

Nevada Food and Safety Task Force  
Meeting: January 15, 2004  
Bellagio, Las Vegas

**Approval of Minutes:**

The April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> minutes were not available in time to meet the minimum review requirements of 21 days as set forth in the Bylaws. The approval process will continue for the next scheduled meeting.

**Presentations:**

- “Safeguarding, Intervention & Trade Compliance”, Sandra Baniaga-Brown
- Food Safety Training & Food Security, Van V. Heffner
- Registration of Food Facilities, John Marcello
- Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, David S. Thain, DVM
- Seminar Proposal, Anna Vickrey
- Food Safety Inspection Service, Import Surveillance Program, Manny Goulart

The Task Force decided that it would host the Managing Retail Food Safety course, FD2015. The course will be held in Las Vegas, September 21-23, 2004. In addition, the Food Code course that was to be held in Reno this year would be rescheduled and sponsored by the Task Force for the last quarter of the year.

**GROUP UPDATES:**

**Group 1: CODE REVISION**

Dave Evans provided each of the group participants with a copy of the state and county food regulations. John Marcello is working with the statewide health organizations to standardize each of their health codes. Washoe County has been working to amend their regulations and should be close to completion shortly. The group will continue to monitor the codes and make recommendations for standardizing future codes.

**Group 2: TRAINING**

Several key members were not present so this group joined Code Revision.

**Group 3: FBI COMMUNICATION NETWORK**

The group finished with the questionnaire and decided to distribute it via e-mail to all the members for final approval. They will give the members two days to comment. The questionnaire will then be distributed via several websites, Washoe Med, State, University-Nutrition and Food Safety, etc.

**Election of Chairperson:**

Van Heffner motioned to re-elect Anna Vickrey, Stan Omay seconded, motion passed.

**Next Meeting:**

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 9:30 am-3:00 in Reno, location to be determined.

**Public Comments or Questions:** None present.