Strategic Planning 2017-2020(2022)

Updated	Updated Goals 2017-2020						
Strength	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						
Promote	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						
Emphasi	ze 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						
Strength	en 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						

^{*} 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] (Final updated text: italics/bold/purple)

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

Outcome	Activity	Resources	Timeline	Responsible
		Needed		
	e feed and food safety			
			thods, quality systems and collaboration	
12.1 ** Fund AOAC	Review list, remove those	Funds	Methods needs survey completed (pathogens and vitamins top). General priority	LMSC with ISC
method	that aren't relevant and	People	list established. Vitamin and mineral workgroup in progress and have some	support
development and	prioritize the remainders.		funding requests. Mycotoxin methods are well established and most labs analyze	
validation	Identify resources to clear		with no method needs work to be done. CTC/OTC working group is validating	
	out analytical method		HPLC and LCMS method. Vitamins remain as the most needed AOAC method	
	needs backlog. Use		development. Pathogens analyses are well established AOAC methods (no need	
	existing strategy to		here). Will require review of the methods list together with the hazard list to	
	identify method needs		reprioritize. See survey summary sent by Nancy Thiex 2019.10.28.	
	and prioritize them to		Need to identify resources to address backlog thereafter.	
	continuously identify new		3-5 years to address backlog.	
	needs (includes sample		August 2018: Sugars and fructans methods submitted for ERP at AOAC;	
	preparation)		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 12.3	Identify resources to	Funds	6 months to identify resources	1. ISC
(below)	perform additional (field)		1 year to develop adequate protocols	1. ISC 2. LMSC
(Delow)	sample collection studies		3 years to perform additional sample collection studies	z. LWIJC
	pampie conection studies	l . cohic	1 3 years to perform additional sample collection studies	<u> </u>

Item 3: priority setting and method development for contaminants/hazards	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		FFIMC lead, EIC, ISC, IDC and LMSC
12.3 ** Validation of sampling methods	a) Perform field sampling method validation including sampling equipment and sample type. b) Establish sampling methods needs statement (Complete). Identify resources and develop adequate protocols to perform additional (field) sample collection studies.		a) Activities: needs statement, RFP, contract, evaluation. Expect it will take 2 years. b) 6 months to establish sampling method needs statement. 6 months to identify resources 1 year to develop adequate protocols. 5 years to perform sampling method validation. Will flow from 1.1 Complete June 2018: Laboratory sampling guideline. Work group established (ISC and LMSC reps) to develop RFP. August-December 2018: RFP developed and issued. Starting with bag/probe sampling and several types of feed (particle sizes), analytes (e.g. protein, fat, fiber, Ca, P, Zn) under consideration need to include high, middle and low concentration as well as residue levels; consulted with Andy to address statistical validity. Three proposals received mid 2019 and assessed. Two proposals successful; moving forward with contract with UK; second proposal exceeds budget and may not be needed if UK study suffices. January 2021: UK Preliminary report presented. Report available through ISC. August 2021: Data analysis for publication and presentation at LMSC in progress August 2022: No further updates	ISC with LMSC support

12.4 **	Encourage participation	Time	November 2017: Letter from President (Ken) to state Directors/Commissioners.	AAFCO Board
Collaboration	and attendance by state	People	LMSC WG for outreach to states and federal laboratories that are not attending	(President)
between feed	labs by programs and		to work on increasing participation (especially AFRPS).	LMSC
programs and	encourage communication		August 2018: Ongoing effort by LMSC to develop initiatives to increase	EIC
laboratories that	between labs/programs.		collaboration.	
perform feed	Reach out to states to		Complete	
sample analysis and	encourage laboratory			
laboratory	participation			
participation in	(letter/email) in AAFCO.			
AAFCO				

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

Outcome	Activity	Resources Needed	Timeline	Responsible
Strategy: Promote and	enhance membership participation	on (internal)		
Goal 9: Enhance collab	oration, communication and coop			
9.1 ** Share	Categorize Listserv topics to Feed	Administrativ		EIC to
compliance	BIN	e support	North Carolina also has a "mini" Listserv. It is informal, but has	designate lead
letters/enforcement	Being done as part of Food	Feed Bin	national data. Membership for regulators is vetted in order to	with FASS
	Shield (next item)		control access.	support -
of enforcement action.			Made a component of item below.	Jennifer
	·	Guidance	Call January 2018: Need searchable and secure IT solution; can be	EIC to
		from subject	done fairly easily and quickly according to Food Shield IT expert.	designate lead
	(State and Federal)	matter	Confidential company info release could be an issue for states.	with FASS
		experts	August 2018: WG, Surveyed 700 members, 44 responded (6%)	support
			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.	
	Chara Division of Animal Food	<u> </u>	August 2022: No further updates	EIC to
	Share Division of Animal Feed		Made a component of item above.	
	letters			designate lead

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	Being done as part of Food Shield (item above)			and coordinate with FDA as necessary; FASS to support
	Enforcement Issues Committee can pick up topics - coordinate and enhance committee action		No action due to lack of members willing to lead. 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 August 2022: No further updates	EIC to designate lead with FASS support - Members
	Consider development of core report (similar to that of FDA (Pet Net, Animal Net) (frequency to be determined)	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
Item 3: Enforcement strategy for contaminants/ hazards (Combined with	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	Identify activities to enhance use	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 is sub-contractor) and subject matter experts to support framework development.	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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Transition AAFCO GMPs to FSMA GMPs and convert AAFCO Model Feed Safety Program Plan to AFRPS	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			a. FFIMC with MBRC and PFC b. FFIMC with OP section editor and Feed Safety Coordinator
communication plan for AAFCO specific FSMA implementation activities	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	Responsible
Strategy: Promote	and enhance membership	participation (internal)		
Goal 8: Develop ar	nd provide professional de	velopment and technical t	raining opportunities in support of feed program	
draft curriculum for examples. Available training	(training) needed to meet	Subject matter experts. Potential travel for non- Co-Ag contract states	Work group formed. Covers 8.1 and 8.2. Document finalized. Need mechanism to keep updated, likely via George's group. Developed training calendar in FeedBIN and been adding to calendar. Point of contact and ongoing addition - Jeff; also seeking	ETC together with ISC
	Identify gaps and approach land grant universities		industry input so their training can be input. WG disbanded. Complete Spring 2018 See 8.2	
8.2 ** Directory/ listing of trainings available	Once training needs and model training plan are done (above), catalogue courses and categorize as	FASS support	Work group formed. Covers 8.1 and 8.2. Catalogued and categorized (per vote 8.1 above). Basic/Advanced terminology means different things for AAFCO (BITS/AITS), IFPTI	ETC

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	basic and advanced		and potentially individual states. Decided that categorization would also contain disclaimer allowing state discretion in courses they require for their inspectors. Complete Spring 2018: See 8.1 In FeedBIN. WG disbanded. August 2018: Not on Strategic Plan, but identified via ETC. Investigating software program that could track training of AAFCO members (Learning Management System). Considered 5 firms, including Knowledge Vault who declined. Selected 2 (Litmos and DigitalChalk (also used by NGFA)) for full demonstration. Both met all needs. DigitalChalk favoured and most price effective: \$8.4K for 500 active users. Recommendation/motion approved: move forward to Board to proceed with RFP (especially the 2 firms) to acquire a system.	
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.		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. Complete.	ETC (George F. lead) and ISC
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	Subject matter experts. Potential travel for non- Co-Ag contract states	Evaluated the GMP inspection of feed manufacturers against feed ingredient manufacturers and feel the general manufacturing	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 Needed	Timeline	Responsible			
Strategy: Promo	te and enhance membership participation (int	ernal)					
Goal 7: Identify	Goal 7: Identify opportunities to increase member agency participation - January 2021 Workplan and working groups drafted to address all of Goal 7						
7.1 Conduct survey of membership needs supplemented with direct communication	Develop survey to identify who (member and person) is not participating and why. Individuals to conduct direct communication	\$\$ for CEU courses, time at meetings	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, evaluated & plan being developed. January 2022: Entire project needs to be re-mapped. Insufficient responses were received - twice. Addressed again on CIOC committee call February 22, 2022 - ZERO volunteers to create a Workgroup to address this engagement survey/project. As a co-chair I believe that 7.1 needs to be a bigger project than "just a survey". If it is treated as 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. August 2022: No further updates	Board CIOC ED CEU specific committee ETC			
7.2 Mentoring	Hold new member session during meeting Follow up to encourage engagement. Regionally, active states contact inactive states with news, updates and invites. Targeted scholarships. Hold meetings in states/regions with decreased participation. Support mentorship/mentor (e.g. sub-		Develop list of target states and person responsible. Develop list of mentors to match with mentees. Develop talking points, scholarship program and mentoring engagement plan. New member session formalized 2019-20, pairing new attendees with ambassadors. 2021: WG postponed AAFCO 101 and mentoring due to virtual meetings.	CIOC Board			

Outcome	Activity	Resources Needed	Timeline	Responsible
	committee) to host training/workshops		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. August 2022: No further updates	
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		CIOC with technical support from relevant committees
7.4 Formulate and communicate positions on emerging issues (e.g., hemp, ICG) (Transferred to 10.1)				

Outcome	Activity	Resources	Timeline	Responsible
		Needed		

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	and enhance membership participation (interna			
	cate and document AAFCO benefits and accomp	lishments		1
10.1 Enhance	Strengthen Current Issues and Outreach			CIOC,
Communication	Committee		to address communications needs and comm plan.	Technology
tools.	Develop an AAFCO Communication Plan to			Committee?
Integrated 10.2,	better inform (from 9.7).		2021.	Issue specific
10.3, 10.4 and	Develop relevant talking points with cohesive		WG established to onboard Philosophy and support	Committee
10.5	message, not just listing top benefits of		contract work. August 2021: Long-term Philosophy	(technical
Integrated 9.7	committees (ask at seminar, ask members what			input)
	they think the bullet point messages should be.		proposed content. Building a member toolkit to	
	Formulate and communicate positions on		strategically plan how each event, publication,	
	emerging issues (e.g., hemp, ICG).		announcement etc. is handled & subsequently rolled out.	
	Communicate benefits of AAFCO for Lab group		Communication plan is in progress with WG identifying key	
	(e.g. AAFCO support for ISO), success and		elements and tactics to fulfill charge. Hoping to chart	
	relevance of proficiency testing program.		activities.	
	Develop and publicize resolutions to support		January 2022: AAFCO CIOC/Philosophy core leadership	
	the AAFCO feed/food safety vision and goals.		meets weekly, the entire WG meets at a minimum monthly	
	Collect case studies of AAFCO's successes and		and is called upon when needed.	
	how they increased feed safety (e.g. BSE regs,		Member toolkit is being built.	
	botanicals, proficiency testing protocol ISO		Communication plan is being expanded to include a new	
	certification, ingredient definitions, early		social media policy that will be presented to the Board in	
	development of model regulations, good		the near future. Timelines are in place for events of all	
	samples).		sizes, and work is being dovetailed with	
	Identify target audience, as message will vary.		FASS and the event planning workgroup. Quarterly	
	Identify delivery format (handout/pamphlet,		newsletter has been proposed from content curated by	
	newsletters, website, FeedBIN, social media)		CIOC/Philosophy WG members. This content will include	
	Develop schedule to keep Website content		evergreen material, emerging issue content, and state	
	updated.		relevant topics.	
	Issue shorter newsletters more frequently		August 2022: No further updates	
	(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			

Outcome	Activity	Resources Needed	Timeline	Responsible
10.2 Newsletters 10.3 Website kept updated 10.4 FeedBIN	firm. Shorter more frequent issuance (monthly), (?)			CIOC Board New Tech Committee?
10.2 Communicate individuals accomplishments (awards, recognition) directly to their supervisors/commis sioners via recognition letter	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.		George Ferguson offered to provide support 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 to Philosophy to write up and will be sent out shortly. August 2022: No further updates	CIOC
10.3 Promote ODI to feed label reviewers / generators	Encourage states to use to help industry buy in (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)		January 2021: Work with Philosophy on best 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. August 2022: No further updates	CIOC, 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. August 2022: No further updates	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