

# North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force

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## NC Food Safety & Defense Task Force Executive Committee

**Minutes – Wed June 12th, 2019 – 9:30 am**  
NCDA Constable Lab Building @ NCDOA & CS  
4000 Reedy Creek Road Raleigh, NC

- In person: Shane Smith, Steve Tracey, Wendy Pulley, Nicole Lee, David Senesi, Tammra Morrison, Veronica Bryant, Anita MacMullan, Chip Simmons, Rachel McDowell.
- Activate phone for any callers – 919-850- 2992
  - Larry Michael on call
- Hot Topics
  - Outbreaks and Investigations –
    - Public Health monitoring weather related issues with flooding (sewage) in Hickory, Mecklenburg County area. Some issues with businesses, some shelters still open.
    - Cannabis Meeting update provided.
- Meeting Minutes
  - Last Executive Committee(April) minutes
  - Motion to approve as submitted: Chip Simmons, Veronica Bryant second
- Executive Committee Business
  - New website – paying the bill and starting it up
    - Today we will purchase the domain for the website.
    - Rebecca Coaets (may) be able to help – recently changed positions.
    - Need input for content, each partner agency can link to their food safety information.
  - Transition plan for chair
    - Steve Tracey has served as the chair for ~5years and is ready to transition.
    - Bylaws speak to chair being a 1 year term with a renewable option.
    - Produce Task Force has a yearly rotation with a Past Chair, Chair, and In-Coming chair.
    - Suggested to rotate through government, University and industry participants.
    - Target August Executive Committee meeting to vote on a new chair and an in-coming chair. Nominees include:
      - Veronica Bryant
      - Shane Smith- maybe in 3 years
      - Daniel Gaines – maybe in a year
      - Dr. Beth Yongue (not present)
      - Nicole Lee – happy to assist if needed
      - Chris Gunter (not present) – cannot currently serve
      - Rachel McDowell – happy to assist if needed
    - Veronica Bryant, Dr. Yongue are the top two candidates for the upcoming year.
  - In July meeting of the whole TF we will let them know that we are rotating the chair.
  - Executive committee bylaw review

- Suggest that the bylaws are reviewed/revise and fill the officer positions next meeting (August).
  - Veronica Bryant and Rachel McDowell agree to lead the bylaw review.
    - Suggest inclusion of a yearly rotation for Executive Committee chair similar to produce or CFP.
    - Consider the needs of the annual conference, maybe appointing a conference chairperson or having each group have a representative on a conference planning committee.
    - Consider breaking the constituents of the executive committee into two buckets: regulatory (Ag, PH, EH) and Industry.
    - Consider defining the Executive Committee and including the make-up of the Executive Committee in the bylaws – industry slots; academia etc.
  - Will vote on amendments in August.
- The TF extends a heartfelt thank you to Steve Tracey for his service as the Chair. The TF will formally thank Steve with a letter of appreciation.
- Conference Report
  - 2019 Conference well attended
    - 133 registered participants. 111 attendees
    - \$1000 in sponsorships.
    - \$5,875 in registration fees.
  - Need to have presentations put on new web site
  - Evaluation feedback, Candace Christianson tabulated the results.
  - Attendees:
    - 75% are government – county or state
    - 5 % academia
    - 14 % industry
    - 5 % other
  - Issues?:
    - Too cold
    - Some slides hard to see – lighting was not optimal for seeing content.
  - Consider other venues
    - State view hotel on Centennial Campus
    - McKimmon Center
    - University Club
    - Farm Bureau
      - Have to consider food, parking, and accessibility to highways.
  - Consider online registration
  - Topic for next year – supplements, food additives, CBD/cannabis products, raw milk, kratom, wild mushrooms, lead in spices or cosmetics, as topics.
- Additional training during the year
  - July Full Task Force speaker – Natalie Dyenson, Dole Foods
    - Blockchain technology
    - Meeting at State EOC
  - September Full Task Force - produce update
    - 4312 District Drive, SLPH

- November Full Task Force - cold holding update - Location confirmed @
  - Harris Teeter DC 200 Distribution Dr. Greensboro, NC 27410
  - Panel on shelters and sheltering post hurricane season.
- January 2020 – Send recommendations to Rachel McDowell.
  
- Next Meetings Dates
  - Full Task Force Meeting – Wednesday July 10, 2019– location: Raleigh NC Emergency Center
  - Exec Committee meeting Wednesday August, 14th 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in conference room, Constable Lab Building, NCDA&CS
  
- Adjournment
  - Adjourned at 11:19 am