

Conference for Food Protection 2010-2012
Executive Board Meeting Committee Update
April 14 -18, 2012
Council I – Council/Committee Summary Report

Date of Committee Report: March 12, 2012

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Committee Charges:

The Conference recommends

A:

The re-creation of the CFP Plan Review Committee to review and update the following Conference for Food Protection documents and present their finding at the 2012 CFP Biennial Meeting:

- 1) Temporary Food Establishments
- 2) Permanent Outdoor Cooking Operations

B:

The Council will consider forming a Wild Harvested Mushrooms Committee to continue discussion of this issue (Wild Harvested Mushrooms) and that the following language and attachments for consideration to be placed on the CFP website as guidance listing steps that states can use to develop and implement a wild harvested mushroom program for their state.

The charges of the committee will be:

- 1) Develop guidelines to help regulators address the issue of wild mushrooms in food establishments.
- 2) Report back at the 2012 CFP.

C:

The Conference Recommends that a Recall Evaluation Committee be formed and work with FDA, USDA, and states on the following charge:

- 1) Clarify the system of classification for recalls established by USDA and FDA.
- 2) Create clarifying instructions and procedures that industry and consumers can easily understand and comply with.
- 3) Recommend enforceable and reasonable time frames for execution of recall communications and actions.
- 4) Clarify the information required to be included in supplier recall notifications.
- 5) Recommend expectations for the notification of end-users, including restaurant and retail customers as well as school and institutional food service.
- 6) Report back to the 2012 Biennial Meeting.

Committees Assigned to Council I:

- 1) Plan Review Committee: Liza Frias, Chair
- 2) Wild Harvested Mushrooms Committee: Lisa Brown, Co-chair, Chris Gordon, Co-chair
- 3) Recall Evaluation Committee: Gregory Pallaske, Co-chair, Craig Harris, Co-chair

Progress Report/Committee Activities:

Final Committee Reports have been submitted. Final rosters have been submitted.

Requested Actions for all Council I Committees:

A.

The Plan Review Committee submitted three (3) issues at the 2012 Conference based on the recommendation of the committee. The issues are:

- 1) Request that the Committee Report be acknowledged.
- 2) Acceptance of the document titled "Temporary Food Establishments 2011 and Attachments I, II and III".
- 3) Re-creation of Plan Review Committee to continue its review of the Permanent Outdoor Cooking Operations and the Mobile Food Establishment documents and present their findings at the 2014 CFP Biennial Meeting.

B.

The Wild Harvested Mushrooms Committee submitted six (6) issues, including the final report issue, for discussion and will seek approval as written. The issues are:

- 1) Request that the Committee Report be acknowledged.
- 2) Resources and criteria to select species of wild harvested mushrooms that outlines options regulatory authorities can use to work with stakeholders to identify safe sources of wild harvested mushrooms.
- 3) Record-keeping and traceback options that regulatory authority and industry can use to maintain records of wild harvested mushrooms and respond in the event of illness or outbreak.
- 4) Approved identifier curriculum outlines minimum curriculum requirements for training approved identifiers.
- 5) Approved identifier exam outlines the process for developing minimum exam contents for demonstration of knowledge.
- 6) Redefine 'wild mushroom identification expert' and use the term "approved identifier".
- 7) Re-creation of the Wild Harvested Mushroom Committee to continue working to "develop guidelines to help regulators address the issue of wild mushrooms in food establishments".

C.

Recall Evaluation Committee submitted three (3) issues, including the final report issue, for discussion and will seek approval as written. The issues:

- 1) Request that the Committee Report be acknowledged.
- 2) Request that a letter be sent to the FDA and the USDA requesting that they work together in collaboration with industry stakeholders on developing a uniform food recall system.
- 3) Request that a letter be sent to the FDA and the USDA requesting that they work together in collaboration with industry stakeholders on new recall definitions and developing a decision tree to create more transparency into a how a recall should be classified.

Summary of Council I:

1. A total of 43 issues have been assigned to Council 1 for deliberation at the 2012 Conference for Food Protection.
 - 12 issues presented are Committee reports and Committee-submitted issues.
 - 31 issues presented are proposed changes or clarification to the Food Code.

2. The following changes were made to the original Council I due to various reasons, including budgetary constraints and changes in employment:
 - Linda Whaley, from West Virginia, replaced David Lawrence, as a Regulatory member. Linda Whaley is a State Regulatory member, whereas David Lawrence is a Local Regulatory member. Council I had not selected any other Local Regulatory members as alternates.
 - Karen Reid, from Disney, replaced Stephen Posey, as an Industry member. They both represent retail food service.