

Education Committee Annual Report

The Education Committee continues to look for opportunities to supplement the work that is underway in ASTA's Food Safety and Government Relations and Advocacy Committees.

The committee again took responsibility for planning the Pre-Conference Workshop at the 2017 Annual Meeting and we believe we have planned a robust program to look at a range of issues related to allergens with speakers looking at supply chain management, testing, thresholds and precautionary labeling.

The committee has also reviewed the needs assessment results and has set as a priority the need for additional food safety education and resources. We have cataloged all existing food safety resources available to members and are currently working to identify gaps and identify new projects. Food Safety Committee Chair Lynda Lathrop devotes additional time to ASTA working with the Education Committee to ensure strong communication between the two groups to allow us to work together on the development of resources.

I also serve as the Education Committee's liaison to the Annual Meeting Program Committee as part of the overall commitment to coordinate all educational programs.

I would like to thank the members of the Education Committee for the passion they have brought to our work in identifying key industry educational needs and developing necessary programs and resources to meet those needs.

Respectfully submitted,
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