



CANADIAN SUPPLY CHAIN FOOD SAFETY COALITION

COALITION CANADIENNE DE LA FILIÈRE ALIMENTAIRE POUR LA SALUBRITÉ DES ALIMENTS

Minutes – 2014 Annual General Meeting

23 April 2014

Approved with corrections – 12 May 2015

Location: CFA Boardroom, 21 Florence Street, Ottawa & by Teleconference – Webinar

Attendees:

In Person & Electronic: Jackie Crichton (DPAC), Co-Chair, Susan Abel (FCPC) Co-Chair, Heather Gale, Treasurer, (CanAgPlus), Viki Sikur (CHEP), Caroline Wilson (CFC), Robert de Valk (FFPAC & CARI), Tracey Firth (CAHI), Malenka Georgiou (TFC), Catherine Scovil (CPC), Ron Wasik (SSFPC), Sally Blackman (CPMA), Gordon Carson (Canola Council of Canada), Kurt Siemens (CFA), Erica Charlton (CPEPC), Russell Hurst (CropLife), Albert Chambers (Secretariat)

Guest: Neil Bouwers, VP, Agency Transformation, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

1. Call to order: 13:10 p.m. by Jackie Crichton, Co-chair

2. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Susan Abel, Seconded by Ron Wasik. Carried

3. Approval of Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting: Moved by Viki Sikur, Seconded by Caroline Wilson with corrections to the list of attendees (add Heather Gale). Carried

4. Presentation of the Annual Report: Susan Abel, Co-Chair, presented the Coalition's annual report for 2013. Robert de Valk moved receipt, seconded by Heather Gale. Carried.

5. Presentation on Agency Transformation: Neil Bouwers, VP Agency Transformation at CFIA, reviewed the changes that were taking place within CFIA including: the development of the Safe Food for Canadians Act regulations, the expected timing of the next round of consultations on a draft of the regulations and of some of the guidance documents, the use of new tools such as incorporation by reference and outcome-based requirements, a second CFIA food forum in June and the expected publication of the regulations in the Canada Gazette Part I by the end of 2014. In addition he covered several other issues: user fees, compliance promotion, systems recognition (ie. country to country), system performance (i.e. a new framework), recognition of private sector schemes. He closed the presentation by discussing the operational transformation within CFIA, including the new integrated Agency model (e.g. IT, inspection, single licensing system, risk management approaches, complaints and appeals management, etc.).

A question period followed with members asking questions about: electronic data exchanges (e-certification); timing of the release of the draft regulatory proposals, before or at the June Forum; CFIA's plans for compliance promotion; changes in the management team in CFIA as the transformation takes place; news media stories from the morning that inspectorate was to be cut by 192 positions; etc.

The presentation concluded with an invitation by Bouwers to continue the dialogue and an expression of appreciation for the contributions that the Coalition and its members had made to date.

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6. Financial Report: Heather Gale, Treasurer, reported on the Coalition's finances for the year 2013 by presenting and reviewing the balance sheet and the income statement.

Sally Blackman moved receipt, seconded by Caroline Wilson. Carried

7. 2014 Budget: Heather Gale, Treasurer, reviewed the draft budget. Approval of the budget is made at the first meeting of the new board following the annual meeting.

8. Priorities for 2014: Albert Chambers, Executive Director, reviewed the 2014-2015 Looking Ahead presentation. The priorities identified were: Member Relations, Emergency Preparedness/Critical Infrastructure Planning, Government Relations, Issue Management, Safe Food For Canadians Act Regulations, Food Safety Auditor Project and, New Industry/Government Collaborative Initiatives

Members raised questions. There was a short discussion of the Coalition's food safety auditor competences and qualifications project.

Robert de Valk moved, seconded by Viki Sikur that the priorities be referred to the board of directors for action. Carried.

9. Election of the board of directors: Jackie Crichton, Co-chair, reported that she had canvassed the current board members about their willingness to continue to serve and had received positive indications from all. She noted that there had been one new nomination: Frank Schreurs of NSFI-GFTC. There was a brief discussion of the number of directors on the board.

Jackie Crichton put forward the nominees: Susan Abel – FCPC, Jackie Crichton – DPAC, Robert de Valk – FPPAC/CARI, Heather Gale – CanAgPlus, Gary Sands – CFGI, Frank Schreurs – NSFCanada, Ron Wasik – SSFPA. Nominees from the floor were requested. None were offered.

Moved by Sally Blackman, seconded by Caroline Wilson, that the number directors for 2014 be set at seven (7). Carried

Moved by Ron Wasik, seconded by Robert de Valk that the nominees be elected. Carried.

10. New Business: Catherine Scovil, CPC, raised the matter of competitiveness vis-à-vis the United States with respect to food safety. There was a brief discussion and it was agreed that the Coalition should monitor this matter closely.

11. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

**Prepared by Albert Chambers, Executive Director
11 May 2014**