

**ASTA 2009**  
**Annual Meeting and Trade Show**

April 26-29, 2009  
Loews Ventana Canyon Resort  
Tucson, Arizona



# Business Meeting

Cheryl Deem  
Executive Director

# 2009 Meeting Attendance

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Active	184	169	173	116	123
Associate	30	40	46	45	41
Non-Member	23	22	15	11	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>164</b>
Workshop	96	64			

# Chantalle Hinton

- Convention Trade Show
  - Internet fee waived: \$10.95 per day
  - Self parking fee waived: \$10 per day
  - Spa/fitness center fee waived: \$10 per day

TOTAL credit: \$29.95 per day

# 2008 – 2009 Accomplishments

Julia Bellinger

- Visibility/Voice in Washington
- Government Relations Committee
- ASTA Liaison to coalitions
  - Food Safety Legislation, FDA
- Information/Education
- 10 + 2 Web Seminar
- Regulatory/Legislative Workshop

# 2008 – 2009 Accomplishments

Margarita Passero

- Promoted to Manager
- Financial Analysis/Reporting/ Budget
- Annual Meeting Oversight
- Operations Management

# 2008 – 2009 Accomplishments

## Stefanie Reid

- Promoted to Sr. Associate
- Upgrades to Check Sample Program with new vendor
- Susan Abbott Scholarship Program
- New design for ASTA Web site home page

# Introducing Laura Greer

- ASTA Coordinator
  - Membership
  - Spice Learning Center
  - Web Site
  - ASTA Advocate and FYI ASTA

# Membership

	2009	2008	2007
Active	122	128	118
Associate	56	56	57
TOTAL	178	184	175



# Ethylene Oxide Update

- August 2008 – new process takes effect
- October 2008 – cancellation order for basil published
- December 2008 – new tolerances published
- March 2009 – ASTA submits comments on tolerances
- August 2009? – New tolerances take effect

# Ethylene Oxide Update

- April 2008 – Re-registration Eligibility Decision issued maintaining spice usage contingent on Reproductive and Developmental Studies
- June 2008 – waiver request denied
- November 2008 – ASTA meets with EPA to present data from comprehensive toxicological review

# Ethylene Oxide Update

- March 2009 – EPA waives request for prenatal development study but not reproductive and fertility effects
- April 2009 – bids for study received from 3 labs range
- April 2009 – additional bids being sought from overseas labs. Board reviews funding options – cost estimate \$600,000

# Ethylene Oxide Update

- Board decision
  - ASTA cannot fund study
  - ETO users will be asked to fund
  - ASTA to contact for usage by volume (confidential)
  - Final assessment to be determined
  - Payments spread over 2 – 3 years
  - If funding insufficient, study will NOT be done and ETO use will be withdrawn for spices

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# Questions?

## Thank You