 Priority Goals [FSMA TF activities integrated]

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Group 1: Mark Leblanc, Nancy Thiex, Ken Bowers, Meagan Davis, and Dave Dressler

Outcome	Activity	Resources Needed	Timeline	Responsibility
Strategy: Emphas	ize feed and food safety	•		
		ology, metho	ods, quality systems and collaboration	
12.1 ** Fund	,	Funds	Methods needs survey completed (pathogens and vitamins	LMSC with ISC
AOAC method	that aren't relevant and	People	top). General priority list established. Vitamin and mineral	support
development and	prioritize the remainders.		workgroup in progress and have some funding requests.	
validation	Identify resources to clear out		Mycotoxin methods are well established and most labs	
	analytical method needs		analyze with no method needs work to be done. CTC/OTC	
	backlog. Use existing strategy		working group is validating HPLC and LCMS method. Vitamins	
	to identify method needs and		remain as the most needed AOAC method development.	
	prioritize them to		Pathogens analyses are well established AOAC methods (no	
	continuously identify new		need here). Will require review of the methods list together	
	needs (includes sample		with the hazard list to reprioritize. See survey summary sent	
	preparation)		by Nancy Thiex 2019.10.28.	
			Need to identify resources to address backlog thereafter.	
			3-5 years to address backlog.	
			August 2018: Sugars and fructans methods submitted for ERP	
			at AOAC;	
			FDA hazard guidance published January 23, 2018 insufficient	
			for use. Basic FDA guidance available late 2019 to Contract	
			inspection states.	
			Working with FFIMC (12.2) (WG: Eric, Sharon, Kristi, Josh,	
			Jenny, Nancy) to develop annual state survey to prioritize and select hazards to advance method development. Survey	
			sent to regulators Dec. 2020. Results presented by J.	
			Arbaugh and E. Brady at LMSC. Results available through	
			LMSC. Identified toxic metal, microbial pathogen, toxins,	
			vitamins, drug (medicating and residue level) and pesticides.	
			Next step was to identify gaps in labs and potential causes of	
			capabilities (identify equipment needs, matrix extension	
			work, new method validation, future training opportunities	
			and best practice guidance).	

			August 2021: Results from the State Agriculture Laboratory Capability survey were received, compiled and presented at LMSC. LMSC formed new working groups for the hazards identified and created tables with an outline of each new working group, the lead and volunteers. LMSC members/advisors were contacted asking for volunteers. This will be an ongoing process. The LMSC will be starting work on drafting a Method Needs Statement for Vitamin D. Since hazards change, LMSC plans to send an annual survey to regulators in order to capture new hazards or other analytical compounds of interest and adjustment method development as appropriate. Complete	
Combined with	Identify resources to perform	Funds	6 months to identify resources	1. ISC
12.3 (below)	additional (field) sample collection studies	Equipment	'	2. LMSC
12 2 *** ECMA TE		People Subject	3 years to perform additional sample collection studies	FEIMC load FIC
12.2 *** FSMA TF Item 3: priority setting and method development for contaminants/ hazards (Combined with activity 9.2 in FFIMC WG)	Determine the contaminants, hazards, matrix and action levels to provide guidance to LMSC to inform method development. Integrate collaboratively into current LMSC priorities	Subject matter experts Funds Equipment	information. FDA assumed the work and published hazard	FFIMC lead, EIC, ISC, IDC and LMSC

12.3 ** Validation of sampling methods	method validation including	Funds Equipment People Time	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	ISC with LMSC support
12.4 ** Collaboration between feed programs and laboratories that perform feed sample analysis and laboratory participation in AAFCO	, , ,	Time People	November 2017: Letter from President (Ken) to state Directors/Commissioners. LMSC WG for outreach to states and federal laboratories that	AAFCO Board (President) LMSC EIC

Group 2: Kristen* Green, Doug Lueders, Richard* Ten Eyck, Abe Brown, Stan Cook, Kelsey* Luebbe, Dave* Edwards, Erin* Bubb

Outcome A	Activity	Resources	Timeline	Responsibility
		Needed		
	and enhance membership			
			eration among regulatory agencies	
9.1 ** Share compliance letters/enforceme nt actions. Coordination of enforcement action.	to Feed BIN		North Carolina also has a "mini" Listserv. It is informal, but has	EIC to designate lead with FASS support - Jennifer
	Share compliance letters and enforcement actions (State and Federal)	matter	be done fairly easily and quickly according to Food Shield IT expert. Confidential company info release could be an issue for states. August 2018: WG, Surveyed 700 members, 44 responded (6%) regarding needs. RFP developed and sent to 4 companies. Three responded with proposals. WG turnover necessitated change in members. George Ferguson, Erin Bubb and Richard Ten Eyck reviewed the 3 proposals and made recommendation to EIC. Food Shield proposal accepted and Board approved proceeding. Search features are being adjusted. Expect to be functional within 6 months. August 2019 demo stage. January 2020: Communication challenges finalizing. January 2022: Site is up and working, but the final requests made of FoodShield have not been completed. The site is available and useable, just a little clunky at this time.	
	Share Division of Animal Feed letters Being done as part of Food Shield (item above)		Made a component of item above.	EIC to designate lead and coordinate with FDA as necessary; FASS to support
	Enforcement Issues		No action due to lack of members willing to lead.	EIC to designate

Outcome	Activity	Resources Needed	Timeline	Responsibility
	Committee can pick up topics - coordinate and enhance committee action		2020: New leadership seeking additional members and developing ideas/suggestions for coordinated enforcement activities August 2021: Considering developing criteria for identifying, coordinating and documenting coordinated events January 2022: No update	lead with FASS support - Members
	core report (similar to that of FDA (Pet Net, Animal Net) (frequency to	Listserv EIC IDC Any committee	January 2020: Other compliance reporting (see 9.1) and Pet Net/Livestock Net is available. Low value developing core report. Activity discontinued.	EIC to designate lead with FASS support
9.2 *** FSMA TF part of Item 3: Enforcement strategy for contaminants/ hazards (Combined with activity 12.2 in FFIMC WG)	Determine the contaminants, hazards, matrix, action levels and enforcement strategy to provide guidance to LMSC to inform method development and priority setting.		Alliance decided not to develop specific hazard guidance information. FDA has assumed the activity; work product published January 23, 2018.	FFIMC lead, EIC, ISC, IDC and LMSC
9.3 ** Enhanced use of Feed BIN		Financial support	Complete January 2017 (activities detailed in Feed BIN)	CIOC
9.4 ** Coordinate with NASDA to develop a framework for state feed programs to deliver FSMA implementation	Provide data and information for NASDA grant application (AAFCO	AAFCO subject matter experts	Grant application successful and SME identified. Framework developed and finalized late 2018. Will be tracked via grant reporting obligations. Complete 2018	NASDA-AAFCO- FDA FSMA Steering Committee (AAFCO reps: Linda, Ali, Bob W., Richard)
9.5 *** FSMA TF Item 1: Align Model Bill with needed authorities to Implement FSMA	Make recommendations to align the Model Bill with needed authorities to implement FSMA		Complete January 2017	MBRC

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AAFCO GMPs to FSMA GMPs and convert AAFCO	a. Develop a plan for states that have adopted AAFCO's model GMPs to transition to FSMA GMPs. b. Remove Model Feed Safety Plan from OP (archive for historical reference) and use AFRPS instead		Complete August 2016	a. FFIMC with MBRC and PFC b. FFIMC with OP section editor and Feed Safety Coordinator
9.7 *** FSMA TF Item 6: Develop communication plan for AAFCO specific FSMA implementation activities (See 10.1)	a. Develop an AAFCO Communication Plan to better inform b. Develop a model communication plan for states to use for outreach to regulated parties		Framework developed (activities detailed in Feed BIN). 2017 initiated biannual newsletter. Draft plan developed February 2017 included both generic and ongoing activities. August 2018: Revising to make generic. Ongoing activities will be part of CIOC regular work. Expect to finalize for Board/member approval January 2019. January 2020: Given state of FSMA implementation, a comm plan is considered too late. FSMA specific activity discontinued. Instead, a generic comm plan will be developed as part of 10.1 (9.7 integrated within).	CIOC

Group 3: Dan Danielson, Ali Kashani, and Tim Weigner

Outcome	Activity	Resources Needed	Timeline	Responsibility
Strategy: Promote	and enhance membership pa	articipation (inter	rnal)	
Goal 8: Develop a	nd provide professional devel	opment and tech	nical training opportunities in support of feed program	
8.1 ** AFRPS -	Extract all resource (training)	Subject matter	Work group formed.	ETC together
draft curriculum	needed to meet Standard 2	experts.	Covers 8.1 and 8.2.	with ISC
for examples.		Potential travel	Document finalized. Need mechanism to keep updated,	
Available training	Crosswalk to IFPTI;	for non-Co-Ag	likely via George's group.	
needs to meet	AITS/BITS; ORAU; CVM, FEMA	contract states	Developed training calendar in FeedBIN and been adding	
standards			to calendar. Point of contact and ongoing addition -	
	Identify gaps and approach		Jeff; also seeking industry input so their training can be	
	land grant universities		input.	

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			WG disbanded. Complete Spring 2018 See 8.2	
8.2 ** Directory/ listing of trainings available		FASS support		ETC
8.3 ** Model training framework	Develop model document for joint inspection (OJT - on the job training) for feed. Develop model training plan. Not "developing model training plan" per follow-up conversation with Tim W., Dan D. and Ali K.	experts. Potential travel	Work group formed. Drafted (3 part: policy overview, training plan (modified yearly for employee) and forms). ISC supplied material to ETC who drafted document. (Jim True interface as he is on both committees). August 2018: Comments back from ISC and incorporated, no additional comments - presented final model training manual to committee; audited against animal feed standards (2 and some of 3, as well as sampling and work planning). Recommend use and revisions thereafter. Document has been shared with the Committee throughout the process. Committee approved August 2018 and Board/members accepted January 2019.	,

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8.4 *** FSMA TF Item 4: Develop training material not covered through Alliance work product	Verify if training material for feed ingredient manufacturing from the (FSPCA) Alliance meets the needs of inspectors and revise as needed and include in directory of training material	experts. Potential travel	· ·	FFIMC & ISC supported by ETC
8.5 *** FSMA TF Item 5: Review and revise the Feed Inspector's Manual to support FSMA implementation	Review and revise the Feed Inspector's Manual to make sure it supports FSMA implementation	Subject matter experts. Potential travel for non-Co-Ag contract states. FASS support for publication, including printing/FeedBIN costs.		ISC supported by LMSC and ETC

^{**} Top 3 outcomes identified at May 2^{nd,} 2016 planning session

^{***} FSMA TF outcomes integrated into 2017-2020 Strategic Plan

Additional 2 Priority Goals

January 19, 2019 Participants: Bob Geiger, Kristen Green, Susan Hays, Amanda Anderson, Richard Ten Eyck, Erin Bubb, Hollis Glenn, Miriam Johnson, Dave Phillips, Kent Kitade, Stan Cook, George Ferguson, Austin Therrell, Ken Bowers, Ali Kashani, Katie Simpson, Kristie McCallum (attendees contributed to both goals)

Outcome	Activity	Resources	Timeline	Responsibility
Strategy: Promo Goal 7: Identify address all of 6 7.1 Conduct survey of membership needs supplemented with direct communication	ote and enhance membership participation opportunities to increase member agence Goal 7 Develop survey to identify who (member and person) is not participating and why. Individuals to conduct direct communication are identified based on	Needed on (internal cy participa \$\$ for CEU courses, time at	Active member list supplied by FASS for working group review. Survey developed and approved by Board to send out in February 2021. Compile and review results in March. August 2021: Engagement survey results are in,	Board CIOC ED CEU specific committee
7.2 Mentoring	states (talking points - how AAFCO supports AFRPS, offer CEU, offer AFRPS session at meetings). Develop recruiting strategies (What we can do for then and them for us), action plan and implement. Hold new member session during meeting Follow up to encourage engagement. Regionally, active states contact inactive states with news, updates and invites.		As a co-chair I believe that 7.1 needs to be a bigger project than "just a survey". If it is treated a typical survey, I do not believe we will acquire the results we desire. I propose that the BOD create a WG to map out (logic model) an engagement program plan that involves members from all committees. We need to define and list inputs, and specific outputs to create meaningful successful engagement. Pieces of this are being tackled by CIOC, but this committee is overcommitted and stretched thin. Develop list of target states and person responsible.	CIOC Board

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	Targeted scholarships. Hold meetings in states/regions with decreased participation. Support mentorship/mentor (e.g. sub- committee) to host training/workshops		New member session formalized 2019-20, pairing new attendees with ambassadors. 2021: WG postponed AAFCO 101 and mentoring due to virtual meetings. August 2021: AAFCO 101 slide set now a video; AAFCO 101 & Ambassador program gearing up for January 2022 meeting. The original thoughts centered on in person meetings; COVID stalled plans. January 2022: AAFCO 101 & Ambassador program more organized and good attendance by Ambassadors at Midyear. Would like to expand the program to reach out to new attendees on a regular schedule throughout the year.	
7.3 Provide events at Mid Year and Annual to inspire all member agencies to attend and participate	Events established based on membership survey and ongoing intelligence gathering. Events should consider needs of both large and small agencies (determine what these are). Design events that lead to innovation and nontraditional solutions. Increase opportunities for ideas to be heard and let them know ideas are welcome. Develop standardized documented procedure. Schedule events in the middle of the meeting versus front/back of regular meeting. Increase professionalism of meetings (Committees are prepared and actively conduct work at meetings). Offer more education/training at meeting (identify needs, consider AFRPS/new outside groups (USDA))	Speaker funding	Ongoing intelligence gathering established (e.g. post meeting evaluation, outreach to states). Needs list developed, actioned and tracked. Surveys (CIOC Engagement Survey and Midyear Exit Survey) will allow	CIOC with technical support from relevant committees
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	e and enhance membership participation (internicate and document AAFCO benefits and accomp			
10.1 Enhance	Strengthen Current Issues and Outreach	distillents	Summer 2020 RFP issued to engage	CIOC,
Communication	Committee		communications firm to address	Technology
tools.			communications needs and comm plan.	Committee?
	Develop an AAFCO Communication Plan to better		•	
Integrated 10.2,	inform (from 9.7).		Proposals evaluated, firm selected and 2021 contract initiated.	Issue specific Committee
10.3, 10.4 and	Develop relevant talking points with cohesive			
10.5	message, not just listing top benefits of		WG established to onboard Philosophy and	(technical
Integrated 9.7	committees (ask at seminar, ask members what			input)
	they think the bullet point messages should be.		supporting development of Comm Plan.	
	Formulate and communicate positions on		August 2021: Long-term Philosophy workgroup	
	emerging issues (e.g., hemp, ICG).		created that will be responsible for reviewing	
	Communicate benefits of AAFCO for Lab group		proposed content. Building a member toolkit	
	(e.g. AAFCO support for ISO), success and		to strategically plan how each event,	
	relevance of proficiency testing program.		publication, announcement etc. is handled &	
	Develop and publicize resolutions to support the		subsequently rolled out. Communication plan	
	AAFCO feed/food safety vision and goals. Collect		is in progress with WG identifying key	
	case studies of AAFCO's successes and how they		elements and tactics to fulfill charge. Hoping	
	increased feed safety (e.g. BSE regs, botanicals,		to chart activities.	
	proficiency testing protocol ISO certification,		January 2022: AAFCO CIOC/Philosophy core	
	ingredient definitions, early development of		leadership meets weekly, the entire WG	
	model regulations, good samples).		meets at a minimum monthly and is called	
	Identify target audience, as message will vary.		upon when needed.	
	Identify delivery format (handout/pamphlet,		Member toolkit is being built.	
	newsletters, website, FeedBIN, social media)		Communication plan is being expanded to	

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Develop schedule to keep Website content updated. Issue shorter newsletters more frequently (monthly). Maintain electronic list of upcoming meetings. Identify communication tools to utilize (dashboard, surveys). Facebook page: start with monthly newsletter, AAFCO press releases (increased frequency), communicates big items (consider activist comments). Consider having FASS post, someone else puts together content/format and review comments (ask COSDA for help). Consider contracting social media management firm.		include a new social media policy that will be presented to the Board in the near future. Timelines are in place for events of all sizes, and work is being dovetailed with FASS and the event planning workgroup. Quarterly newsletter has been proposed from content curated by CIOC/Philosophy WG members. This content will include evergreen material, emerging issue content, and state relevant topics.	
Shorter more frequent issuance (monthly), (?)			CIOC Board New Tech Committee?
Each individual supplies names and contact information for supervisor, commissioner and other important senior managers to copy. Create a capture form that aligns with recognition /award. Capture contact information from all program employees (title, role, etc.), way for person to update and verify as well as sign up for AAFCO notices by preference. Automate process to generate thank you letter to identified key member directors/commissioners after each meeting (Annual/Midyear) that promotes key successes at meeting and thanking them for supporting program employee attendance and participation.		Consider automating letter to senior management relative to members receiving awards. Work with FASS to capture data in Member profiles to automate process. August 2021: Data collection designed, proposed and MocaWorks quote approved by Board to begin work. January 2022: Completed in October of 2021. However, members were not notified of the change. At that time FASS handled emails of this type. Since our policy has now changed and we are utilizing Philosophy for writing notifications. It has been sent this to Philosophy to write up and will be sent out shortly.	CIOC,
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to feed label reviewers / generators	(e.g. require ODI report with label; promote industry use to generate labels pre-market (benefit is increased OP sales and revenue to improve AAFCO)		way to distribute August 2021: Activities to be tackled by the Long-Term Philosophy workgroup. Key current topics took priority in the last 2 months postponing action on this particular item. January 2022: This has been moved to the top of the quarterly newsletter and social media project list.	Feed Labeling, Technology Committee ongoing support
10.4 How to distribute Spotlight On (Internal)	Utilize press releases/surveys Draft language for mini ListServ (Board/Kristen start) and see if picked up; if not outreach is next step).		August 2021: Activities to be tackled by the Long-Term Philosophy workgroup. January 2022: This has been moved to the top of the quarterly newsletter and social media project list.	CIOC Pet Food, Technology Committee

Participants:

Name	Priority voting pre-meeting	Attended May 2, 2016	AAFCO role
Mark LeBlanc	✓	~	Board
Ken Bowers	✓	~	Board/Chair Subc.
Richard Ten Eyck		✓	Board/Chair
Ali Kashani	✓	✓	Board/Chair
Dan Danielson	✓	✓	Board/Co-Chair
Stan Cook	✓	✓	Board/Chair
Erin Bubb	✓	✓	Board
Robert Geiger			Board
Kristen Green	✓	✓	Board
Eric Nelson			FDA advisor
Dave Edwards		~	FDA advisor
Abe Brown		~	FDA advisor
Tim Weigner		✓	FDA advisor
Tim Lyons			Chair
Meagan Davis	✓	~	Chair
Dave Dressler		✓	Co-Chair
Chad Linton			Co-Chair
Nancy Thiex	✓	~	Co-Chair
Aaron Price	✓		Co-Chair
Doug Lueders	✓	✓	Chair
Linda Morrison	✓	✓	Chair
Bob Waltz	✓		Feed Safety Coord
Kelsey Luebbe		✓	Co-Chair