

# ***Nevada Food Safety Task Force***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 14, 2016

### **I. Call to order**

Stefano Caligiuri called to order the regular meeting of the Nevada Food Safety Task Force at 9:07 A.M. on January 14, 2016 at the Vegas PBS office, 3050 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV. 89121

### **II. Roll call**

Board members present: Christine Sylvis, Alex Stokes and Stefano Caligiuri  
Vacant positions: Academia and Secretary

The following persons were present:

Stefano Caligiuri	Luxor/Excalibur
Trevor Morones	Cosmopolitan
Timothy Moulson	Term Management
Scott Olson	Nevada Restaurant Association
Erica Ryan	NV Dept. of Agriculture
Tamara Giannini	NvEHA
Erin Cavin	NvEHA
Lauren DiPrete	NvEHA
Willandra Whiting	SNHD
Brisa Soto	SNHD
Christine Sylvis	SNHD
Debra Solt	Vegas PBS
Allison Moderson	Wynn Las Vegas
Alex Stokes	Wynn Las Vegas
Richard Ryu	SNHD
Meredith Garmen	SNHD
Jason Bañales	SNHD
Mikki Knowles	SNHD
Rachel Lewison	State of NV (DCNR)
Christy Manuretto	SNHD
Jeff Lindholm	iCertainty
Brenda Wickman	WCHD
Kim Lamborn	WinCo. Foods
Bob Morin	WNC
<b>Yash Panse</b>	<b>GameshaSpice</b>
Kim Tran Franchi	WCHD
Dr. Amilton de Mello	CABNR
Anna Vickrey	NV Dept. of Agriculture
Jim Crandal	SK Food Group

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Request was made to change year date for conference under section 4 from 2015 to 2016. Debra made a motion to approve minutes with edit from the last meeting held on October 23, 2015. Erin seconded the motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved with edit.

### **IV. 2016 Conference**

The 2016 NvEHA NFSTF AEC will be held 4/26-4/28, 2016 at the South Point Hotel Casino & Spa.

Comment made that we're getting lots of interest from people who want to register.

Suggestion was made to include a norovirus presentation with the *Chipotle* outbreak going on.

Discussion occurred about looking at getting a local politician involved at least for the first day and channels 5 or 8 to do good PR. Comment made to try and solicit a BOH member.

Discussed speaker slots and it was stated that four slots still need to be confirmed. They are Accela speakers, Gregory Scher and Akiko Tagawa. Key note speaker will be a representative from CDC to speak about norovirus on cruise ships.

Reviewed tentative conference schedule, see attached. Determined that conference will give credit for a total of 22 CEU's once third day workshop is changed from 4 hours to 8 hours. Anna volunteered to be a 50 min. fill-in if needed and all speaker bios and photos need to be provided to Debra. All material for the third day of conference will be provided at the workshop.

Enhancement committee reported that they are planning a creative mocktail exercise where there will be drinks representing different branches of Environmental Health and exercise would be interactive to include 3 situations that need to be taken care of and how attendees would fix it. Costs would need to be covered and need to ask venue for permission to have drinks. Also, a vendor passport idea was discussed where there would be a drawing at the end to win different prizes for those who visited every vendor. Comment made that passport could increase print cost or other option would be to put it into brochure. Decision made to include it into the conference booklet. Comment made that approval was given by venue to bring in drinks.

Discussion continued about a silent auction or a raffle and it was decided that a 50\50 raffle would be done where proceeds will be split between the scholarship fund and the winner. Statements made about offering either a half page advertisement, free registration, or a discount off their booth space for vendors that donated baskets/passport prizes. Vendors should donate more than a pen and would like to give everyone that attends a bag, PBS will donate bags. Also, would like to promote NV products. Stefano will look into show tickets getting donate, Tim will look into restaurant meals and UNR will also try to solicit donors.

Now that speaker information has been reviewed, flyer will be made and put on the website. Speakers would be sent a personal letter and book. Trivia questions will be created to fill in time between speakers and winners would win a candy bar/nothing.

There will be approximately 20 vendors and some vendors will get together to form a bigger booth with handwashing demos. All vendors will be located along the walls within the same room as the conference.

Room rates at the South Point will be \$75 during the week and \$120 for Friday/Saturday and specialty /resort fees will be waived. Attendees just have to call and get the room rate by giving a number code.

Registration capacity is approximately 200-250. Debra will print name tags and the enhancement committee will assemble them. Speaker biographies will go into conference booklet but information needs to be submitted to Debra by 2/20/2016 or sooner if possible.

Amilton volunteered to do artwork for the booklet but PBS is working on it. Debra just needs artwork provided on jpeg file and is getting a quote from CCSD for print costs. Logo needs to be decided on in the next week.

Suggestion was made to at least send out a “save the date” so we don’t lose attendees. Debra will send out Monday or Tuesday but just needs logo to create the same template for all emails.

Registration fees for early birds to be \$125 for two days and \$150 for three days (to include workshop), military and students would be \$75. After, 04/11/2016 the fees would go up by \$25 to be \$150, \$175, and \$100 respectively. Membership would be added as an option during registration for attendees to check a box if they are interested, NvEHA fee is \$25 but there is no fee for NFSTF membership however a new application must be submitted every year.

## **V. Elections**

Lead Chair candidates were Trevor Morones and Tim Moulson. Regulatory candidates were Christine Sylvis and Kim Tran Franchi. Academia candidate was Dr. Amilton de Mello. Industry candidates were Scott Olson and Jeff Lindholm. Treasurer candidate was Anna Vickrey. Secretary candidate was Brisa Soto.

The following positions were elected by majority vote and are as follows:

Lead Chair-Trevor Morones

Regulatory-Kim Tran Franchi

Industry- Scott Olson

The following positions were elected by consensus vote and are as follows:

Academia- Dr. Amilton de Mello

Treasurer- Anna Vickrey

Secretary- Brisa Soto

Erica will place the new people on the website.

## **VI. New Business, Open Floor**

- a. Stefano asked for a committee to get together and write the verbiage for the scholarship.
- b. Funds update:  
\$4,038 in bank and \$2,525 of it is for the scholarship.
- c. Rachel Lewison introduced herself as the recycling coordinator for State of Nevada and wanted to educate and promote recycling. The goal for recycling has been 25% since 1991 and it was finally reached in 2011. She asked if anyone is interested in signing up to work with EPA on the food recovery challenge. They would need to register and track their food waste. Also, she wants to create a culture where bringing your containers to grocery stores will be acceptable, topic will be placed on the next agenda.
- d. Any upcoming issues or ideas can be directed to the correspondent chair for that area.

e. Membership application is now an option online.

## **VII. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next NFSTF meeting is tentatively scheduled, pending confirmation by Debra, to be held on 02/11/16 at 9:00A.M.

Comment made about excitement with turn out for meeting attendance and elections.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Stefano Caligiuri adjourned the meeting at 10:44 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Brisa Soto

Minutes approved by: [Name]