

# CONFERENCE FOR FOOD PROTECTION



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# *Conference for Food Protection Constitution and Bylaws*

## *Preface*

The following comments serve as a historical preface to the Constitution and Bylaws for the Conference for Food Protection.

The Conference for Food Protection dates back to the 1971 Conference on Food Protection held in Denver, Colorado. It was sponsored jointly by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the American Public Health Association (APHA). The purpose of the Conference was to provide an inter-professional dialogue on the microbiological aspects of food safety for individuals representing industry, Government, and consumers.

The Second National Conference for Food Protection was held in Washington, D.C. in 1984. The 1984 Conference expanded its scope to cover toxicological as well as microbiological concerns. The purpose of the 1984 Conference was:

“To share perspectives on the toxicological and microbiological aspects of food safety problems in the United States; to identify the needs, direction and opportunities of food production, processing, handling and regulation through the year 1990; and to establish an organization for the continuing study of food safety problems and for promotion of the recommendations of the Conference.”

The 1984 Conference was organized into seven committees: Toxicology; Microbiology; Good Manufacturing and Quality Control; Standards and Regulations; Education and Training; New Foods Processing and Packaging; and Conference Program Committees, with selected individuals also serving as resource persons who prepared “white papers” on various issues that were to be discussed at the Conference. In addition to the Federal, state, and local health officials who had been invited to the 1971 Conference, the 1984 Conference included industry, academia and consumer representatives. The 1984 Conference adopted a recommendation that a continuing Conference organization be established, and that a constitution and bylaws be developed based upon a draft presented at the Conference. It was agreed that the objectives of the Conference would be:

- To identify emerging problems of food safety;
- To address the problems of food safety on a regular basis;
- To formulate recommendations for the solution of the identified problems;
- To follow up on the recommendations of the Conference so that they will be incorporated into public policy and in industry practice;
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the Conference recommendations; and
- To establish a working liaison with professional and trade associations, academic institutions, and Government agencies concerned with food safety.

Following the 1984 Conference, the Constitution and Bylaws were finalized, and the Conference was incorporated in 1985. The National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) agreed to support the Conference financially, and a Conference Executive Director was hired.

The 1986 Conference for Food Protection was held in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The 1986 Conference was again organized into seven committees representing the major science and

technical aspects of food protection. A 25-member Executive Committee selected the topics to be discussed and requested “white papers” from technical experts. In addition to the committees, five Councils were formed representing the interests of the participants at the Conference.

Although the purposes of these Conferences were well established and accepted, the organization and procedures of the Conference were long debated. In the early meetings of the Steering Committee preparing for the 1984 Conference, the idea of emulating the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) was introduced. During this Conference, individuals working on a new constitution began introducing NCIMS-type structure into the Conference organization. This effort was the first step leading to the current Constitution and Bylaws.

The second step was action taken at the 1984 Conference to reaffirm the intent to model the Conference after the NCIMS. The following is quoted from the Proceedings of the 1984 Conference:

“An Organizational Model: from the beginning it was the intention of the organizers of the Second National Conference that it should include an effort 'to establish an organization for the continuing study of food safety problems and for the promotion of the recommendations of the Conference'. What the organizers had in mind in making that a goal of the Conference was to establish, in the area of food safety, something akin to the Interstate Milk Shipments Conference and the more recent Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference, so that a national dialogue on food safety might continue on a regular, periodic basis.” (Page 369)

“A National Conference for Food Protection should be established as an ongoing Conference and be structured similarly to the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments. One of the Conference's primary purposes should be to promote the formulation and use of uniform model laws and regulations among all government agencies to assure uniform interpretations and implementation and to eliminate duplication of services. Its membership should consist of federal, state and local food regulatory officials, academia and representatives from industry. It should be governed by an Executive Board with representatives from federal, state and local agencies and industry.” (Recommendation No. 10, Standards and Regulations Committee -- approved by the Conference, page 266).

The draft Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the 1984 Conference were, according to its authors, not meant to be a fully workable source for forming and operating the Conference model after the NCIMS. It was intended as an interim document that would be upgraded to provide a more authoritative foundation for Conference actions.

The final step in the decision to upgrade the Conference organization was taken at the 1986 Conference. The Program Committee reported that:

"It was the unanimous view of the committee that the Conference should operate as an action organization, existing not merely to identify problems and formulate recommendations, but to resolve issues through the implementation of recommendations, much as the Weights and Measures Conference and the Interstate Milk Shippers do. Specific recommendations in this regard will be presented prior to the next Conference." (Page 410, Proceedings)

To accomplish this, the 1986 Conference agreed:

- To develop a state regulatory ratification mechanism whereby each of the 50 states

will have one vote; and

- To create a Constitution and Bylaws Committee to review the entire Constitution and Bylaws and to formulate recommendations for the Executive Committee to consider.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee approached the review process with three principal needs in mind. First, the Constitution needed to allow for the continuing study of food safety problems, but with a more limited focus. To achieve this, the following changes were made:

1. The objective of the Conference placed greater emphasis on food safety at the point of ultimate sale to consumers through food services, retail food stores, and food vending, and continued to identify and address problems in production, processing, packaging, distribution, sale, and service of food;
2. The seven committees were condensed into three councils to provide a balance between discussing the science and technology of food safety issues and developing various certification guidelines, procedures, and models. However, as in the other two Conference examples, separate committees in each discipline area could still function to deliberate and review issues.

The second principle that guided the review process was the need for the Conference to be more successful in promoting food safety, mutual respect, and uniformity. This was accomplished through the following changes:

1. The final actions taken by the Conference regarding such items as food safety controls, certification procedures, and Memoranda of Understanding, were to be adopted by the regulatory delegates of the Conference with the advice of industry and other non-regulatory members;
2. The Constitution created a Council on Laws and Regulations; a Council on Administration, Certification, and Education; and a Council on Science and Technology. These Councils provided vehicles by which the Conference could deliberate on all food safety issues and promote more uniform and effective food safety controls.

The final guiding principle was the need to ensure that the Conference would provide a national and, to the extent possible, international dialogue on food safety on a regular, periodic basis, and that this dialogue would be among representatives of regulatory, industry, and other non-regulatory organizations. To accomplish this, the Constitution and Bylaws provided for the following:

1. The name of the Conference remained unchanged consistent with the recommendation made by the 1986 Program Committee. In order to increase international information exchange, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) were added. The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) was already a member of the Conference;
2. The role that industry plays in the Conference is substantial. Industry is fully represented on all councils, committees, and the Executive Board. Industry representatives alternate as Chair and Vice Chair on all councils. Industry representatives are elected through industry caucuses. Industry's concerns and advice are fully considered since problems submitted to the Conference are assigned to one of the councils. Regulatory delegates vote on each council's recommended actions;
3. The Science and Technology Council provided a forum for discussion by all concerned parties of the scientific and technological aspects and principles

underlying the problems faced by Government and industry in their mutual goal of trying to provide safe foods for consumers and could include formation of individual committees for each scientific discipline.

The Constitution and Bylaws attempt to intertwine these guiding principles so that in pursuing one, each would be pursued. This interdependence is critically important if the Conference recommendations are going to command the respect of the food regulators and the food industry that would be called upon to implement the recommendations. As was stated by Mr. Archie Holliday in his comments on the 1988 proposed Constitution and Bylaws:

“The most important need for an organization of this kind is to have its recommendations respected by the community called upon to implement them. Without the results of our deliberations commanding the highest respect attainable, getting together to identify and study food safety problems will be of little or no value to enough people to support a viable organization. The strength of the organization structure now being proposed by your Constitution and Bylaws Committee is that it provides the means to balance the interests of regulatory and industry people while providing an open forum for the consideration of ideas from any source. At the same time, matters that are supported by the voting delegates will have endured such a process as to command the utmost of respect.”

The Constitution and Bylaws are one step in an evolving process to develop a viable permanent Conference. As also stated by Mr. Archie Holliday in his comments on the Constitution:

“One should be careful not to conclude that a food service-oriented structure would prohibit the free and open study of the wider range of food safety problems. When the values of NCIMS and ISSC organizational structures are discussed, we often fail to acknowledge the importance of procedures to successful operation of these bodies.

Well defined, established procedures will be essential to the effectiveness of the Conference operating under our proposal. Procedures should remain as a separate entity from the Constitution and Bylaws. When the new Constitution and Bylaws are adopted, the Executive Board should immediately begin the process of establishing procedures to be approved by the Conference. It is in this process that attention can be given to how broad the scope of the Conference should be. The adoption and revision of Conference procedures should receive the same careful consideration as the adoption of Conference recommendations.”

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Executive Board believed that the Constitution and Bylaws proposed and accepted at the 1988 Conference provided a workable and proven approach that should be followed to develop an effective voice for present and future issues of food safety.

On March 11, 2020, the Novel Coronavirus disease, COVID-19, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. On March 13, 2020, the United States declared a national emergency concerning the Covid-19 outbreak. The Executive Board acted on March 19, 2020, to postpone the 2020 CFP Biennial Meeting originally scheduled to begin on March 29, 2020. The Executive Board members serving on March 19, 2020, continued to serve in their capacity until the 2020 CFP Biennial Meeting was held virtually August 15-21, 2021. The Executive Board took administrative actions necessary to maintain working efficiency of the Conference during the pandemic.”

All Caucuses met during the virtual CFP Biennial Meeting, to elect Executive Board members whose terms expired in 2020. With the year and a half postponement of the CFP Biennial Meeting some Executive Board members exceeded the six- and twelve-year term limits.

## ***Preamble***

The Conference for Food Protection, hereinafter referred to as the Conference or CFP, is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Virginia to carry out the objective stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Conference.

## ***Constitution and Bylaws***

### **Article I Objective**

**Section 1.** The objective of the Conference shall be to promote food safety and consumer protection by:

***Subsection 1.*** Identifying and addressing problems in the production, processing, packaging, distribution, sale, and service of foods;

***Subsection 2.*** Focusing on and facilitating the food protection programs governing the food service, retail food store, and food vending segments of the food industry;

***Subsection 3.*** Adopting sound, uniform procedures which will be accepted by food regulatory agencies and industry;

***Subsection 4.*** Promoting mutual respect and trust by establishing a working liaison among Governmental agencies, industry, academic institutions, professional associations, and consumer groups concerned with food safety;

***Subsection 5.*** Promoting uniformity among states, territories, and ~~the~~ District of Columbia. Territories include American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, The Trust Territory and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

***Subsection 6.*** Utilizing as the primary channels for dissemination of information: The United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA/FSIS) in matters under their purview, such as food production, meat and poultry processing, and consumer information; and The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration (HHS/PHS/FDA) in matters under their purview, such as food processing and assistance to



other food regulatory agencies based on the model FDA Food Codes and related documents.

## **Article II Organization and Operation**

**Section 1.** The Conference shall be directed by the delegates of the states, territories, and District of Columbia, who join together with representatives of regulatory, industry, academia, professional associations, and consumer groups to achieve the objective of the Conference.

The Conference shall include an Assembly of State Delegates (hereinafter referred to as the Assembly), an Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board), Officers, an Executive Director (hereinafter referred to as the Director), Executive Assistant, Executive Treasurer, Councils, Council Committees, Standing Committees (Article XV Section 2), and any member of the Conference as described in Article III.

**Section 2.** The Conference shall meet at least biennially during odd-numbered years with additional meetings as the need arises as determined by the Board.

**Section 3.** At least one hundred and fifty (150) days preceding the CFP Biennial Meeting, the Director shall notify Conference members of the Conference of the time and place of the CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Section 4.** Interested persons may submit Issues pertaining to food safety to the Conference. Issues may also be created as outcome of Standing, Council and Adhoc Committees. All Issues shall be submitted to the Conference at least ninety (90) days preceding the CFP Biennial Meeting. (Late-breaking food safety Issues must follow the current version of the “CFP Biennial Meeting/Conference Procedures” document.) Issues are reviewed and assigned to appropriate Councils by the Issue Committee. At least forty (40) days preceding the CFP Biennial Meeting, the Director shall make the Issues available to members of the Conference. After deliberation, each Council will make recommendations on assigned Issues to the Assembly, which is composed of delegates designated by the states, each territory, and District of Columbia. The Assembly considers and votes to approve or reject Council recommendations.

**Subsection 1.** Committees assigned to the Board and to Councils will submit periodic reports including a final report no later than ninety days (90) prior to the CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Subsection 2.** A CFP Issue is a topic submitted for consideration to the Conference by any interested party addressing an identified concern related to retail food

safety and offering a recommended solution to that concern.

- a. An Issue proposal includes the official Issue Submission Form and all supporting documentation.

### **Article III Membership and Registration**

#### **Section 1. Membership**

**Subsection 1.** Persons who are interested in promoting the objective of CFP as described in Article I may become members of the Conference by applying using forms provided and paying the membership fee established by the Board under Article VI, Section 12.

**Subsection 2.** Membership in the Conference is classified into constituencies that are representative of the key stakeholder groups which support the objectives of Article I and facilitate the requirements of Article IV. The Conference constituencies are defined as follows:

- a. The Regulatory constituency is comprised of those officers, agents, or authorized representatives having authority over the regulation of food establishments, production, processing, vending, distribution, or have oversight for prevention of foodborne illness in accordance with rules and/or laws in their respective Governmental jurisdiction. Sub-categories of this constituency include:
  - i. Local Regulator: Government employee or agent representing a territorial division of local government with responsibility for regulation of food establishments, production, processing, vending, or distribution, or has oversight for prevention of foodborne illness.
  - ii. State Regulator: Government employee or agent representing a territorial division of state government with responsibility for regulation of food establishments, production, processing, vending, or distribution, or has oversight for prevention of foodborne illness.
  - iii. Federal Regulator: Government employee or agent representing a program or agency of the Federal Government with responsibility for regulation of food

establishments, production, processing, vending, or distribution, or has oversight or other regulatory authority for prevention of foodborne illness or control of pathogens causing foodborne illness.

- iv. District/Territory Regulator: Government employee or agent representing District of Columbia or one of the six U.S. territories with responsibility for regulation of food establishments, production, processing, vending, or distribution, or has oversight for prevention of foodborne illness.
- b. The Industry constituency is comprised of those employees, agents, or executives representing business entities that operate food establishment, production, processing, vending, or distribution, or providers of an industry related service to such food operations, or representatives of a professional organization or trade association that promotes, supports, or markets to/for the food industry or its related services. Sub-categories of this constituency include:
- i. Food Service Industry: Employees, agents, or executives representing business entities that operate food service establishments. Examples include, but are not limited to, restaurants of all sizes/types/styles of service, caterers, military food service, institutional and other health care food service, schools and university food service, common carrier food service (planes, trains, etc.), corporate food service operations, and Government food service.
  - ii. Retail Food Industry: Employees, agents, or executives representing business entities that operate retail food establishments. Examples include, but are not limited to, grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, retail pharmacies, produce markets, roadside stands, department stores, warehouse sales clubs, seafood markets, retail bakeries, military base PX/groceries, liquor stores, and retail food associations.
  - iii. Processing Food Industry: Employees, agents, or executives representing business entities that manufacture, process, package, or label food items for

wholesale sale. Examples include, but are not limited to, commercial food manufacturing, canning, packaging, commercial bakeries, commercial meat slaughter and processing, packing houses and distribution centers, farming and agricultural processing and packing operations, ice processing, packing plants, and food processing trade associations.

- iv. Vending and Distribution Food Industry: Employees, agents, or executives representing business entities that own and/or operate food companies that vend or distribute food either wholesale or retail. Examples include, but are not limited to, coffee and food vending service companies, service companies, commissaries, food supply chain operators, wholesale distributors, shipping lines, brokers, equipment manufacturers, and suppliers of products and services to operating service companies, and food vending and distribution trade associations.
  
- v. Food Industry Support: Employees, agents, or executives representing business entities that provide direct or support services to food service establishments, retail food establishments, processing food operations, vending and distribution food operations, or regulatory agencies. Examples include, but are not limited to, professional organizations, food protection support trade associations, pest control companies, auditing firms, standards associations, consultants, cleaning and sanitation management operations, training and/or testing companies or services, equipment and supply operations, software and technology, dieticians or dietary managers, and media and legal representatives.
  
- c. The Academia constituency is comprised of academic professionals employed by a college or university involved in education or research involving food sciences, food operations, or food safety. Examples include, but are not limited to, professors, adjunct instructors, researchers, teaching assistants, and extension agents.
  
- d. The Consumer constituency is comprised of employees, agents, or executives representing consumer advocacy organizations supporting food safety, food wholesomeness, allergen awareness, food

policy matters and food standards and guidelines.

- e. The Emeritus constituency is comprised of persons retired or honorably discharged from full-time work and no longer receiving compensation for work related to the Conference's mission. This constituency is designed for those professionals who, prior to retirement, were members of any Conference stakeholder group in good standing of the Conference for Food Protection for at least three biennial cycles (6 years). Previous membership does not have to be in contiguous biennial cycles. An Emeritus member may participate as an attendee/observer in all usual Conference functions such as attending the CFP Biennial Meeting, including workshops, Council deliberations, Assembly, and social functions. Emeritus members may serve as a member of a Council Committee, as a Council Committee Chair, and participate and vote in constituency caucus meetings. The Board may elect to assign an Emeritus member to participate in other Conference related activities.
  
- f. The Student constituency is comprised of any student enrolled in a two- year, four-year, or graduate program in a college or university involving food sciences, food operations, or food safety. A student member may participate as an attendee/observer in all usual Conference functions such as attending the CFP Biennial Meeting, including workshops, Council deliberations, Assembly, and social functions. Student members may serve as a member of a Council Committee. The Board may elect to assign a student member to participate in other Conference related activities.

***Subsection 3.*** Persons with a current membership are entitled to be on the membership list, apply to be considered for a Council member or Council alternate position, apply to participate on committees, and receive communications of other Conference matters determined by the Board to be of interest to all members of the Conference. The requirements to serve in official CFP capacity are described under Article IV. Membership renewal may be paid with CFP Biennial Meeting registration or by a Dues-Only membership.

## **Section 2.**      Membership Combined with Registration

***Subsection 1.*** Membership included with the CFP Biennial Meeting registration begins at the time of payment, continues through the CFP Biennial Meeting covered by the registration, and expires on the day prior to the Opening Session of the subsequent CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Subsection 2.** Current membership is not required to register for a CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Section 3.** Dues-Only Membership

**Subsection 1.** A Dues-Only membership is available to persons who do not attend a CFP Biennial Meeting, and begins at the time of payment and expires on the day prior to the Opening Session for the next CFP Biennial Meeting. A Dues-Only membership is usually paid after the Closing Session of a CFP Biennial Meeting. Dues-Only membership will not exceed the two (2) years between CFP Biennial Meetings.

**Article IV Composition of Organizational Components and Eligibility Requirements for Service in Official Capacities**

**Section 1.** The Assembly shall consist of persons attending the Conference meeting and qualified as voting delegates under Article XVII, Section 3 and 4.

**Section 2.** To be eligible to serve on the Board, Councils, Committees, or as Issue Chair or Program Chair; individuals must be members of the Conference.

**Section 3.** Board Membership

**Subsection 1.** The Board shall be composed of twenty-three (23) voting members as follows:

- a. Six (6) members from state food regulatory agencies (one from each CFP region);
- b. Six (6) members from local food regulatory agencies (one from each CFP region);
- c. Three (3) members from federal agencies (one each from FDA, USDA, and CDC);
- d. Six (6) members from the food industry with at least one (1) each representing food processing, food service, retail food stores, and vending and distribution;
- e. One (1) member from an academic institution; and
- f. One (1) member representing consumers.

**Subsection 2.** Regulatory agency, industry, academic institution, and consumer Board members shall be elected by a caucus of registrants in each respective group. State and local regulatory Board members shall be elected in regional caucuses of regulatory registrants. Federal Regulatory Board

members shall be appointed by the head of their agency.

**Subsection 3.** Such elected Board members shall serve through three (3) general CFP Biennial Meetings of the Conference. Elected Board members may succeed themselves unless reelection would extend the total of consecutive service to more than twelve (12) years. The terms of elected Board members shall be staggered so that one-third (1/3) of the members are elected at each CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Subsection 4.** The Board shall have non-voting Ex-Officio members as follows:

- a. The Immediate Past Chair of the Board;
- b. The Chair and Vice Chair of each Council;
- c. The Conference Program Chair;
- d. Representatives from regulatory agencies regulating retail food operations in other countries of the world, such as Canada, Mexico, etc.;
- e. The Director, Executive Treasurer, Executive Assistant;
- f. The Conference Issue Chair, and
- g. The Conference Constitution and Bylaws/Procedures Chair.

**Section 4.** The Board shall elect a Board Chair and Board Vice Chair, who will also serve as the Conference Chair and Conference Vice Chair, from its membership after caucus elections are held during each biennial meeting of the Conference, and they may retain their positions at the pleasure of the Board as long as they are officially members of the Board. The Board shall retain the services of a qualified person to act as a Director, Executive Treasurer, and Executive Assistant. The Executive Treasurer shall be bonded. The compensation of the Director, Executive Treasurer, and Executive Assistant shall be set by the Board.

**Section 5.** The Immediate Past Board Chair shall continue to serve on the Board until replaced by the next retiring Conference Chair. If the Immediate Past Board Chair is unable for any reason to continue to serve on the Board, the position shall remain vacant until filled by the next retiring Conference Chair.

Immediate Past Board Chair shall serve on the Board as non-voting members unless re-elected to the Board in a capacity other than as Immediate Past Chair.

#### **Article V Duties of the Assembly**

**Section 1.** The Assembly, with recommendation from a Council or the Board, shall accept or reject all recommendations including those pertaining to the

Constitution and Bylaws, all Memoranda of Understanding or other formal agreements, and other necessary actions including resolutions.

**Subsection 1.** If a recommendation is “ACCEPTED”, it shall be referred to the Board for appropriate disposition.

**Subsection 2.** If an extracted Issue has a recommendation of “No Action”, it is rejected, and the Issue will be referred to the Board for its consideration.

#### **Article VI Duties of the Executive Board**

**Section 1.** The Board shall manage the affairs of the Conference, adhere to the CFP Constitution and By Laws, and abide by the current CFP Biennial Meeting/Conference Procedures document.

**Section 2.** The Board may establish operational policies and procedures, with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting Board members, that detail management functions and oversight of the Conference organization. Such operational policies and procedures may include, but are not limited to, budget, finances, expenditures, and coordination and implementation of biennial meeting obligations and operations.

**Section 3.** The Board shall meet at least twice per year. The Board Chair shall call special meetings of the Board at any time at the request of two-thirds (2/3) of its voting members. In addition, the Board Chair is empowered to call special meetings of the Board at any time, as the need arises, with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting Board members.

**Section 4.** The Board may, at the discretion of the Board Chair, use a mail service, electronic mail, or fax to provide ballots to establish a position, action, or to confirm telephone conference call votes. Only an authorized ballot approved by the Board shall be used. Once such a position or action has been taken, the Board shall notify all Conference members.

**Section 5.** The Board shall direct the Conference Chair, Director, and Program Chair in the preparation of the programs for each meeting of the Conference.

**Section 6.** The Board shall set the time and place of the meetings of the Conference.

**Section 7.** If elected voting members of the Board are unable to participate in a Board meeting, they may not send a substitute, but may forward by mail, email, or fax, information for consideration by attending members of the Board. Voting and ex-



officio members may participate through a telephone conference call.

- Section 8** Voting Board members who fail to attend two (2) consecutive Board meetings, and who fail to show cause why they were absent, may have their positions declared vacant by the Board Chair.
- Section 9.** If a vacancy occurs for any reason in Board membership between biennial meetings, the Board Chair, with approval of the Board, may fill the vacancy with a person representing the same discipline as the person being replaced until the next biennial meeting, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by a qualified person who is properly elected.
- Section 10.** The Board shall direct the Executive Treasurer to collect registration and membership fees as necessary to defray the costs of the operation of the Conference. The Board shall cause an annual audit to be made of the Executive Treasurer's financial reports.
- Section 11.** The Board shall authorize the form used to tally votes in meetings of the Board and Assembly.
- Section 12.** The Board shall establish the registration and membership fees.
- Section 13.** The Board shall approve a biennial budget prepared and presented by the Executive Treasurer.
- Section 14.** The Board shall appoint Adhoc Committees as necessary to accomplish the Conference objective.
- Section 15.** The Board shall approve the membership of each Standing Committee.

**Article-VII Duties of the Conference Chair**

- Section 1.** The Conference Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Assembly and Board, except as provided in Article VIII Section 1.
- Section 2.** The Conference Chair shall assist the Director in arranging CFP Biennial Meetings.
- Section 3.** The Conference Chair, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint Council

Chairs and Vice Chairs.

- Section 4.** Regulatory consultants, as required in Article XIII, will be selected for appointment by their respective agencies and presented to the Conference Chair for acceptance to Councils.
- Section 5.** The Conference Chair shall appoint Chairs of the Standing Committees established in Article XV Section 2, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.
- Section 6.** The Conference Chair, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint qualified persons to Councils and Committees as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section 7.** The Conference Chair shall appoint a Local Arrangements Committee to assist in planning the physical facilities for the next CFP Biennial Meeting.
- Section 8.** The Conference Chair shall appoint a parliamentarian to advise on matters of parliamentary procedures at Board and Assembly meetings.
- Section 9.** The Conference Chair, with Board approval, may retain administrative assistance for the Conference.
- Section 10.** Between Conference meetings, the Conference Chair shall require from each Council Chair a report at least twice a year regarding the status of implementation of each approved recommendation originating in the respective Council. This information shall be provided to the Conference participants.
- Section 11.** The Conference Chair shall perform all other responsibilities and duties as detailed in the Conference Chair position description.

**Article VIII Duties of the Conference Vice Chair**

- Section 1.** In the event the Conference Chair is unable to perform the duties of the Chair, the Conference Vice Chair shall act as Chair.
- Section 2.** When acting as Conference Chair, the Vice Chair shall perform all the necessary duties for the Conference as outlined in Article VII.
- Section 3.** The Conference Vice Chair shall perform all other responsibilities and

duties as detailed in the Conference Vice Chair Position Description.

**Article IX Duties of the Executive Director**

- Section 1.** The Director shall ensure that the minutes of each meeting of the Assembly and the Board are recorded and transcribed.
- Section 2.** The Director shall tally and record all voting of the Assembly on a form authorized by the Board.
- Section 3.** The Director shall notify all members of the time and place of the next CFP Biennial Meeting, and of Issues that are to be deliberated.
- Section 4.** The Director shall accomplish the duties outlined in Article VI, Section 5; Article XIX, Section 1, Subsections 2, 3, 4, and Sections 5 and 6.
- Section 5.** The Director shall maintain an up-to-date list of the qualified delegates designated as required by Article XVII Sections 2, 3, and 4.
- Section 6.** The Director shall retain, subject to Board's approval, a qualified person to serve as Executive Assistant, and shall direct and oversee duties assigned to the Executive Assistant.
- Section 7.** The Director shall perform all other responsibilities and duties as detailed in the Director position description.

**Article X Duties of the Executive Treasurer**

- Section 1.** The Executive Treasurer shall collect registration and membership fees and shall pay bills as directed by the Board. The Executive Treasurer shall obtain a receipt for all disbursements and shall make all such receipts a part of Board records.
- Section 2.** The Executive Treasurer shall prepare a proposed biennial budget for presentation to the Board.
- Section 3.** The Executive Treasurer shall prepare all budget and financial reports.
- Section 4.** The Executive Treasurer shall perform all other responsibilities and duties as detailed in the Executive Treasurer position description.

## **Article XI Duties of the Executive Assistant**

- Section 1.** The Executive Assistant manages the information on the CFP website, with the assistance of the Director and a professional webmaster, and publishes the CFP newsletter.
- Section 2.** The Executive Assistant maintains membership database, creates reports and rosters, and develops mailing lists.
- Section 3.** The Executive Assistant assists the Director with development of position descriptions, Board policies, and scripts for presentations, and is responsible for their maintenance.
- Section 4.** The Executive Assistant records, transcribes, and distributes Board meeting minutes.
- Section 5.** The Executive Assistant assists the Director with the Delegate process to include outreach and rosters.
- Section 6.** The Executive Assistant assists the Director with the preparation of the biennial meeting program, provides onsite assistance to the Director at the biennial meeting, and compiles biennial meeting proceedings with the assistance of the Director.
- Section 7.** The Executive Assistant shall perform all other responsibilities and duties as detailed in the Executive Assistant position description.

## **Article XII Councils**

- Section 1.** There shall exist three (3) Councils in the Conference to provide for continuity of action in carrying out the objective of the Conference. The Councils shall be known as:
- Council I: Laws and Regulations;
  - Council II: Administration, Education, and Certification;
  - Council III: Science and Technology.
- Section 2.** Each Council shall have a Chair, Vice Chair, and twenty (20) other members to be appointed by the Conference Chair with the approval of the Board. The term for a Council member shall begin at appointment and expires upon adjournment of that CFP Biennial Meeting. If a Council member cannot attend a CFP Biennial

Meeting, the member's term expires, and the Conference Chair may appoint a member who can attend the Council meeting during the CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Subsection 1.** Of the twenty-two (22) members of Councils I and II, nine (9) members plus one Council Chair or Vice Chair shall be selected from regulatory agencies, one (1) shall be from a national, state, or local consumer organization, one (1) shall be from academia, and nine (9) members plus one Council Chair or Vice Chair from industry.

**Subsection 2.** Eight (8) of the food regulatory agency representatives on Councils I and II shall be equally apportioned among state and local agencies and two (2) members can be from the territories, District of Columbia, or Federal jurisdictions that regulate commercial or institutional operations. If two (2) members cannot be obtained from the territories, District of Columbia, or Federal food inspection programs, these positions may be filled from state or local food regulatory agencies. The ten (10) industry representatives shall be apportioned so at least one (1) member represents food processing, two (2) members represent food service, two (2) members represent retail food, and one (1) member represents food vending and distribution.

**Subsection 3.** Of the twenty-two (22) members of Council III, at least five (5) shall be from state and local regulatory agencies, at least five (5) from industry, up to ten (10) at-large, plus a Council Chair and Vice Chair. The industry representatives shall include at least one (1) each from food processing, food service, retail food and food vending and distribution. At large members may include members representing Federal agencies, academia, and other stakeholder groups.

**Subsection 4.** If sufficient designated members are not available at a CFP Biennial Meeting to complete a Council's membership, the Conference Chair may appoint other members to the Council so long as the balance between regulatory and industry is maintained as specified.

**Section 3.** The Council Chair and Vice Chair shall select twenty (20) Council members from persons holding membership in the Conference, and offer their names for Conference Chair appointment and Board confirmation.

**Subsection 1.** The Council Chair shall, after appointment, serve through one (1) CFP Biennial Meeting. The Council Vice Chair shall, after appointment, serve through two (2) consecutive CFP Biennial Meetings, one (1) as Vice Chair and the second as Chair.

**Subsection 2.** On Councils I and II, when the Council Chair represents a food regulatory

agency, the Vice Chair shall be an industry representative. If the Council Chair represents industry, the Vice Chair shall be a food regulatory agency representative. The Chair and Vice Chair from Council III shall be from one of the following disciplines: Regulatory, Industry, or Academia, and at no time shall both the Chair and Vice Chair represent the same constituency.

**Subsection 3.** The term for the Council Chair and Vice Chair shall begin at the conclusion of the scheduled CFP Biennial Meeting and expire upon adjournment of the following CFP Biennial Meeting. At the end of the outgoing Council Chair's term, the Vice Chair shall assume the position of Council Chair, and a new Vice Chair shall be appointed as set forth in Subsection 2 of this Section.

**Section 4.** Each member of the Council, other than the Vice Chair, shall have one vote. The Council Chair shall only vote to break a tie. The Council Vice Chair shall only vote when acting as Chair.

#### **Article XIII Council Consultants**

**Section 1.** The following agencies and international organizations may each provide a non-voting consultant for each of the Councils:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);
- U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
- U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA);
- U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA);
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO);
- World Health Organization (WHO);
- The Dominion of Canada; and
- Others as deemed appropriate by the Board.

#### **Article XIV Duties and Responsibilities of Councils**

**Section 1.** Councils shall deliberate on all assigned Issues. Council Chairs shall report the recommendations of their Councils to the Assembly under Article XIX. (See also current CFP Biennial Meeting/Conference Procedures document.)

**Subsection 1.** Recommendations are:

- a. “Accept as Submitted”
- b. “Accept as Amended”
- c. “No Action”

**Subsection 2.** When a Council recommends “No Action” on an assigned Issue, the Council shall specify/identify the reason why “No Action” was taken and it shall be recorded by the Scribe and confirmed by the Council Chair.

**Section 2.** Council I: Council on Laws and Regulations

Issues submitted to the Conference dealing with laws, regulations and model codes governing the safety of food shall be assigned to Council I by the Issue Committee.

**Section 3.** Council II: Council on Administration, Education, and Certification

Issues submitted to the Conference dealing with the Constitution and Bylaws, memoranda of understanding, program evaluation, education, training and certification and the like shall be assigned to Council II by the Issue Committee.

**Section 4.** Council III: Council on Science and Technology

Issues submitted to the Conference dealing with science and technology shall be assigned to Council III by the Issue Committee.

**Section 5.** Duties of the Councils between CFP Biennial Meetings.

**Subsection 1.** Following the CFP Biennial Meeting, the Conference Chair shall contact the Council Chairs to review the recommendations approved by the Assembly and to plan for the implementation of approved recommendations originating in their respective Councils.

**Subsection 2.** The Council Chairs shall monitor, encourage, and proactively support the progress of implementation of approved recommendations originating in their respective Councils.

**Subsection 3.** Council Chairs shall prepare a written report on the status of implementation of approved recommendations originating in their respective Councils or on the activities of committees assigned to their Council. These reports shall be submitted to the Conference Chair thirty (30) days prior to each Board meeting, or more frequently at the request

of the Conference Chair.

**Subsection 4.** The Council Chairs shall submit the names of Council Committee Chairs to the Conference Chair for approval by no later than the Board meeting following the CFP Biennial Meeting.

## **Article XV Committees**

**Section 1.** CFP members in good standing may express interest to serve on a committee by forwarding their name to the Executive Assistant following the CFP Biennial Meeting. This list will be used in creation of committee rosters. All appointments to Committees shall be made to provide a balance in representation of the stake holders in the particular matter under consideration.

**Subsection 1.** The incoming Council Chairs will select Council Committee Chairs for each committee formed within their Council, and present those names to the Conference Chair for acceptance. The Conference Chair will notify the persons of their appointment. Once confirmed, the Council Chairs and Council Committee Chairs will select the remaining members of the Council Committees. The Council Chairs will submit full committee rosters to the Conference Chair for final Board approval

**Subsection 2.** Each Federal agency (FDA, USDA, CDC) may appoint a consultant and an alternate for each committee. The consultant and alternate participate in committee discussions but do not vote. Consultants may or may not be CFP members to serve on a committee but shall be members to attend CFP Biennial meetings. Only one person per Federal agency who is a non-CFP member per Council Committee is permitted.

**Subsection 3.** Committees may vote to invite a non-member to present pertinent information related to the committee's charges. Non-members will not have a vote, nor will they participate in debate or discussion.

**Section 2.** The following Standing Committees shall be established:

- Issue Committee
- Program Committee
- Constitution and Bylaws/Procedures Committee
- Resolutions Committee
- Audit Committee
- Food Protection Manager Certification Committee (FPMCC)
- Program Standards Committee



- Finance Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)
- Publications Committee
- Food Safety Management System Committee (FSMSC)
- Digital Engagement and Technology Solutions Committee (TSC)

**Section 3.** Other committees may be established by the Board as necessary to accomplish the Conference objectives.

*Subsection 1.* Local Arrangements Committee shall be established for each CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Section 4.** A Standing Committee may establish its own bylaws and operational procedures that may include, but are not limited to, objectives, organization and operation, duties, and responsibilities. Bylaws of a committee must be approved by the Board.

**Section 5.** No later than the Board meeting following the CFP Biennial Meeting, the Standing Committee Chairs shall submit the names of their members to the Board for approval.

**Article XVI Duties and Responsibilities of Committees**

**Section 1.** The Issue Committee shall review all Issues submitted at least ninety (90) days before the CFP Biennial Meeting. This Committee shall assign those Issues that have met the acceptance criteria specified in the current CFP Biennial Meeting/Conference Procedures document. Issue assignments shall be made in accordance with Article XIV Sections 2-4.

**Section 2.** The Program Committee shall be responsible for the educational workshop, and the reports and updates session at the biennial meeting.

**Section 3.** The Constitution and Bylaws/Procedures Committee shall submit recommendations to improve Conference administrative functions through proposals to amend the Constitution and Bylaws. The Committee shall review proposed memorandums of understanding and ensure consistency among governing documents.

*Subsection 1.* The governing documents be reviewed on a recurrent basis with at least

one document or set of documents per biennium cycle. Such review shall occur in succession from one biennium to the next and prioritized in the manner below, unless directed by the Board to accomplish the Conference objectives:

- a. CFP Constitution and Bylaws
- b. CFP Biennial Meeting/Procedures document
- c. Position Descriptions
- d. Governing Policy documents

***Subsection 2.*** The Committee shall report all recommendations to the Board prior to Council II deliberation and shall follow the direction of the Board.

**Section 4.** The Resolutions Committee shall report to the Board. Except for “thank you” resolutions, the Resolutions Committee shall prepare all resolutions for Board approval.

**Section 5.** The Audit Committee shall report to the Board and shall audit the Conference’s financial records annually. In addition, a certified public accountant shall conduct an audit of the Conference’s financial records at least every 4 years.

**Section 6.** The Food Protection Manager Certification Committee shall report to the Board, and shall work with the accreditation organization for food protection manager certification programs in order to:

***Subsection 1.*** Establish and refine policies and standards to which certifiers must conform in order for them to be accredited;

***Subsection 2.*** Provide Conference input on accreditation standards for certifying organizations specific to food protection manager certification programs;

***Subsection 3.*** Develop strategies for enhancing equivalence among food protection manager certificates issued by certifiers; and

***Subsection 4.*** Promote universal acceptance of certificates issued by accredited certifiers.

**Section 7.** The Program Standards Committee shall report to the Board and shall provide ongoing input to the FDA on issues that arise with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

***Subsection 1.*** The Committee shall serve the Conference by indirectly assisting Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards enrollees in achieving progress towards meeting the Standards.

**Section 8.** The Finance Committee shall report to the Board and shall provide financial oversight for the Conference. The Finance Committee will consist of 5 to 7 members from the Board and should be reflective of the membership. Members will serve a term of at least two (2) years.

***Subsection 1.*** The Finance Committee responsibilities include:

- a. Budgeting and Financial Planning
  - i. Develop a biennial operating budget with staff.
  - ii. Approve the budget within the Finance Committee.
  - iii. Monitor adherence to the budget.
  - iv. Set long-range financial goals along with funding strategies to achieve them.
  - v. Develop multi-year operating budgets that integrate strategic plan objectives and initiatives.
  - vi. Present all financial goals and proposals to the Board for approval.
  
- b. Reporting
  - i. Develop useful and readable report formats with staff.
  - ii. Work with staff to develop a list of desired reports noting the level of detail, frequency, deadlines, and recipients of these reports.
  - iii. Work with staff to understand the implications of the reports.
  - iv. Present the financial reports to the full Board.
  
- c. Internal Controls and Accountability Policies
  - i. Create, approve, and update (as necessary) policies that help ensure the assets of the Conference are protected.
  - ii. Ensure policies and procedures for financial transactions are documented in a manual, and that the manual is reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
  - iii. Ensure approved financial policies and procedures are being followed.

**Section 9.** The Nominating Committee shall report to the Board. The Committee shall provide to the Board a list of viable candidates for Conference Chair and Conference Vice Chair prior to each CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Section 10.** The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) shall report to the Board and shall advise the Board on the current and future direction for CFP. This Committee shall make recommendations to keep the CFP relevant and increase the viability and growth of the organization. The SPC will actively engage CFP Committees and the Board by:

***Subsection 1.*** Positioning CFP to respond to changes in the business and regulatory environment by staying abreast of changing needs to keep CFP a viable and relevant organization.

***Subsection 2.*** Assessing member satisfaction, exploring ways to increase membership, improving communication with members, and responding to membership's changing expectations of CFP, its programs, services, and the biennial meeting.

***Subsection 3.*** Finding ways for CFP to collaborate/partner with organizationbis that hold similar values and interests in retail food safety.

***Subsection 4.*** Sustaining the financial stability of CFP by seeking new, increased, or alternative sources of funding.

**Section 11.** The Publications Committee shall report to the Board and make recommendations to the Board to establish, maintain, and improve Conference publications regarding Conference endorsement, copyright, scientific and regulatory accuracy, and external publication approval. The Committee shall report all publication recommendations to the Board for approval prior to internal publication and revisions or external publication.

**Section 12.** The Food Safety Management System Committee shall report to the Board and shall have the objective of incorporating a Food Safety Management System into everyday activities of retail food establishments and provide ongoing development of resources to assist the food safety community in achieving active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors.

**Section 13.** The Digital Engagement and Technology Solutions Committee shall report to the Board and shall have the objective of identifying, vetting, and recommending digital engagement and technology solutions which brings value to membership, encourages engagement with CFP, and improves internal processes. This committee will also work with the Board to identify and prioritize digital technology activities for each CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Section 14.** All Committees, including Standing Committees, shall submit their reports for the Board meetings as follows:

*Subsection 1.* Committees assigned to a Council shall submit their report to their respective Council Chairs; and

*Subsection 2.* Standing Committees shall submit their report to the Conference Chair and Director.

**Section 15.** Council Committee Size and Constituency: Council Committee membership discussion is limited to Council Committees only.

*Subsection 1.* Council Committee size.

Voting membership for Council Committees should be comprised of at least eleven (11) voting members, with a maximum of twenty-three (23) voting members. Non-voting membership should be comprised of a maximum of 36 non-voting alternates.

- a. Minimum size: Voting membership for a minimum size committee is the Council Committee Chair, Vice Chair, one (1) representative from state regulatory, one (1) representative from local regulatory, two (2) representatives from industry, one (1) representative from academia, one (1) representative from consumer, and three elective (3) representatives which may be selected from any Conference constituency with an emphasis on expertise specific to the committee's charge(s).
- b. Maximum size: Voting membership for a maximum size committee is the Council Committee Chair, Vice Chair, four (4) representatives from state regulatory, four (4) representatives from local regulatory, eight (8) representatives from industry, one (1) representative from academia, one (1) representative from consumer, and three elective (3) representatives that may be selected from any Conference constituency with an emphasis on expertise specific to the committee's charge(s).
- c. Any Council committee comprised of membership numbers between the minimum and maximum shall make every reasonable effort to maintain constituency balance.

*Subsection 2.* Council Committee Membership Selection.

The Council Committee Chair and Vice Chair may be selected from any of

the Conference constituencies as approved by the Conference Chair, provided each is from a different constituency. The Council Committee Chair and Vice Chair are responsible for selecting the voting members and alternates from the list of committee volunteers. If a Council Committee Chair does not receive sufficient volunteers in the appropriate constituencies, they shall confer with the Council Chair to seek volunteers from the membership, making every reasonable effort to maintain constituency balance. The Council Committee Chair, in conference with the Council Chair and Board, shall have the flexibility to fill vacancies in the voting membership with unbalanced constituency representation, if deemed necessary, to reach a minimum of 11 voting committee members. All proposed committee members must be approved by the Board in accordance with Article XVI Section 1 subsection 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws. All voting members and alternate non-voting members shall be identified as such on the approved committee roster along with their respective constituency.

***Subsection 3.*** Council Committee Alternate member duties.

Alternate members will be included and allowed to participate in all committee functions, including but not limited to, meetings, conference calls, emails, deliberations, research and activities, but will not have an individual vote on committee actions.

***Subsection 4.*** Council Committee voting member vacancies.

In the event a Council Committee voting member departs a committee during a biennial cycle, an alternate member of the same constituency as the departing member shall be selected by the Council Chair to fill the vacancy. If a Council Committee voting member changes constituency during a biennial cycle, and there is no vacancy in that member's new constituency, the member will need to transition from service as a voting member on that committee and may continue to serve as an alternate non-voting member for the remainder of the biennial cycle. This transition will occur upon notification to the Council Committee Chair.

***Subsection 5.*** Council Committee membership continuity

A Council Committee Chair that continues over more than one biennial cycle shall assess the immediate previous committee membership to ensure at least 50% of the ongoing committee's voting membership are new members that did not serve as voting members on the immediate previous committee. This will ensure that an increased number of Conference members have an opportunity to participate as a voting member over time when there are a large number of volunteers.

**Article XVII Duties of States, Territories and District of Columbia**

**Section 1.** The states, territories, and District of Columbia shall be responsible for keeping the Director informed of the name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) designated to represent them in the Assembly.

**Section 2.** The food regulatory agency or agencies in each state, territory and District of Columbia participating in the CFP Biennial Meeting will receive from the Director at least one hundred and fifty (150) days prior to the CFP Biennial, a notice of the forthcoming meeting. Each notice shall include a current copy of Article II, Section 3, and Article XVIII and XIX of the current version of the Constitution and Bylaws.

**Section 3.** Each Agency shall report to the Director the following information, using approved forms.

*Subsection 1.* The agency's authority and responsibility over the regulation of food establishments, production, processing, vending, or distribution, or the oversight for prevention of foodborne illness;

*Subsection 2.* The name of the delegate and the alternate, if any; and

*Subsection 3.* Designation of the vote to which that person is entitled, whether one (1) vote or a fraction of one (1) vote.

**Section 4.** In the event that more than one (1) delegate is designated and the sum of the votes designated for the delegates is greater than one (1), the Director shall reject, void, and return the reports to the agencies for correction. Such revision shall be submitted to the Director at least forty-five (45) days before the CFP Biennial Meeting.

**Article XVIII Rules of the CFP Biennial Meeting**

**Section 1.** The current version of the "CFP Biennial Meeting/Conference Procedures" document contains the rules of the Biennial meeting.

**Section 2.** CFP Biennial meeting registration is open to all interested individuals.

**Section 3.** CFP Biennial Meetings shall be of at least two (2) days duration, except this requirement may be waived for special meetings called by the Board.

**Section 4.** Except for additional meetings as provided for in Article II, Section 2, the Conference will meet each odd -numbered year.

**Section 5.** Robert’s Rules of Order shall prevail unless specified rules are established.

**Section 6.** FDA, CDC, and USDA reports shall be presented.

**Article XIX Rules of the Assembly**

**Section 1.** Meetings of the Assembly shall be conducted as follows:

1. Call to order by the Conference Chair;
2. Roll call by the Director of states, territories, and District of Columbia, and the announcement of the names of the delegates who will vote for each in the Assembly;
3. The Director calls for a vote to approve the minutes of the previous meeting;
4. Reports from the Director and Executive Treasurer;
5. Council Chair reports, resolutions, and other new business;
6. Assembly voting (see the current CFP Biennial Meeting/Conference Procedures document);
7. Authorization that may be required by the Assembly for the Board to conclude and implement any necessary recommendations prior to the next CFP Biennial Meeting; and
8. Adjournment.

**Section 2.** Only a registrant at the CFP Biennial Meeting who is the designated representative of a state, territory, or District of Columbia can be a delegate in the Assembly.

**Section 3.** Each state shall be entitled to one (1) full vote, and each territory and District of Columbia shall be entitled to one-half (1/2) vote in the Assembly

**Section 4.** When any state is represented by more than one food regulatory agency, the vote may be divided into appropriate fractions or may be cast together as one vote. Representatives of states with more than one regulatory agency delegate, in compliance with Section 2 of this Article, can reassign their voting privilege to another duly certified delegate from their state by giving written notice of such action to the Conference Chair.

**Section 5.** Delegates shall record their names with the Director and shall cast their votes in the Assembly when called by announcing “yes,” “no,” or “abstain” for one (1) vote; or “yes,” “no,” or “abstain” for the appropriate fraction of one (1) vote.



**Section 6.** Voting in the Assembly shall be recorded by the Director as “yes,” “no,” or “abstain,”

**Section 7.** If delegates wish to caucus, they may “pass” when their names are called for the purpose of caucusing, and then shall vote when the second roll is called.

**Section 8.** To adopt in the Assembly:

**Subsection 1.** A quorum must be present. A quorum is defined as the presence of registered voting delegates from at least two-thirds (2/3) of the states with designated official delegates in attendance at the CFP Biennial Meeting. Each territory and District of Columbia shall count as one half (½) state in constituting a quorum.

**Subsection 2.** To make a change in the Constitution and Bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

**Subsection 3.** Other actions require a simple majority unless specifically covered by Robert’s Rules of Order.

**Article XX Parliamentary Authority**

**Section 1.** The rules of parliamentary procedure comprised in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all proceedings of the Conference and the Board, subject to such special rules as have been or may be adopted.

**Article XXI Dissolution of the Conference**

**Section 1.** Upon the dissolution of the Conference, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**Article XXII Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws**

**Section 1.** The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at a duly called CFP Biennial Meeting, the delegates having had forty (40) day notice from the Director of such proposal to amend as provided in Article II, Section 3 and Article XVI, Section 3.

**Section 2.** Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will become effective at the close of the CFP Biennial Meeting at which they are adopted.

*Appendix*

**Map of CFP Regions\***

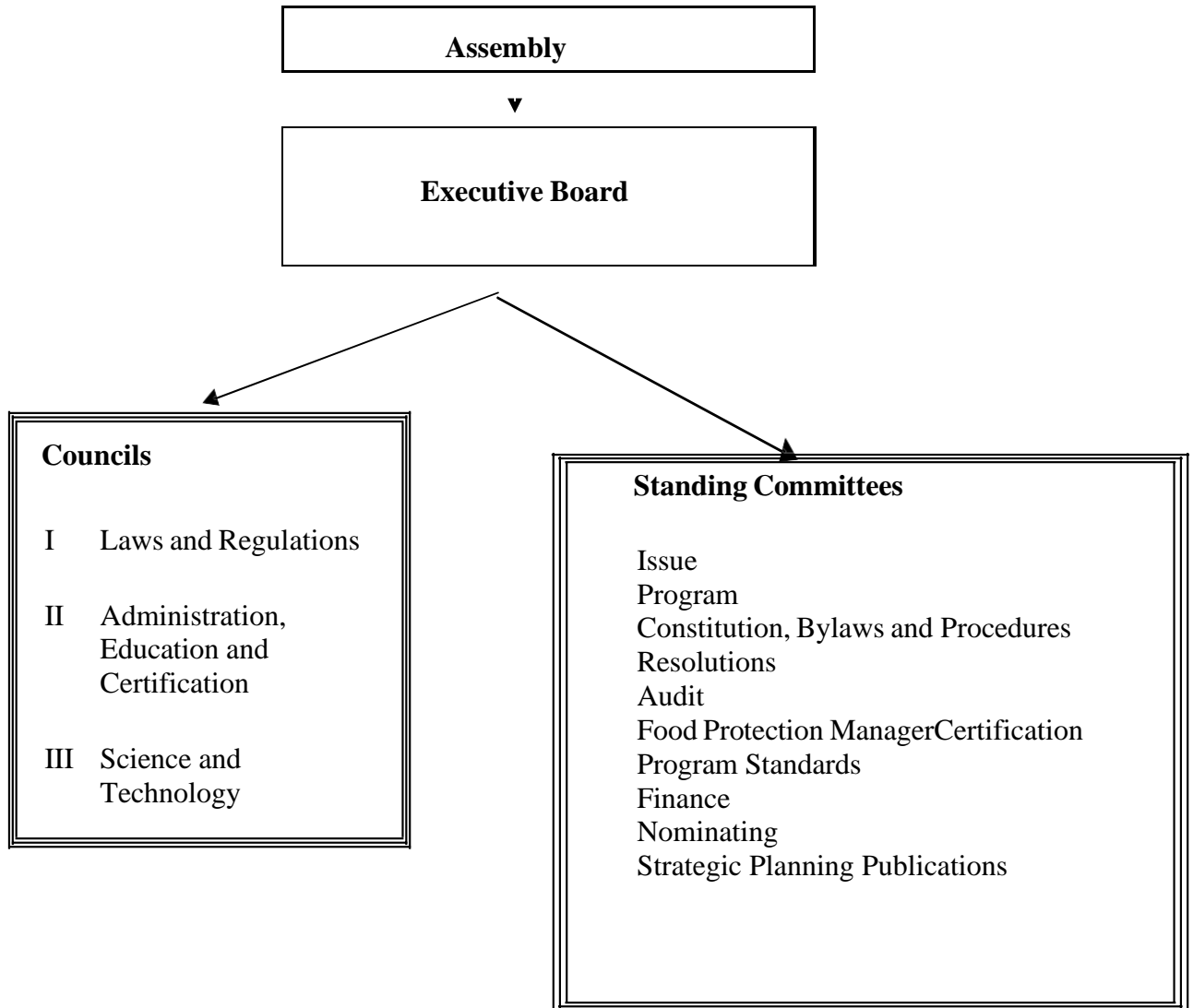


Non-contiguous states and territories not shown on map

\*Used in Allocating Members of Executive Board

Mid-Atlantic	Midwest	Pacific	Southeast	Northeast	Southwest
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DC	IN	AS	FL	MA	CO
KY	MI	AZ	GA	ME	IA
MD	MN	CA	LA	NH	KS
OH	ND	CM	MS	NY	MO
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*Conference for Food Protection Organizational Chart*



## *Organizational Structure Composition*

### *Assembly*

- Role:** Approves or rejects all Council recommendations
- Chair and Vice Chair:** Conference Chair and Conference Vice Chair preside at meetings of the Assembly
- Delegates:** Designated by 57 state food regulatory agencies representing:  
50 states and  
6 territories
- American Samoa
  - Guam
  - Northern Mariana Islands
  - Puerto Rico
  - Trust Territory
  - U.S. Virgin Islands
- 1 District of Columbia
- Voting:** 53 ½ total possible
- Fifty (50) states have 1 vote each. Those states with multiple state regulatory jurisdictions may cast their vote as one or separating as a fraction of one.
- 6 territories and District of Columbia have ½ votes each

## *Executive Board*

<b>Role:</b>	Manages the affairs of the Conference
<b>Chair and Vice Chair:</b>	Board Chair and Board Vice Chair are also the Conference Chair and Conference Vice Chair Elected from Board Voting Membership
<b>Members:</b>	<b>Twenty-three</b> (23) elected to stagger terms by caucus of registrants in each constituency group. Federal members are appointed by agency head.
<b>Voting</b>	6 state regulatory agencies (1 each per CFP Region) 6 local regulatory agencies (1 each per CFP Region) 3 Federal agencies (FDA, USDA, and CDC)) 6 Food Industries 1 Academia 1 Consumer
<b>Non-Voting Ex-Officio</b>	1 Immediate Past Conference Chair 3 Chairs of each Council 3 Vice Chairs of each Council 1 Program Chair 1 Issue Chair 1 Constitution and Bylaws/Procedures Chair 1 Program Standards Chair 1 Finance Committee Chair 4 International Representatives (i.e., Canada, Mexico, etc.) 1 Executive Director 1 Executive Treasurer 1 Executive Assistant

## *Councils*

**Role:** Deliberate assigned Issues and develop recommendations for Assembly consideration.

**Council Chairs and Vice Chairs:**

Approved by the Board

For Councils I and II, if the Chair has a regulatory affiliation, the Vice Chair is to be an industry affiliate, and vice versa. The Council Chair affiliation alternates back and forth each term.

Council III Chair and Vice Chair can be from regulatory, industry, and academia. The Council Chair and Vice Chair cannot be from the same constituency.

**Council Members:**

20 selected by Council Chair and Vice Chair for appointment by Conference Chair with approval of the Board

- I. Council on Laws and Regulations
  - Regulatory (including Council Chair or Vice Chair)
    - 4 local
    - 4 states
    - 2 territorial, District of Columbia, or Federal Industry (including Council Chair or Vice Chair)
      - 1 Processing
      - 2 Food Service
      - 2 Retail Food
      - 1 Vending and Distribution
      - 4 not specified
  - Consumer and Academia
    - 1 Consumer
    - 1 Academia
- II. Council on Administration, Education, and Certification Membership allocated as shown in Council I
- III. Council on Science and Technology
  - 5 Regulatory selected from state and local
  - 5 Food Industry with at least 1 each from processing, food service, retail food, and vending and distribution;
  - 10 At-large may include academia, consumer, Federal agencies, and other stakeholders

**Consultants:**

9 possible

- 4 Designated Federal agencies

- 3 Designated international organizations  
additional, if necessary, as deemed by the  
Board.

**Voting:**

Council Chair votes only to break a tie; Council Vice Chair does not vote.



## *Standing Committees*

All Standing Committee Chairs are appointed by the Conference Chair. The Standing Committees shall attempt to provide a balance in representation of the stakeholders in the particular matter under consideration. Standing Committees report to the Board.

### **Standing Committees:**

#### *Issue Committee*

**Role:** Reviews all Issues submitted to the Conference and assign them to Councils for deliberation.

#### *Program Committee*

**Role:** Responsible for the Educational Workshop and the Reports and Updates session of the CFP Biennial Meeting.

#### *Constitution and Bylaws/Procedures Committee*

**Role:** The Constitution and Bylaws/Procedures Committee shall submit recommendations to improve Conference administrative functions through proposals to amend the Constitution and Bylaws. The Committee shall review proposed memorandums of understanding and ensure consistency among governing documents such as, the Constitution and Bylaws, the CFP Biennial Meeting/Procedures document, and other governing documents. The Committee shall report all recommendations to the Board prior to Council II deliberation and shall follow the direction of the Board.

#### *Resolutions Committee*

**Role:** Except for thank you resolutions, the Resolutions Committee prepares all necessary resolutions.

#### *Audit Committee*

**Role:** In addition to when a certified public accountant conducts an audit of the Conference's financial records, the Audit Committee audits the Conference's financial records annually.

#### *Food Protection Manager Certification Committee*

**Role:** Works with the accreditation organization for food protection manager certification programs to:

1. Establish and refine policies and standards to which certifiers may conform in order for them to be accredited;
2. Provide recommendations to the Conference on accreditation standards for certifying organizations specific to food protection manager certification programs;
3. Develop strategies for enhancing equivalence among food protection manager certificates issued by certifiers; and
4. Promote universal acceptance of certificates issued by accredited

certifiers.

***Program Standards Committee***

**Role:** Provide ongoing input to the FDA on issues that arise with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

***Finance Committee***

**Role:** Provide financial oversight that includes budgeting, financial planning, reporting, internal controls and accountability policies.

***Nominating Committee***

**Role:** Selects the nominees for the Conference Chair and Vice Chair.

***Strategic Planning Committee***

**Role:** Advise the Board on the current and future direction for CFP. This Committee shall make recommendations to keep the CFP relevant and increase the viability and growth of the organization.

***Publications Committee***

**Role:** To establish, maintain, and improve Conference publications regarding Conference endorsement, copyright, scientific and regulatory accuracy, and external publication approval.

***Food Safety Management Systems Committee***

**Role:** To incorporate a Food Safety Management System into everyday activities of retail food establishments and provide ongoing development of resources to assist the food safety community in achieving active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors.

***Digital Engagement and Technology Solutions Committee***

**Role:** The Digital Technology Solutions Committee shall report to the Board and shall have the objective of identifying, vetting, and recommending digital engagement and technology solutions which brings value to membership, encourages engagement with CFP, and improves internal processes. This committee will also work with the Board to identify and prioritize digital technology activities for each CFP Biennial Meeting.

***Other Adhoc Committees***

Appointed by the Board as needed to carry out Conference objectives.

### *Timeline for Conference Activities*

This chart outlines the “When, Whom and What” of actions that are to be taken.

Time	1	2 & 3	4	5 & 6	7
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Days	-150	-90	-40	During Conference	Afterwards

1. At least 150 days preceding CFP Biennial Meeting	Director (Article II, Section 3 and 4)	Announces to members the time and place of CFP Biennial Meeting, and provides forms for submitting Issues and proposals
2. By 90 days preceding CFP Biennial Meeting	Any person (Article. II, Section 4)	May submit Issues on approved forms by this deadline
	Issue Committee (Article. II, Section 4 and Article XVI, Section 1)	Reviews properly submitted Issues and assigns each for Council deliberation
3. By 90 days preceding CFP Biennial Meeting	All committees (Article II, Section 4, subsection 1)	Shall submit a report to the appropriate Council and Conference
4. By 40 days preceding CFP Biennial Meeting	Director (Article II, Section 4)	Makes available to members committee reports and copies of Issues which have been properly submitted and assigned to Council
5. During CFP Biennial Meeting	Councils (Article. II, Section 4 and Article XIV Section 1)	Deliberate assigned Issues and develop recommended actions for Assembly consideration
6. During CFP Biennial Meeting	Assembly (Article V)	Approves or rejects actions recommended by Councils
7. Following CFP Biennial Meeting	Board (Article. VI, Section 1)	Submits approved actions to states and Board for implementation May return rejected actions to originating body explaining basis for rejection or reassignment Distributes Assembly actions to Conference members for implementation