



2026 AAFCO Midyear Meeting
New Orleans, Louisiana | January 20-22

Business Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
9:00–10:15 AM CST
Salon A–E, third floor

- 1. Call to Order – Laura Scott, President**
- 2. In Memoriam – Laura Scott, President**

- [Lloyd Payne, FDA](#)



- [Nancy K. Cook, Pet Food Institute](#)



- [Roger Doyle Hoestenbach Jr., Office of the Texas State Chemist](#)



- [Bernadette M. Dunham, FDA CVM](#)



3. Roll Call – Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer

4. Call for Resolutions – Laura Scott, President (Due April 30, 2026)

5. Acceptance of Committee Reports – Laura Scott, President and Dan King, President-Elect

All open committee reports are published on the AAFCO website on the 2025 Annual Meeting page, right side, under the heading “Committee Reports.”

Note that not all committee reports are publicly available.

Animal Feed	Finance	Model Bill and Regulations
Current Issues and Outreach	Ingredient Definitions	Pet Food
Education and Training	Inspection and Sampling	Proficiency Testing Program
Enforcement Issues	Laboratory Methods and Services	Strategic Affairs

Motion. Board recommends acceptance of the committee reports. <> seconds. Motion <>.

6. Acceptance of Committee Recommendations – Laura Scott, President and Dan King, President-Elect

Ingredient Definitions Committee

1. New Official: 57.170 Zinc-L-Selenomethionine Complex [(2S)-2-amino-4-(methylseleno)butanoate zinc chloride]

Zinc-L-Selenomethionine Complex [(2S)-2-amino-4-(methylseleno)butanoate zinc chloride], is manufactured by the reaction of a soluble zinc salt with chemically synthesized L-selenomethionine at an appropriate stoichiometric ratio. The additive is produced in liquid form and consists of not less than 19 percent (weight/weight) of L-selenomethionine.

- (a) The zinc-L-selenomethionine complex meets the following specifications:
 - (1) Arsenic, not more than 0.5 parts per million (ppm);
 - (2) Cadmium, not more than 1 ppm;
 - (3) Lead, not more than 1 ppm; and
 - (4) Mercury, not more than 0.1 ppm.
- (b) Selenium, as zinc-L-selenomethionine complex, is added to complete feed for broiler chickens at a level not to exceed 0.3 ppm.
- (c) The additive, as zinc L-selenomethionine complex, shall be incorporated into each ton of complete feed by adding no less than 1 pound of a premix containing no more than 272.4 milligrams of added selenium per pound.
- (d) To assure safe use of the additive, in addition to the other information required by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the label and labeling of zinc-L- selenomethionine complex in its packaged form shall contain:
 - (1) The name of the additive, zinc-L-selenomethionine complex;
 - (2) Minimum and maximum guarantees for total selenium;
 - (3) Minimum guarantee for selenomethionine content;
 - (4) The following statement, "Storage Conditions: zinc-L-selenomethionine complex must be stored in a closed package at temperature not higher than 25 °C (77 °F)."; and
 - (5) An expiration date not to exceed 6 months from the date of manufacture.
- (e) The premix manufacturer shall follow good manufacturing practices in the production of selenium premixes. Inventory, production, and distribution records must provide a complete and accurate history of product production. Production controls must assure products to be what they are purported and labeled. Production controls shall include analysis sufficient to adequately monitor quality.
- (f) The label or labeling of any selenium premix shall bear adequate directions and cautions for use including this statement: "Caution: Follow label directions. The addition to feed of higher levels of this premix containing selenium is not permitted."

21 CFR 573.920

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

2. New AGRN 72, for Table 101.1

AGRN	Notifier	Substance	Common or Usual Name	Intended Use	Intended Species	Date of Filing	FDA's Letter (select to view)
72	Protekta, Inc.	Synthetic sodium aluminosilicate	Synthetic sodium aluminosilicate	To be used to maintain calcium balance in peri parturient dairy cows fed at a level of 400 grams synthetic sodium aluminosilicate/head/day for up to 14 days	Dairy Cattle	8/19/24	FDA has no questions. (PDF – 3 pages)

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

3. New Official: 51.19 Fish

51.19 Fish is undecomposed whole fish or flesh derived from the skeletal muscle, with or without accompanying bone **and skin**, exclusive of any added heads, fins, tails, skin, bones and viscera, except in such amounts as might occur unavoidably in processing. It shall be suitable for use in animal food. It is intended for use in animal food as a source of protein consistent with good feeding practices. If it bears a name descriptive of its kind, it must correspond thereto.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

Model Bill and Regulations Committee**1. Update to SUIP No. 9 Language**

Dried Insects for Wild Bird Food and Insectivorous Specialty Pets – Insects, all life stages, that are commonly **consumed** in the wild **by wild birds and/or insect eating specialty pets** may be reared and dried for use in commercial wild bird feed **and insectivorous specialty pet diets**. These insects are considered common food. The dried insects must be feed grade. The label must include the appropriate common name of the insect. Example: Black Soldier Fly Larvae.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

Inspection & Sampling Committee**1. Update to AAFCO Inspector Manual**

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

This concludes the recommendations from the committee and board that require membership approval.

Presidential Gavel Pass

President: Dan King, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Past President: Laura Scott, CFIA

Credential Report – Ben Tran, FASS

Number of voting states represented:	Number of life members:
Number of members present:	Total meeting attendance:
Number of countries:	In-Person:
Number of FDA representatives:	Zoom:

Meeting concluded at <> CT.

In Memoriam: Lloyd Payne



The animal food regulatory world lost a dedicated public servant and treasured friend with the passing of Lloyd Payne on November 15, 2025.

Lloyd served his fellow citizens by protecting human and animal health for nearly 35 years. Lloyd started his career as an FDA investigator, performing inspections not only of human and animal food facilities, but also medical products and devices. Eventually, he came to the Center for Veterinary Medicine and served as a compliance officer and subject matter expert. Lloyd was an expert advisor and mentor to our FDA and state field staff, helping to develop and deliver training as well as provide advice on inspections and case development.

Lloyd was an active member of AAFCO, serving on the investigations and sampling committee. He provided valuable insight to the committee drawing on his extensive field experience and practical approach to solving problems.

Most importantly, Lloyd was a treasured friend to many. He could light up a room with laughter, sharing his sharp wit and stories – whether about work or his pigs and other critters – with that Oklahoma twang. Lloyd was always willing to lend a hand, or a listening ear to anyone (but you may have been hard pressed to have him lend you a penny). May his kindness, expertise, and stories live on in the lives of all those that he touched in the animal food regulatory world.

In Memoriam: Nancy K. Cook



Nancy K. Cook passed away on December 8, 2025, just before her 73rd birthday. Born on January 25, 1953, she was a Virginian with deep Shenandoah Valley roots.

A Virginia Tech graduate, Nancy built a distinguished and wide-ranging professional career spanning government, academia, and the meat science and pet food industries. She began her career as a UDSA meat grader, later serving as a retail meat quality control manager, and then as a laboratory manager at North Dakota State University. She then spent four years as the operations manager at the USDA's Clay Center Meat Animal Research Lab. If someone wanted the most perfectly cooked steak in Washington, D.C., Nancy was the person to go to.

She spent four years working in lambing operations, before moving back to Virginia to the Augusta Cooperative Farm Bureau. She later transitioned to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as a program coordinator. She went on to represent the pet food industry for 15 years at the Pet Food Institute, where she was known for her strong positions and ice cream socials. She concluded her professional career with time at Del Monte Foods and as the owner of her own consulting business.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Nancy was a devoted V-Tech football fan who was happiest making long drives to see the Hokies play. Never has there been a car or apartment so decked out in Chicago maroon and burnt orange. She loved her cats and even had a Maine coon named Pfi Pfi after PFI. Nancy spoke often of her family and shared stories of her parents, Ed and Nancy Cook, with pride. She delighted in passing along the nuances of her Virginia roots, from proper pronunciations of "Staunton" and "Swoope" to always insisting that she is "finer than a frog's hair split three ways."

Nancy K. Cook will be dearly missed and there will be one less, very loud, voice in the Hokies stadium.

In Memoriam:
Roger Doyle Hoestenbach Jr.



Roger Doyle Hoestenbach, Jr., affectionately known as “Mr. Wonderful,” passed away on January 3, 2026, at the age of 71, following a battle with Alzheimer’s. Born on March 24, 1954, in Odessa, Texas, Roger was a respected colleague, mentor, and longtime member of the AAFCO community.

Roger was a graduate of Laton High School, Cameron University, and also attended Texas A&M University. He dedicated 37 years to public service in feed regulation, serving as a Merchant Marine, Feed Inspector for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, and ultimately as Associate Director of the Office of the Texas State Chemist. Through his work with AAFCO and AAPFCO, Roger made lasting contributions to feed safety and regulatory consistency and was recognized with numerous awards from Texas A&M University. He was also a proud recipient of the Points of Light Award, presented by President George W. Bush, for his commitment to public service.

Roger shared 50 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Pam Dorrough, and spent much of his life in Texas and Oklahoma. Outside of his professional work, he was a master naturalist, a longtime board member of the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival, a dedicated bloodhound rescuer and foster, and an avid bowler, scuba diver, and lover of the water. Known for his storytelling, trademark “dad” jokes, and deep love for animals and music, Roger will be remembered for his kindness, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the feed regulatory community.

In Memoriam:
Bernadette M. Dunham



Dr. Bernadette M. Dunham, former Director of FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) from 2008 to 2016, passed away on December 22, 2025. A valued partner to the AAFCO community, Bernadette was widely respected for her leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to public and animal health.

Prior to joining FDA, Bernadette worked in academia and for the American Veterinary Medical Association. She joined FDA CVM in 2002 as Deputy Director of the Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, was promoted in 2006 to Director of the Office of Minor Use and Minor Species, and later served as FDA CVM Deputy Director before becoming Center Director in 2008. Following her FDA service, she joined the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University as a Visiting Professor, where she championed for One Health issues.

Those who worked with Bernadette remember her vibrant energy, warmth, and personal approach to leadership. From handwritten holiday cards to thoughtful gestures recognizing employees and their families, she demonstrated that public service was not simply a profession, but a calling. Her kindness, dedication, and collaborative spirit left a lasting impact on CVM, AAFCO, and the broader regulatory community.