

## **California Retail Food Safety Coalition Meeting**

October 15, 2008  
9 am – 4 pm  
Sacramento, California

### **Welcome and Introductions**

CRFSC Chair Jim Abrams, CHLA, opened the meeting and self-introductions followed.

### **Financial Report**

Pamela Williams, CRA, provided a financial report, noting CRFSC has an account balance of \$9,300. She reminded the membership the dues year is May-April and stated those organizations that had not paid their 2008 dues would be removed from the membership roster.

### **Legislative Report**

Justin Malan, CCDEH, provided a legislative report noting the Governor's vetoes on Senate Bill 1359 (Runner) and Assembly Bill 2540 (Mendoza). A discussion of strategic options for pursuing bills in 2009 resulted in agreement that CRFSC should seek advice from the legislative Committees on Health consultants on how to proceed. It is anticipated two measures will be introduced in 2009 with the same language that was in the bills that reached the Governor's desk. Alan Jeffry, Orange County Cappuccino Cart Association, expressed concerns that with the veto of AB 2540, the coffee cart issues that remain problematic will result in problems for operators. CCDEH has agreed to continue working with coffee cart owners on interpretation issues that would have been resolved had AB 2540 been signed.

Mr. Malan noted that CCDEH is grappling with enforcement issues related to Assembly Bill 97 (Mendoza), related to trans fat, and Senate Bill 1420 (Padilla), related to menu labeling. Representatives of the California Grocers Association, California Hotel and Lodging Association, California Restaurant Association, and California Retailers Association asked to be included in the discussions on implementation. It was suggested that USDA has a nutrient analysis software program that can be used by retail food facilities to analyze recipes available on their website.

Mr. Malan proposed that CRFSC host a legislative reception to introduce new members of the Legislature to CRFSC and our mission and purpose. It was suggested that the trade associations provide displays. The Steering Committee will convene to plan the reception and other outreach activities.

### **Structure and Organization of CRFSC**

Mr. Abrams led a discussion of the structure and organization of CRFSC based on the "Recommendations on Proposed Changes to Organizational Structure and Operation" document. It was agreed that CRFSC may invite representatives from academia and food security organizations on an as needed basis. Further, it was agreed that the standing committees would be revised as noted in the document (Subcommittee A – Review of Model Food Code; Subcommittee B – Review of Issue Submissions; and Subcommittee C – Development of Issue

Resolution Process). All CRFSC members are encouraged to sign up for the revised subcommittees as the membership lists of the previous committees will be purged.

It was suggested that an “outreach” position be developed to provide direction and leadership on CRFSC outreach to legislators and others. Volunteers will be sought for such a position. Following a discussion of the chairmanship position, it was agreed that Mr. Abrams will continue as Chair for the remainder of 2008. Manuel Ramirez, City of Berkeley, will begin a two year term as chairman in 2009.

The CRFSC mission and tasks were approved as detailed in the document.

### **Review of Issue Submissions**

Mr. Abrams led a discussion of the issue submissions and they were assigned for further review to the appropriate subcommittees. The following issue submissions were referred for consideration to Subcommittee B: 2008-001; 2008-004; 2008-005; 2008-010; 2008-011; 2008-012; 2008-013. The following issue submissions were referred for consideration to Subcommittee C: 2008-002.

The subcommittees will meet in 2008 to prepare for 2009.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to consider.

### **Items from the Floor**

The CCDEH Food Safety Committee invited CRFSC to co-sponsor a planned conference on food safety. Additional details will be provided to CRFSC as they become available.

CCDEH presented Mr. Abrams with a plaque recognizing his service to the coalition.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The Steering Committee will meet and a meeting/conference call date will be announced in early 2009.