

Current Issues and Outreach Committee Report/Minutes  
2017 Midyear Meeting  
Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel  
Mobile, Alabama  
Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
9:30 am – 10:30 am

**Committee Recommendations**

Committee recommendations summary or list  
None

**Board Recommendations**

Board recommendation summary or list  
None

**Association Recommendations**

Association recommendation summary or list  
None

**Committee Participants**

**Members Present:** Liz Higgins, Meagan Davis, Chad Linton, Tim Lyons, Eric Nelson, Kent Kitade, Richard Ten Eyck, Kelsey Luebbe and Ali Kashani

Advisors Present: Scott Ringer, Angela Mills, David Dzanis, David Fairfield, David Meeker and Jason Vickers.

**Committee Report**

**Committee Activities**

**ACTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am EST by Chair, Ali Kashani  
Kelsey Luebbe, the committee Vice Chair, gave an overview of recent webinar held as well as the distribution of the newsletter Liz Higgins put together.

Kristen Green of University of Kentucky announced details of the pet food labeling workshop to be held from 1:00 pm August 12 through 5 pm August 13 in Bellevue, Washington, after the AAFCO annual meeting.

Dr. Robert Waltz, AAFCO liaison to NASDA made a presentation on the cooperative agreement grant that NASDA received to develop a state implementation plan to implement the Preventive Controls for Animal Food. The grant is for \$300,000 per year subject to renewal for five years. AAFCO is fully participating in the development of the implementation framework with

NASDA and FDA and they would appreciate participants from states to serve on the technical workgroups. The purpose of the grant is targeted to State Commissioners, Secretaries and Directors of Agriculture to support and strengthen the animal food regulatory programs to include pet food programs (subject to Part 507), and to assist in supporting estimates of fiscal needs in talking with state and federal legislators in determining budget needs. The target date for the completion of the project (finalizing the implementation framework) is December 2017. The implementation framework will be modeled after the successfully developed Produce Safety Implementation Framework, which was completed by NASDA under a separate FDA grant. AAFCO members did participate in this grant and contributed to the writing of the final application of the current grant. A workgroup for the current grant was initiated earlier this year and formative meetings begun as of October 2016. The first face-to-face meeting was held immediately prior to this meeting on Friday and Saturday. Twenty-two regulatory officials were present including representatives from FDA, NASDA and AAFCO. Bob Ehart with NASDA, and I, representing AAFCO, are co-leads.

Although the Food Safety Implementation Framework will be modelled after the Produce Safety Implementation Framework, this project is in a very different place. Current good manufacturing practices and Preventive Controls are not totally new to the feed and pet food industries. Dr. Waltz emphasized the need for AAFCO members to actively participate as technical workgroup members to provide input for the development of the document.

Ms. Joanne Givens, Human and Animal Food Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs gave an in depth explanation of FDA's Program Alignment including the challenges, opportunities and its status. Division of work by programs versus regions were also discussed as well as the organizational chart.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.