1) Issue 2014-1-024 – Consumer Advisory – Addition of Dairy
   The issue as adopted by the Assembly of State Delegates recommended that a letter, drafted by the Conference for Food Protection Chair and approved by the Executive Board, be sent to all members of the U.S. Congress to memorialize the position of the Conference for Food Protection that unpasteurized (raw) fluid dairy milk is a public health hazard unfit for human consumption and that FDAA’s ban on and enforcement authority against its interstate sale in a form intended for human consumption should be maintained.

   A letter was approved by the Board at its meeting in August 2014 was subsequently sent to 441 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 100 members of the U.S. Senate in September of 2014. The Board also recommended that the letter be sent to newly elected Representatives and Senators following the fall elections in 2014. The letter was subsequently sent to 11 Freshmen Senators and 51 Freshmen Representatives in January of 2015.

2) Creation of an Ad hoc Committee to Study the Financial Health of CFP
   Donna Garren is chairing an ad hoc committee that was assembled to study the financial health of CFP. The group will assess the short- and long-term financial status of the organization and explore ways to increase revenues and reduce expenses. Dr. Garren will report for the ad hoc
committee later in this meeting.

3) Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award

The Conference for Food Protection continued working with the Foodservice and Packaging Institute (FPI) to administer the Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award for Excellence in Food Protection. This is a prestigious award given annually to local environmental health jurisdictions that demonstrate unsurpassed achievement in providing outstanding food protection services to their communities.

Natha Dempsey at the Foodservice Packaging Institute informed me there were three applications submitted for the 2015 Crumbine award. The agencies that submitted applications are Lincoln/Lancaster, NE; Kansas City, MO; and San Bernardino, CA.

3) 2018 Biennial Meeting

As previously approved by the Executive Board, Richmond, VA will be the site of the 2018 biennial meeting. A contract has been signed with the Richmond Downtown Marriott Hotel which offers 410 guest rooms and more than 25,000 square feet of meeting space in a convention facility that is attached to the hotel. There are restaurants, museums and other places of interest within walking distance of the Marriott. Facilities in Richmond will meet, and in most cases exceed, our requirements for the biennial meeting. A special thanks go to Chris Gordon and Julie Henderson for their efforts on behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee.

4) Fall 2015 Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at Newpark Resort in Park City, Utah. The dates of the meeting are August 11 and 12, 2015. Rooms have been reserved at the Newpark Resort for Monday, August 10; Tuesday, August 11; and Wednesday, August 12. The guaranteed rate for traditional rooms is $99 per night. You may make a reservation by calling 877-649-3600 or going online at www.newparkresort.com. Our group code is CFP2015. Reservations must be received by 5:00 PM Central time on July 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director