



**AOAC Official Methods Board  
September 22, 2016  
Meeting**

**AOAC INTERNATIONAL  
400 N. Olive Street  
Dallas, Texas 75201  
San Antonio Room**



## OFFICIAL METHODS BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 22, 2016

10:00am – 6:00pm CT

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**AOAC INTERNATIONAL  
OFFICIAL METHODS BOARD  
2016 –2017  
APPOINTED**

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# AOAC INTERNATIONAL BYLAWS

As Amended September 26, 2010

## ARTICLE I Name

The name by which this Association shall be known is "AOAC INTERNATIONAL" (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").<sup>1</sup>

## ARTICLE II Purpose

The primary purpose of the Association is to promote methods validation and quality measurements in the analytical sciences.

## ARTICLE III Membership

### *Section 1. Types of Membership*

There shall be three (3) types of membership in the Association: Individual Members, Sustaining Member Organizations, and Organizational Affiliates.

#### A. Individual Members

There shall be four (4) categories of Individual Members in the Association: Members, Retired Members, Student Members, and Honorary Members.

#### B. Sustaining Member Organizations

There shall be one (1) category of Sustaining Member Organizations.

#### C. Organizational Affiliate

There shall be one (1) category of Organizational Affiliate.

### *Section 2. Qualifications for Membership*

#### A. Individual Members

##### [1] Members

Qualifications for Members shall be a degree in science, or equivalent as approved by the Board of Directors, and interest in supporting and furthering the purpose and goals of the Association. Such scientists shall be eligible for membership provided they are engaged, or have been engaged, directly or indirectly, in a field relevant to the purpose of the Association.

##### [2] Retired Members

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<sup>1</sup> AOAC INTERNATIONAL was incorporated in the District of Columbia on January 20, 1932, as the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists. On November 10, 1965, the name of the corporation was changed to the Association of Official Analytical Chemists, and on September 12, 1991, the current name was adopted.

A current Member who is no longer actively engaged, directly or indirectly, in a field relevant to the purpose of the Association but who has served the Association as a Member for at least ten (10) years shall be eligible for Retired Member status upon written request and payment of the annual Retired Member dues. Any special benefits accorded Retired Members shall be determined by the Executive Director.

[3] Student Members

Any full-time student working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree in the areas of chemistry, microbiology, food science or other related science shall be eligible for Student Membership in AOAC INTERNATIONAL.

[4] Honorary Members

Honorary Members shall be persons recognized for their substantial contribution toward the achievement of the objectives of the Association. They shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and may be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Individual Members voting.

B. Sustaining Member Organizations

A Sustaining Member Organization shall be any agency of a local, state, provincial, national, or international government; a university, college, or academic department; or any firm, business, or organization with an interest in supporting and furthering the purpose of the Association. Every Sustaining Member Organization must have a designated representative(s). All such Sustaining Member Organization representatives must meet the qualifications for Members and become Individual Members with all the rights and privileges thereof.

C. Organizational Affiliate

An Organizational Affiliate Organization shall be any agency of a local, state, provincial, national, or international government; a university, college, or academic department; or any firm, business, or organization with an interest in supporting and furthering the purpose of the Association. Every Organizational Affiliate must have a designated representative(s). All such Organizational Affiliate representatives must meet the qualifications for Members and become Individual Members with all the rights and privileges thereof.

*Section 3. Application for Membership*

Applications or requests for membership shall be submitted to the Association's headquarters office. Membership shall become effective upon approval of the application or request, payment of any required membership dues, entry on the membership rolls, and assignment of a member number.

**Section 4. Expulsion**

The Board of Directors, at any duly called meeting of the Board, by a two-thirds vote of those holding office, may terminate the membership of any member who in its judgment has violated the Bylaws or has been guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Association. Any member convicted of a felony is subject to immediate expulsion from the Association. Expulsion of a member by the Board of Directors shall be final and shall cancel all rights, interest, or privileges of such member in the services or resources of the Association. Any member, for whom expulsion is proposed, for reasons other than conviction of a felony, shall be entitled to not less than 60 days advance notice of the charges, the date upon which a hearing will be scheduled, and the right to present evidence in defense. The date and place of any such hearing, if held other than at the headquarters or annual meeting site of the Association, must be reasonable with respect to the location of any individual so charged.

**Section 5. Dues, Membership Year, and Waivers**

- A. Annual dues for membership in the Association shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by the majority of the Individual Members voting by ballot by any of the following means (whichever is deemed appropriate by the Board at the time): mail, telephone call, telegram, cablegram, electronic mail or other means of electronic or telephonic transmission.
- B. Honorary Members of the Association shall be exempt from payment of dues and annual meeting registration fees.
- C. The membership year and the delinquency date shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- D. The authority to grant waivers of membership dues rests with Executive Director.
- E. Student Member dues shall be one-third of regular Member dues, rounded up to the nearest \$5.00 increment.

**Section 6. Members in Good Standing; Rights and Privileges**

All Individual Members who maintain their membership by payment of dues as required under these Bylaws and who otherwise qualify shall be considered in good standing and entitled to full privileges of membership.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Officers**

**Section 1. Elected Officers**

The elected officers of the Association shall be Individual Members and shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

**A. President**

The President shall be the principal elected officer of the Association, shall preside at meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, and shall be a member ex-officio, with right to vote, of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He or she shall also, at the annual meeting of the Association and at such other times as he or she shall deem proper, communicate to the Association or the Board of Directors such matters and make such suggestions as may in his or her opinion tend to promote the welfare and further the purpose of the Association and shall perform such other

duties as are necessarily incident to the office of President or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

#### B. President-Elect

In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President, and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The President-Elect shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

#### C. Secretary

The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Association, keep a record of all proceedings, attest documents, and, in general, perform such other duties as are usual of the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

#### D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds and securities of the Association; serve as financial officer of the organization and as Chairperson of the Finance Committee; manage the Board of Director's review of and action related to the Board of Director's financial responsibilities; serve as the chief Board liaison in overseeing and reviewing the annual audit, and in general, perform such other duties as are usual of the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

#### E. Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall serve as advisor to the President and Directors and perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President or by the Board of Directors.

### *Section 2. Appointed Officers*

The appointed officers shall include the Executive Director and such other appointed officers as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time.

#### A. Executive Director

The day-to-day administration and management of the Association's offices shall be vested in a salaried manager employed or appointed by, and directly responsible to, the Board of Directors. This manager shall have the title of Executive Director with responsibility for the management and direction of all operations, programs, activities, and affairs of the Association, as approved or delegated by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall have direct responsibility for employment and termination of employment and the determination of compensation for staff members within the budgetary framework determined by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director functions as the chief operating officer of the Association within the guidelines established by the policies and procedures of the Board of Directors and, as necessary, with the concurrence of the President. The Executive Director shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

#### B. Other Appointed Officers

Other appointed officers shall have such duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Nominations, Elections, Terms, and Appointments to the Board of Directors**

*Section 1. Nominating Committee*

The Nominating Committee shall annually recommend to the Board of Directors a slate of Individual Members as potential nominees for the elected positions where vacancies will occur. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members who shall be three (3) immediate Past Presidents, as available, and two (2) Individual Members-at-Large of the Association. If three Past Presidents are not available to serve, other Individual Members-at-Large shall be appointed by the President to the extent necessary to form the five (5)-member committee.

*Section 2. Elections and Terms of Office*

The President-Elect, the Secretary, Treasurer, and the Directors of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority of Individual Members voting, from a slate of nominees recommended annually by the Board of Directors.

Terms of office for all Officers and Directors shall begin with the adjournment of the annual meeting following their election and shall end with the adjournment of the annual meeting occurring nearest the expiration of their term. The six (6) Directors shall be elected to staggered three-year terms with two Directors elected to full three-year terms each year, but not to more than two (2), consecutive, three-year terms. Appointment or election to fill an unexpired term shall not affect the eligibility of a person to subsequently be elected to two (2) full terms. The Secretary shall be elected to a one-year term and may be re-elected to successive one-year terms. The Treasurer shall be elected for a one-year term and may be re-elected to successive one-year terms. The President-Elect shall be elected to a one-year term; whereupon the current President-Elect shall become President and the current President shall become the Immediate Past President, each serving a one-year term.

*Section 3. Appointments*

Directors-at-Large are appointed by the Board in accordance with Article VI, Section 2. Directors-at-Large are appointed for one (1) year terms, renewable at the discretion of the elected Board.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Board of Directors**

*Section 1. Composition*

The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) elected members to include the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, six (6) Directors, and up to three (3) appointed Directors-at-Large, all of whom shall be Individual Members of the Association. The elected Board shall reflect the makeup of the Association membership and shall not be dominated by any single interest.

*Section 2. Powers and Duties*

The Board of Directors shall provide supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Association, shall determine the Association's policies or changes therein within the limits of the Bylaws, shall actively prosecute



its purpose, and shall have discretion in the disbursement of its funds. It may adopt such rules and procedures for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable, and may, in the execution of the powers granted, appoint such agents as it may consider necessary. The Board of Directors may appoint up to three (3) Directors-at-Large, if, in their opinion, such appointments advance the purpose of the Association. Directors-at-Large shall be accorded the same voting privileges as elected Directors.

### ***Section 3. Meetings***

Except that the Board shall have a regular meeting at the time and place of the annual meeting, the Board shall meet, in person or via telephone conference call, upon call of the President at such times and places as he or she may designate within the policies adopted by the Board, and shall be called to meet upon demand of a majority of its members. Notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be sent by any of the following means (whichever is deemed appropriate by the President at the time): mail, telephone call, telegram, cablegram, electronic mail or other means of electronic or telephonic transmission to each member of the Board at his or her last recorded address or number at least fourteen (14) days in advance of in-person meetings or forty-eight (48) hours in advance of conference call meetings.

### ***Section 4. Quorum***

A quorum for any meeting of the Board is six (6) Board members elected in accordance with Article V (1). Any less number may: (1) set a time to adjourn, (2) adjourn, (3) recess, or (4) take measures to obtain a quorum.

### ***Section 5. Absence***

Any member of the Board of Directors unable to attend a meeting of the Board shall notify the President and state the reason for his or her absence. If a member of the Board is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings, he or she may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board Members then in office.

### ***Section 6. Compensation***

Members of the Board of Directors, as such, shall not receive any compensation for their services as Board members, but the Board may, by resolution under policies it may adopt, authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of members' duties. Such authorization may prescribe conditions and procedures for approval and payment of such expenses. Nothing herein shall preclude a Board member from serving the Association in any other capacity and receiving compensation for such services, if compensation is customarily paid for such services.

### ***Section 7. Resignation or Removal***

Any member of the Board may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President, Secretary, Treasurer, or to the Board of Directors. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time is specified, at the time of acceptance thereof as determined by the President or the Board.

Any member of the Board may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the Board members then in office and present at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

### ***Section 8. Vacancies: Members of the Board***

If a vacancy should occur in the membership of the elected Board of Directors, any Past President may be appointed by action of the remaining members of the Board to temporarily fill such vacancy until the next

regularly scheduled election. At the next regularly scheduled election nominations will be presented to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term remaining.

*Section 9. Vacancies: President and Other Officers*

If the office of the President shall become vacant, the President-Elect shall thereupon become President of the Association for the unexpired term, followed by his or her duly elected term. In the event the office of President becomes vacant at a time when the office of President-Elect is also vacant, the Presidency shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the action of the Board of Directors. If any other officer position shall become vacant, the office may be filled for the remainder of the term by action of the Board.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Committees**

*Section 1. Committee Formation*

The Board of Directors shall form and adopt terms of reference for such standing or special boards, committees, subcommittees, task forces, or task groups as may be required by these Bylaws or as the Board may determine necessary to carry out the affairs of the Association.

*Section 2. Committee Appointments*

Subject to the requirements of these Bylaws and the specific terms of reference adopted by the Board, the President shall make the appointments to fill the vacancies occurring in the Association's standing or special boards, committees, subcommittees, task forces, or task groups.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Official Methods of Analysis**

The Board of Directors (BoD) is empowered to develop written policies and procedures for the study, adoption, and change in status of the Official Methods of Analysis of AOAC INTERNATIONAL. Implementation of the policies and procedures shall be delegated to an Official Methods Board (OMB).

*Section 1. Composition of the Official Methods Board*

The Official Methods Board shall consist of a chair and a vice chair, and members who are recommended by the chair. The chair, vice chair and members are appointed by the President of AOAC INTERNATIONAL. The OMB shall be composed of members representing a balance of government, industry, and academia as appropriate to the scope of the group and shall not be dominated by any single interest.

***Section 2. Purpose of the Official Methods Board***

The OMB shall serve the Association in a scientific and advisory capacity on methods and the process of their adoption. The OMB shall be responsible for implementation of procedures adopted by the BoD, according to the principles in section 3 below.

***Section 3. Principles of the Official Methods Program***

- A. Adequate records of technical data, discussions, and decisions on the study, adoption, and change of status of Official Methods of Analysis shall be maintained for a reasonable time.
- B. Timely notice of proposed method studies, adoption, or change in status shall be published in an Association publication that is circulated to the members.
- C. Opportunity shall be provided for materially interested parties to submit input during method study and adoption procedures and to submit comments on the adoption, use of, or change in status of specific methods.
- D. Methods submitted to the OMB for inclusion in the OMA shall be thoroughly studied, scientifically reviewed, and available in published form prior to adoption as Final Action by the OMB.
- E. The OMB shall adopt methods as Final Action.

**ARTICLE IX  
Meetings**

***Section 1. Annual Meeting***

The annual business meeting of the Association shall be held at the time and place decided by the Board of Directors. A special meeting of the entire Association may be called by the Board of Directors; announcement thereof shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the time of said meeting.

***Section 2. Quorum***

One hundred Individual Members who are present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Association which is duly called pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE X  
Voting**

***Section 1. Voting by Ballot***

By direction of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise required by these Bylaws or conducted under alternative procedures established under these Bylaws, voting on any matter, including the election of officers and directors, the election of Honorary Members, amendment of the Bylaws, and the approval of dues, may be conducted by ballot of the voting membership by any of the following means (whichever is deemed appropriate at the time): mail, telephone call, telegram, cablegram, electronic mail or other means of electronic or telephonic transmission, and the question(s) thus presented shall be determined according to the votes received, provided in each case votes of at least five (5) percent of the voting membership shall be received. Any and all action taken in pursuance of a vote by any of the means indicated above (whichever the Board deemed appropriate at the time)

in each case shall be binding upon the Association in the same manner as would be action taken at a duly called meeting and shall become effective, unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws or otherwise stated in the ballot, on the day following certification of the vote.

*Section 2. Voting by Proxy*

At any duly called meeting of Individual Members, a member-of-record, as determined thirty (30) days prior to any meeting and who is entitled to vote, may vote by proxy executed in writing by the Individual Member or his or her duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid for more than eleven (11) months after the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

**ARTICLE XI  
Earnings and Assets**

*Section 1. Non-Profit Status*

A. Regardless of any provision of the Bylaws which may be construed otherwise:

[1] No part of the net earnings of the Association shall under any circumstances inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

[2] The Association shall not be operated for a private profit.

B. On lawful dissolution of the Association and after settlement of all just obligations of the Association, the Board of Directors shall distribute all remaining assets of the Association to one (1) or more organizations selected by the Board of Directors which have been held exempt from Federal Income Tax as organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

*Section 2. Political Activities*

A. No substantial part of the Association's activities shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence local, state, or national legislation. All activities of the Association shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

B. The Association shall not participate or intervene in any manner in any campaign on behalf of any candidate for a political office.

**ARTICLE XII  
Sections**

*Section 1. Sections*

The Board of Directors shall set geographic limits and grant authority to groups of Individual Members of the Association residing or working in the same geographical areas for the establishment of Sections.

*Section 2. Purpose of Sections*

The purpose of Sections shall be to promote and further the purpose of the Association.

*Section 3. Membership in Sections*

Individuals interested in the purpose of the Section shall be eligible for Section membership. Only Individual Members of the Association shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee of the Section.

*Section 4. Bylaws of Sections*

Subject to approval of the Board of Directors, each Section shall adopt, for its own governance, bylaws not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

*Section 5. Dissolution of Sections*

When any Section shall cease to function as a Section for a period of more than one year, or if its membership shall be less than ten (10) Individual Members of the Association for a period of one (1) year, the Board of Directors may terminate the existence of such Section.

*Section 6. Actions of Sections*

No act of a Section or its members shall be considered an act of the Association unless expressly authorized, ratified, or affirmed by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Technical Divisions**

*Section 1. Purpose*

Technical Divisions shall represent communities of interest within the Association which have the purpose of furthering the purpose of the Association through the development of the analytical sciences either in a commodity-based or scientific discipline-based field. Their activities shall not duplicate the organizational structure nor conflict with the policies or procedures for the adoption of official methods of analysis by the Association.

*Section 2. Creation, Combination, Discontinuance, or Change*

Technical Divisions may be created, existing Technical Divisions may be combined or discontinued, or the name of a Technical Division may be changed under policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. Each Technical Division shall adopt bylaws not inconsistent with these Bylaws. The jurisdiction of each Technical Division shall be described in its bylaws. No act of any Technical Division or its members shall be considered an act of the Association unless expressly authorized, ratified, or affirmed by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**Indemnification**

The Association shall have the power to pay, by indemnity, reimbursement, or otherwise, to or for the use of any person designated by resolution of the Board of Directors who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or on behalf of the Association), by reason of the fact he or she is or was a director, officer, committee member, employee or agent of the Association, or was serving as such for another at the request of the Association, against expenses (including legal, accounting, witness and other), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement so long as such person was not found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been willfully negligent of the interests of the Association or such person had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was lawful.

**ARTICLE XV  
Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Association in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws or any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

**ARTICLE XVI  
Amendments to the Bylaws**

These Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part, by a three-fourths vote: (a) of the Individual Members at any annual business or duly called special meeting of the Association, provided notice of any amendment proposed for consideration shall be sent by any of the following means (whichever may be deemed appropriate at the time): mail, telephone call, telegram, cablegram, electronic mail or other means of electronic or telephonic transmission to the last recorded address or number of each Individual Member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting; or (b) by approval of the Individual Members through ballot sent by any means indicated above in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Voting.

All proposed amendments of these Bylaws shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board shall present the proposals to the Association membership, with recommendations. All amendments to the Bylaws, unless otherwise stated, will become effective at the adjournment of the meeting where action is taken or on the day following the certification of a vote by mail ballot.

**AOAC INTERNATIONAL**  
**POLICY ON THE USE OF THE**  
**ASSOCIATION NAME, INITIALS,**  
**IDENTIFYING INSIGNIA, LETTERHEAD, AND BUSINESS CARDS**

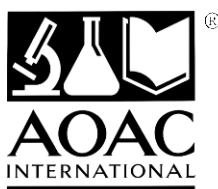
**Introduction**

The following policy and guidelines for the use of the name, initials, and other identifying insignia of AOAC INTERNATIONAL have been developed in order to protect the reputation, image, legal integrity and property of the Association.

The name of the Association, as stated in its bylaws, is "AOAC INTERNATIONAL". The Association is also known by its initials, AOAC, and by its logo, illustrated below, which incorporates the Association name and a representation of a microscope, book, and flask. The AOAC logo is owned by the Association and is registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



The full Association insignia, illustrated below, is comprised of the logo and the tagline, "The Scientific Association Dedicated to Analytical Excellence," shown below. The typeface used is Largo. The AOAC tagline is owned by the Association and is registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark office.



*The Scientific Association Dedicated to Analytical Excellence*®

AOAC INTERNATIONAL Policy on the Use of the Association Name,  
Initials, Identifying Insignia, Letterhead, and Business Cards  
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### Policy

Policy on the use of the Association's name and logo is established by the AOAC Board of Directors as follows:

“The Board approves and encourages reference to the Association by name, either as AOAC INTERNATIONAL or as AOAC; or reference to our registered trademark, AOAC®, in appropriate settings to describe our programs, products, etc., in scientific literature and other instances so long as the reference is fair, accurate, complete and truthful and does not indicate or imply unauthorized endorsement of any kind.

The insignia (logo) of AOAC INTERNATIONAL is a registered trade and service mark and shall not be reproduced or used by any person or organization other than the Association, its elected and appointed officers, sections, or committees, without the prior written permission of the Association. Those authorized to use the AOAC INTERNATIONAL insignia shall use it only for the purposes for which permission has been specifically granted.

The name and insignia of the Association shall not be used by any person or organization in any way which indicates, tends to indicate, or implies AOAC official endorsement of any product, service, program, company, organization, event or person, endorsement of which, has not been authorized by the Association, or which suggests that membership in the Association is available to any organization.”

The Executive Director, in accordance with the above stated policy, is authorized to process, approve, fix rules, and make available materials containing the Association name and insignia.

It should be noted that neither the Association's name nor its insignia nor part of its insignia may be incorporated into any personal, company, organization, or any other stationery other than that of the Association; nor may any statement be included in the printed portion of such stationery which states or implies that an individual, company, or other organization is a Member of the Association.

### Instructions

1. Reproduction or use of the Association name or insignia requires prior approval by the Executive Director or his designate.
2. Association insignia should not be altered in any manner without approval of the Executive Director or his designate, except to be enlarged or reduced in their entirety.
3. Artwork for reproducing the Association name or insignia, including those incorporating approved alterations, will be provided on request to those authorized to use them (make such requests to the AOAC Marketing Department). Examples of the types of alterations that would be approved are inclusion of a section name in or the addition of an officer's name and address to the letterhead insignia.



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- 4. When the Association name is used without other text as a heading, it should, when possible, be set in the Largo typeface.
- 5. Although other colors may be used, AOAC blue, PMS 287, is the preferred color when printing the AOAC insignia, especially in formal and official documents. It is, of course, often necessary and acceptable to reproduce the insignia in black.
- 6. Do not print one part of the logo or insignia in one color and other parts in another color.
- 7. The letterhead of AOAC INTERNATIONAL shall not be used by any person or organization other than the Association, its elected and appointed officers, staff, sections, or committees; except by special permission.

Correspondence of AOAC official business should be conducted using AOAC letterhead. However, those authorized to use AOAC letterhead shall use it for official AOAC business only.

Copies of all correspondence using AOAC letterhead or conducting AOAC official business, whether on AOAC letterhead or not, must be sent to the appropriate office at AOAC headquarters.

- 8. AOAC INTERNATIONAL business cards shall not be used by any person or organization other than the Association, its staff, and elected officials, except by special permission.

Those authorized to use AOAC business cards shall use them for official AOAC business only and shall not represent themselves as having authority to bind the Association beyond that authorized.

**Sanctions**

- 1. Upon learning of any violation of the above policy, the Executive Director or a designate will notify the individual or organization that they are in violation of AOAC policy and will ask them to refrain from further misuse of the AOAC name or insignia.
- 2. If the misuse is by an Individual Member or Sustaining Member of the Association, and the misuse continues after notification, the Board of Directors will take appropriate action.
- 3. If continued misuse is by a nonmember of the Association or if a member continues misuse in spite of notification and Board action, ultimately, the Association will take legal action to protect its property, legal integrity, reputation, and image.

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Adopted by the AOAC Board of Directors: September 24, 1989  
Revised: June 13, 1991; February 26, 1992; March 21, 1995; October 1996

**AOAC INTERNATIONAL**  
**ANTITRUST POLICY**  
**STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES**

**Introduction**

It is the policy of AOAC INTERNATIONAL (AOAC) and its members to comply strictly with all laws applicable to AOAC activities. Because AOAC activities frequently involve cooperative undertakings and meetings where competitors may be present, it is important to emphasize the on-going commitment of our members and the Association to full compliance with national and other antitrust laws. This statement is a reminder of that commitment and should be used as a general guide for AOAC and related individual activities and meetings.

**Responsibility for Antitrust Compliance**

The Association's structure is fashioned and its programs are carried out in conformance with antitrust standards. However, an equal responsibility for antitrust compliance \_\_ which includes avoidance of even an appearance of improper activity \_\_ belongs to the individual. Even the appearance of improper activity must be avoided because the courts have taken the position that actual proof of misconduct is not required under the law. All that is required is whether misconduct can be inferred from the individual's activities.

Employers and AOAC depend on individual good judgment to avoid all discussions and activities which may involve improper subject matter and improper procedures. AOAC staff members work conscientiously to avoid subject matter or discussion which may have unintended implications, and counsel for the Association can provide guidance with regard to these matters. It is important for the individual to realize, however, that the competitive significance of a particular conduct or communication probably is evident only to the individual who is directly involved in such matters.

**Antitrust Guidelines**

In general, the U.S. antitrust laws seek to preserve a free, competitive economy and trade in the United States and in commerce with foreign countries. Laws in other countries have similar objectives. Competitors (including individuals) may not restrain competition among themselves with reference to the price, quality, or distribution of their products, and they may not act in concert to restrict the competitive capabilities or opportunities of competitors, suppliers, or customers.

Although the Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission generally enforce the U.S. antitrust laws, private parties can bring their own lawsuits.

Penalties for violating the U.S. and other antitrust laws are severe: corporations are subject to heavy fines and injunctive decrees, and may have to pay substantial damage judgments to injured competitors, suppliers, or customers. Individuals are subject to criminal prosecution, and will be punished by fines and imprisonment.

Under current U.S. federal sentencing guidelines, individuals found guilty of bid rigging, price fixing, or market allocation must be sent to jail for at least 4 to 10 months and must pay substantial minimum fines.

Since the individual has an important responsibility in ensuring antitrust compliance in AOAC activities, everyone should read and heed the following guidelines.

1. Don't make any effort to bring about or prevent the standardization of any method or product for the purpose or intent of preventing the manufacture or sale of any method or product not conforming to a specified standard.
2. Don't discuss with competitors your own or the competitors' prices, or anything that might affect prices such as costs, discounts, terms of sale, distribution, volume of production, profit margins, territories, or customers.
3. Don't make announcements or statements at AOAC functions, outside leased exhibit space, about your own prices or those of competitors.
4. Don't disclose to others at meetings or otherwise any competitively sensitive information.
5. Don't attempt to use the Association to restrict the economic activities of any firm or any individual.
6. Don't stay at a meeting where any such price or anti\_competitive talk occurs.
7. Do conduct all AOAC business meetings in accordance with AOAC rules. These rules require that an AOAC staff member be present or available, the meeting be conducted by a knowledgeable chair, the agenda be followed, and minutes be kept.
8. Do confer with counsel before raising any topic or making any statement with competitive ramifications.
9. Do send copies of meeting minutes and all AOAC\_related correspondence to the staff member involved in the activity.
10. Do alert the AOAC staff to any inaccuracies in proposed or existing methods and statements issued, or to be issued, by AOAC and to any conduct not in conformance with these guidelines.

**Conclusion**

Compliance with these guidelines involves not only avoidance of antitrust violations, but avoidance of any behavior which might be so construed. Bear in mind, however, that the above antitrust laws are stated in general terms, and that this statement is not a summary of applicable laws. It is intended only to highlight and emphasize the principal antitrust standards which are relevant to AOAC programs. You must, therefore, seek the guidance of either AOAC counsel or your own counsel if antitrust questions arise.

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Adopted by the AOAC Board of Directors: September 24, 1989

Revised: March 11, 1991

Revised October 1996



**AOAC INTERNATIONAL**  
**POLICY AND PROCEDURES ON**  
**VOLUNTEER CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Statement of Policy**

While it is not the intention of AOAC INTERNATIONAL (AOAC) to restrict the personal, professional, or proprietary activities of AOAC members nor to preclude or restrict participation in Association affairs solely by reason of such activities, it is the sense of AOAC that conflicts of interest or even the appearance of conflicts of interest on the part of AOAC volunteers should be avoided. Where this is not possible or practical under the circumstances, there shall be written disclosure by the volunteers of actual or potential conflicts of interest in order to ensure the credibility and integrity of AOAC. Such written disclosure shall be made to any individual or group within the Association which is reviewing a recommendation which the volunteer had a part in formulating and in which the volunteer has a material interest causing an actual or potential conflict of interest.

AOAC requires disclosure of actual or potential conflicts of interest as a condition of active participation in the business of the Association. The burden of disclosure of conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts of interest falls upon the volunteer.

A disclosed conflict of interest will not in itself bar an AOAC member from participation in Association activities, but a three-fourths majority of the AOAC group reviewing the issue presenting the conflict must concur by secret ballot that the volunteer's continued participation is necessary and will not unreasonably jeopardize the integrity of the decision-making process.

Employees of AOAC are governed by the provision of the AOAC policy on conflict of interest by staff. If that policy is in disagreement with or mute on matters covered by this policy, the provisions of this policy shall prevail and apply to staff as well.

**Illustrations of Conflicts of Interest**

1. A volunteer who is serving as a committee member or referee engaged in the evaluation of a method or device; who is also an employee of or receiving a fee from the firm which is manufacturing or distributing the method or device or is an employee of or receiving a fee from a competing firm.
2. A volunteer who is requested to evaluate a proposed method or a related collaborative study in which data are presented that appear detrimental (or favorable) to a product distributed or a position supported by the volunteer's employer.
3. A referee who is conducting a study and evaluating the results of an instrument, a kit, or a piece of equipment which will be provided gratis by the manufacturer or distributor to one or more of the participating laboratories, including his or her own laboratory, at the conclusion of the study.

4. Sponsorship of a collaborative study by an interest (which may include the referee) which stands to profit from the results; such sponsorship usually involving the privilege granted by the investigator to permit the sponsor to review and comment upon the results prior to AOAC evaluation.
5. A volunteer asked to review a manuscript submitted for publication when the manuscript contains information which is critical of a proprietary or other interest of the reviewer.

The foregoing are intended as illustrative and should not be interpreted to be all-inclusive examples of conflicts of interest AOAC volunteers may find themselves involved in.

### **Do's and Don'ts**

Do avoid the appearance as well as the fact of a conflict of interest.

Do make written disclosure of any material interest which may constitute a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Do not accept payment or gifts for services rendered as a volunteer of the Association without disclosing such payment or gifts.

Do not vote on any issue before an AOAC decision-making body where you have the appearance of or an actual conflict of interest regarding the recommendation or decision before that body.

Do not participate in an AOAC decision-making body without written disclosure of actual or potential conflicts of interest in the issues before that body.

Do not accept a position of responsibility as an AOAC volunteer, without disclosure, where the discharge of the accepted responsibility will be or may appear to be influenced by proprietary or other conflicting interests.

### **Procedures**

Each volunteer elected or appointed to an AOAC position of responsibility shall be sent, at the time of election or appointment, a copy of this policy and shall be advised of the requirement to adhere to the provisions herein as a condition for active participation in the business of the Association. Each volunteer, at the time of his or her election or appointment, shall indicate, in writing, on a form provided for this purpose by AOAC, that he or she has read and accepts this policy.

Each year, at the spring meeting of the AOAC Board of Directors, the Executive Director shall submit a report certifying the requirements of this policy have been met; including the names and positions of any elected or appointed volunteers who have not at that time indicated in writing that they have accepted the policy.

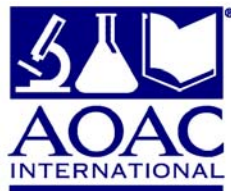
Anyone with knowledge of specific instances in which the provisions of this policy have not been complied with shall report these instances to the Board of Directors, via the Office of the Executive Director, as soon as discovered.

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Adopted: March 2, 1989

Revised: March 28, 1990

Revised: October 1996



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## AOAC INTERNATIONAL

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### I. NAME:

OFFICIAL METHODS BOARD (OMB)

#### II. MISSION:

*To serve the Association in a scientific and advisory capacity on standards and methods with ethical, timely, open and independent scientific oversight for the implementation of standards development and conformity assessment policies and procedures of AOAC INTERNATIONAL.*

#### III. RESPONSIBILITIES:

To provide ethical, timely, open and independent scientific oversight for the policies and procedures of AOAC INTERNATIONAL.

To approve "Final Action" status for First Action Methods (new and revised) following a proactive review;

To repeal methods, if necessary, in accordance with established policies and procedures;

To participate in addressing appeals and requests for action or guidance, and in resolving disputes;

To endorse and monitor all voluntary consensus panels for appropriate representation and balance of stakeholders' perspectives;

To endorse and monitor all volunteer subject matter experts for volunteer conformity assessment activities;

To adopt and monitor scientific and technical guidance and references;

To acknowledge outstanding scientific and technical volunteer activity and achievement within AOAC;

To actively participate in AOAC standards development activities and maintain and communicate explicit knowledge of AOAC standards development and conformity assessment;

#### IV. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION:

*OMB consensus on January 29, 2013*

*AOAC INTERNATIONAL Board of Directors: Approval on April 26, 2013*

*OMB consensus on August 8, 2013*

**OMB Meeting Materials**  
*AOAC INTERNATIONAL Board of Directors Approval on August 25, 2013*

The Official Methods Board shall consist of up to 13 voting members including a Chair, a Vice-chair, the Chair of the Committee on Safety and the Chair of the Committee on Statistics. The Committee on Safety and the Committee on Statistics may contain co-chairs. The co-chairs for these committees represent one vote on the OMB. Members of the OMB may serve in multiple volunteer roles for the benefit of the Association. The Chair of the Official Methods Board shall have previously served as a member of the Official Methods Board. The Chair, Vice-chair, and members of the Official Methods Board including the chairs of standing committees shall be appointed for a term of three years. A member of the OMB may be reappointed upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Official Methods Board with a maximum term of service of six (6) years. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the President. The Chair of the Official Methods Board is eligible to serve an additional post chair term of up to three (3) years as an *ex-officio* member. Members of the Official Methods Board must be members of AOAC.

All members of the Official Methods Board are recommended by the Chair and appointed by the President. All Official Methods Board members serve at the pleasure of the President.

The Official Methods Board represents the membership of AOAC INTERNATIONAL. It shall be composed of members representing a balance of scientific expertise, government, industry, and academia as appropriate to the scope of the Board. Every effort should be made to include international representation on the Board.

Additional working groups, task forces, and other appropriate subgroups shall be appointed as needs arise by the Chair of the Official Methods Board.

**V. STAFF LIAISON:**

The Executive Director shall assign a member of the staff to serve as staff liaison.

**VI. REVIEW SCHEDULE:**

Every three years.

**VII. DATE ESTABLISHED:**

Renamed in 1981

**VIII. DATES REVIEWED**

01/08,

**IX. DATES REVISED:**

9/89; 5/90; 1/91; 8/06;  
02/07; 07/07; 2/08; 4/13; 8/13

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**OFFICIAL METHODS BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, September 22, 2016

10:00 AM CT – 6:00 PM CT

Sheraton Dallas Hotel

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**DRAFT MEETING AGENDA**

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**I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

- a. Welcome and Introductions (Crowley)
- b. Recognition of New OMB Members (Crowley)
- c. Call to Order /Introductions/Announcements (Crowley)
- d. Review of Policy Documents/Terms of Reference (Crowley)
- e. Review of Draft Agenda\* (Crowley)
- f. Review of September 8, 2016 OMB Teleconference Minutes\* (Crowley)
- g. Update from OMB Report to the Board of Directors (Crowley)
- h. Update from OMB Report for Annual Business Meeting (Crowley)
- i. Update from Executive Office and Board of Directors (McKenzie)

**II. OMB ORIENTATION (Crowley/McKenzie)**

- a. Review of OMB Terms of Reference
- b. AOAC Standards Development Processes
  - i. OMB Working Group on Vetting Stakeholder Panels and Expert Review Panels
- c. AOAC Conformity Assessment Programs
- d. AOAC Awards
- e. OMB Role and Responsibilities Summary

**III. OFFICIAL METHODS BOARD MEETINGS**

- a. OMB Meeting Times (Crowley/McKenzie)
  - i. Teleconferences
  - ii. In Person Meetings

**IV. OFFICIAL METHODS BOARD & EDITORIAL BOARD**

- a. OMB Working Group on Method Format (Coates)
- b. OMB Working Group on Candidate Methods (Crowley/McKenzie)

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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\* Items that require or may require a vote



## AOAC OFFICIAL METHODS BOARD

### TELECONFERENCE

September 8, 2016

1:00pm – 2:30pm ET

### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

#### OMB MEMBERS (present during all or part of the meeting)

Shauna Roman	Reckitt Benckiser	Chair
Douglas Abbott	Independent Consultant	Member
Sneh Bhandari	Mérieux NutriSciences	Member
Joe Boison	Canadian Food Inspection Agency	Member
Erin Crowley	Q Laboratories	Vice Chair
Jo Marie Cook	Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Member
Don Gilliland	Abbott Nutrition	Member
Qian Graves	US FDA	Member
Katerina Mastovska	Covance	Member
Tom Phillips	Maryland State Dept. of Agriculture	Member
Yvonne Salfinger	Independent Consultant	Member
Brad Stawick	Microbac	Member

#### OMB MEMBERS ABSENT (without proxy)

John Szpylka	Mérieux NutriSciences	Past Chair-Ex-Officio
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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS (present during all or part of the meeting)

#### AOAC STAFF (present during all or part of the meeting)

Delia Boyd  
Deborah McKenzie

#### I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- a. Call to Order/Introductions/Announcements  
Roman called the meeting to order at 1:03pm ET.
- b. Roman called OMB's attention to the AOAC policy documents and reminded all attendees to review the documents and that the meeting will be held according to these policies.
- c. Review and Approval of Draft Meeting Agenda  
**MOTION:** For OMB to approve the agenda as amended.  
Bhandari moved and Phillips seconded. Consensus: Unanimous.  
**ACTION ITEM:** To removed agenda item IIb.
- d. Review and Approval of August 11, 2016 OMB teleconference minutes.  
**MOTION:** For OMB to approve the minutes as amended.  
Boison moved and Crowley seconded. Consensus: Unanimous.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Revise the following:
  - i. Item IIc. Revise "Philips" to "Phillips"
  - ii. Item V should be Item III. The numbering skips
  - iii. Item Vc. (IIIc.), revise "Philiips" to "Phillips"

- e. Review and Approval of August 19, 2016 OMB teleconference minutes.

**MOTION:** For OMB to approve the minutes as presented.

Bhandari moved and Cook seconded. Consensus: Unanimous.

## II. AOAC STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT & CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

- a. Update on AOAC ERP for SPIFAN Nutrient Methods

Boyd reviewed the recommended changes in the ERPs for SPIFAN (Nutrient Methods and Whey Protein-Casein Ratio Methods)

**MOTION:** For OMB to changes to the ERP as presented.

Salfinger moved and Bhandari seconded. Consensus: Unanimous.

**ACTION ITEMS:** To revised the rosters by adding Martine van Gool (FrieslandCampina) to both the ERP for SPIFAN Nutrient Methods and the ERP for SPIFAN Whey Protein-Casein Ratio Methods. To revise the rosters by removing Min Huang (Frontage Labs) and Wil van Loon (FrieslandCampina) from the ERP for SPIFAN Nutrient Methods.

- b. Proposal for AOAC SPDS Voting Stakeholders

McKenzie reviewed the make-up of the stakeholders registered for this meeting and presented the proposed voting stakeholders.

**MOTION:** For OMB to approve the SPDS stakeholders as amended.

Mastovska moved and Gilliland seconded. Consensus unanimous.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Revise the voting stakeholders per OMB's decision: Based on the various perspectives of NSF International, make Alkemist Labs an alternate with Merieux NutriSciences.

- c. Proposal for AOAC SPIFAN Voting Stakeholders

McKenzie reviewed the make-up of the stakeholders registered for this meeting and presented the proposed voting stakeholders.

**MOTION:** For OMB to approve the SPIFAN stakeholders as presented.

Bhandari moved and Abbott seconded. Consensus unanimous.

- d. Proposal for AOAC SPSFAM Voting Stakeholders

McKenzie reviewed the make-up of the stakeholders registered for this meeting and presented the proposed voting stakeholders.

**MOTION:** For OMB to approve the SPSFAM stakeholders as amended.

Crowley moved and Gilliland seconded. Consensus unanimous.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Revise the voting stakeholders per OMB's decision: make Waters Corporation an alternate with Shimadzu Scientific instead of Thermo Fisher Scientific and do separate seats for both US FDA and USDA.

- e. Proposal for AOAC ISPAM Voting Stakeholders

McKenzie reviewed the make-up of the stakeholders registered for this meeting and presented the proposed voting stakeholders.

**MOTION:** For OMB to approve the ISPAM stakeholders as presented.

Bhandari moved and Mastovska seconded. Consensus 11 in favor; 0 against; 1abstention.

- f. Modifications to Final Action Methods

McKenzie shared with OMB the submission of a new data package for AOAC 2011.19 (Cr, Se, Mo in Infant and Adult/Pediatric Formula) in support of a lower LOQ for the method. The method is in Final Action status and McKenzie confirmed with OMB to send this information to the ERP for SPIFAN Nutrients for their decision on the modification and potential recommendation to OMB.

**General consensus of OMB achieved, no vote taken.**

- g. Update on AOAC SPADA meeting

Phillips shared with OMB the outcomes of the meeting: four (4) SMPRs for *Brucella suis*, *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, *Variola*, and *Botulinum* neurotoxin A. McKenzie shared with OMB the next steps proposed with respect to the environmental panel.

- h. Update on the Committee on Statistics
- Graves updated OMB on the progress of the committee selecting a chair. She mentioned that the committee currently has two candidates, Paul Wehling (General Mills) and Sidney Sudberg (Alkemist Labs). Wehling has chaired the committee in the past and has served two terms on the OMB while being committee chair. Sudberg has been on the committee and is in the process of submitting his documentation. The committee will need to decide. There will not be a quorum of the committee during the Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, so perhaps an e-ballot may be necessary. Graves also mentioned that the revised Terms of Reference for the committee is in review; however, preparation for the Annual Meeting committee activities has taken precedent in the short term. McKenzie shared that the information shared in the workshops are for informational purposes only since the committee has not voted on the information being disseminated, neither has the committee made any recommendations to the OMB regarding statistical tools or approaches.

### III. MEETINGS

- a. McKenzie reviewed a draft version of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> OMB meeting agenda and information with the upcoming stakeholder panel and expert review panel meetings in September. McKenzie also shared a copy of the 2016-17 OMB roster and the OMB liaison assignments for the September meetings.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Staff to revise document with the updated liaison assignments.
- Staff to move agenda item to October and invite current OMB members (with terms on OMB ending in September 2016, Bhandari, Cook, Graves, and Phillips) and serving as liaisons to the October OMB teleconference.
- Discuss draft agenda on OMB Core Call.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting adjourned on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 2:33pm ET with unanimous consensus on the following motion.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting.

Salfinger moved and Bhandari seconded. Consensus: Unanimous



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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 19 Sept 2016  
**To:** AOAC INTERNATIONAL Board of Directors  
**From:** Shauna Roman – Chair, Official Methods Board  
**Subject:** AOAC Official Methods Board Update

### OMB Membership

The term of three (3) OMB members will come to a close at this annual meeting. Sneh Bhandari (Mérieux NutriSciences), Jo Marie Cook (Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services) and Tom Phillips (Maryland Department of Agriculture) all served two terms on the OMB. I would like to thank Sneh, Jo Marie and Tom for their hard work and dedication to the OMB. They will all be missed.

In addition, John Szpylka's term as past chair of the OMB comes to an end at this meeting. I would personally like to thank John for all of his dedication, guidance, and support. The OMB will not be the same without him.

The 2016-2017 OMB members have been approved and appointed. The OMB selection committee did an excellent job bringing forward a very highly qualified slate of 16 candidates for four OMB member positions. I am proud to announce that Amy Brown (Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services), Esther Campos Giménez (Nestlé Research Centre), Wendy McMahon (Mérieux NutriSciences), and Melissa Phillips (US National Institute of Standards and Technology) have agreed to serve on the OMB. The attached roster<sup>1</sup> shows all new and returning OMB members. The terms of these members will start after the AOAC Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

The Committee on Statistics is in the process of making a recommendation for a new chair, which will also serve on the OMB. Once a chair is approved and appointed, the OMB roster will be revised to reflect the new committee chair.

My term as OMB chair ends and my term as past chair begins at this meeting. As you are most likely aware, I am handing over the reins to Erin Crowley. As sad as I am that my term as chair is ending, I am looking forward to Erin's leadership on the OMB and am confident the OMB is in very capable and talented hands.

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<sup>1</sup> 2016-2017 OMB Roster

## OTHER DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE AOAC OMB

### Official Methods Pathway

- OMB vetted AOAC ERPs for the following (OMB meeting dates in parenthesis)
  - Dietary Supplements- Aloin, Cinnamon & Tea (June 22-23, 2016)
  - SPSFAM Ethanol in Kombucha (Tea) Methods (August 2016)
  - SPSFAM Food Allergen Methods (August 2016)
  - Revision to ERP for Fertilizer Methods (August 2016)
  - Revision to ERP for PAH Methods (August 2016)
  - Revision to ERP for SPIFAN Nutrient Methods (September 8, 2016)
- AOAC 2012.22, Vitamin C in Infant Formula and Adult/Pediatric Nutritional Formula. The OMB approved the ERP's recommendation for final action method status.
- OMB approved stakeholder panel voting members (OMB meeting dates in parenthesis):
  - SPADA (August 11, 2016)
  - ISPAM (September 8, 2016)
  - SPDS (September 8, 2016)
  - SPIFAN (September 8, 2016)
  - SPSFAM (September 8, 2016)

### OMB Meetings and Teleconferences

- June 22-23, 2016 –Face-to-face meeting (Chicago/Rockville)
  - \*\*Thank you to Mérieux NutriSciences for hosting this meeting at your corporate headquarters in Chicago
- July 14, 2016- Teleconference
- August 11, 2016- Teleconference
- August 19, 2016- Teleconference
- September 8, 2016- Teleconference
- The next in-person OMB meeting is September 22, 2016, 10am-6 pm



**AOAC INTERNATIONAL**  
**OFFICIAL METHODS BOARD**  
**2016 –2017**  
**APPOINTED**

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Erin Sutphin Crowley Q</b> Laboratories, Inc. <a href="mailto:ecrowley@laboratories.com">ecrowley@laboratories.com</a> Term 2+: September 22, 2016 - September 11, 2019	<b>Member</b>	<b>Don Gilliland</b> Abbott Nutrition <a href="mailto:don.gilliland@abbott.com">don.gilliland@abbott.com</a> Term 1: October 1, 2015 - September 29, 2018
<b>Member</b>	<b>Doug Abbott</b> Independent Consultant <a href="mailto:douglas.abbott@gmail.com">douglas.abbott@gmail.com</a> Term 2: September 11, 2014 - September 27, 2017	<b>Member</b>	<b>Katerina Mastovska</b> Covance Laboratories <a href="mailto:Katerina.Mastovska@covance.com">Katerina.Mastovska@covance.com</a> Term 1: October 1, 2015 - September 29, 2018
<b>Member</b>	<b>Joe Boison</b> Canadian Food Inspection Agency <a href="mailto:Joe.Boison@inspection.gc.ca">Joe.Boison@inspection.gc.ca</a> Term 2: September 22, 2016 – September 11, 2019	<b>Member</b>	<b>Wendy McMahon</b> Mérieux NutriSciences <a href="mailto:wendy.mcmahon@mxns.com">wendy.mcmahon@mxns.com</a> Term 1: September 22, 2016 – September 11, 2019
<b>Member</b>	<b>Amy Brown</b> Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services <a href="mailto:Amy.Brown@freshfromflorida.com">Amy.Brown@freshfromflorida.com</a> Term 1: September 22, 2016 – September 11, 2019	<b>Member</b>	<b>Melissa Phillips</b> US National Institute of Standards and Technology <a href="mailto:melissa.phillips@nist.gov">melissa.phillips@nist.gov</a> Term 1: September 22, 2016 – September 11, 2019
<b>Member</b>	<b>Esther Campos Gimenez</b> Nestle Research Centre <a href="mailto:esther.campos-gimenez@rdls.nestle.com">esther.campos-gimenez@rdls.nestle.com</a> Term 1: September 22, 2016 – September 11, 2019	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yvonne Salfinger</b> , Independent Consultant <i>AOAC Committee on Safety, Chair</i> <a href="mailto:Yhale@aol.com">Yhale@aol.com</a> Term 2: September 22, 2016 – September 11, 2019
<b>Member</b>	<b>TBD</b> <i>AOAC Committee on Statistics, Chair</i> <b>STILL TBD</b> Term 2: <a href="#">September 22, 2016</a> – September 11, 2019	<b>Member</b>	<b>Bradley Stawick</b> Microbac Laboratories, Inc. <a href="mailto:brad.stawick@microbac.com">brad.stawick@microbac.com</a> Term 2: October 1, 2015 - September 29, 2018
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**DATE:** 30 September 2015

**TO:** AOAC INTERNATIONAL Membership

**FROM:** SHAUNA ROMAN – CHAIR, OFFICIAL METHODS BOARD

**SUBJECT:** AOAC Official Methods Board Annual Report

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The past year has been a very busy and productive year for the Official Methods Board (OMB). As expected, OMB decisions and actions have been centered on maintaining the highest scientific integrity of the Association's standards and methods

The specific actions summarized below were completed via 13 conference calls, 3 face-to-face meetings, and numerous emails and side conversations. The participation in these activities and the outcome of our discussions clearly demonstrate the dedication of the members of OMB.

The AOAC method validation pathway has established itself as a complete and efficient protocol to recognize methods as AOAC Official Methods of Analysis. The OMB continues to be an active and vital part of this process. All Stakeholder voting panels, Stakeholder chairs, and ERP members are vetted by the OMB. The vetting reviews are in-depth to assure that the panels consist of experts in all needed areas of expertise, represent a balance of the different sectors, and are free of any conflicts of interest. Liaisons from OMB have also been assigned to each Stakeholder and Expert panel to support the process.

In support of AOAC's goal of continual improvement, the OMB revised the Official Methods Program Awards to more accurately reflect the current Official Methods Pathway. The revisions were presented and approved by the BOD.

Over the past year, members of the AOAC Analytical Laboratory Accreditation Criteria Committee (ALACC) worked to update the *AOAC Internationals Guidelines for Laboratories Performing Microbiological and Chemical Analysis of Food and Pharmaceuticals*. The update is in response to numerous requests for clarifications from laboratories, accrediting bodies and assessors. The revised document was approved by OMB.

The first term of four (4) OMB members come to a close this year. Two OMB members, Shang-Jing (Jean) Pan (Abbott Nutrition) and Perry Martos (University of Guelph) opted not to pursue a second term as a member of the OMB. I would like to thank both Jean and Perry for their hard work and dedication to the OMB. They will both be missed.



I am pleased to welcome two new members of the OMB. Don Gilliland and Katerina (Kate) Mastovska have been appointed to the OMB. The Association and OMB are very lucky to have these volunteers and I am looking forward to having them on the OMB.

In closing, for the upcoming year, the OMB is dedicated to the continued support the goals of the Association. I am really looking forward to the next year and am excited about the challenges facing the OMB.

Thank you. This concludes my report.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** September 22, 2016

**To:** AOAC INTERNATIONAL Official Methods Board

**From:** Deborah McKenzie, Staff Liaison – AOAC Official Methods Board

**Subject:** OMB Meetings

**This will be a verbal discussion.**



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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** September 22, 2016

**To:** AOAC INTERNATIONAL Official Methods Board

**From:** Scott Coates - Chief Science Officer, AOAC INTERNATIONAL

**Subject:** OMB Working Group on Method Format

**This will be a short verbal report.**

**Members of this group are:**

Working group members are: Roman, Boison, Brown, Gilliland, Joe Betz (volunteered, but not present at February 2016 OMB meeting) with Coates to chair this working group.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** September 22, 2016

**To:** AOAC INTERNATIONAL Official Methods Board

**From:** Deborah McKenzie, Staff Liaison – Deborah McKenzie

**Subject:** Update on OMB Working Group on Review of Candidate Methods

This will be a verbal discussion

**ATTACHMENTS:** OMB Brainstorming Documents

## Review of Candidate Methods (Brainstorming Root Cause)

- Should the SMPRs® contain more specific information?
  - Difficult to determine, varies by analyte and by Stakeholder Group
  - Discuss specifically... Involve Stakeholders specifically during face-to-face
- If a method does not meet the SMPR®, does the ERP understand the options? Or are there options?
  - Provide specific guidance for ERP Chair and during discussion
  - Recommend change to the SMPR®? Understand that this needs to be justified and will require further discussion.
  - Request additional work?
- Is the call for methods process adequate? What else can be done?
  - Email to Stakeholders with guidance-?
- Should there be a pre-screen for methods (maybe we need to reconsider if the stakeholders can talk about methods)?
  - Pre-screen is a great idea
  - Membership of pre-screen (Working Group Chair, ERP, Stakeholders, etc)
- Part of the SMPR®/working group is likelihood of existing methods that meet the SMPR® or if a new method needs to be developed. This information would need to be included in the presentation to the stakeholder panel. It also may help staff determine how to execute the “call for methods” or help AOAC provide feedback to the sponsor.
- Should the ERP training include example scenerios? (Lessons learned. Ex, Amino acids method, carotenoids, anthocyanins).
  - Continuing “training”...
  - Touch-point meetings – regular...
  - ERP Chair summaries following ERP sessions
    - Working document, provide form to focus input
- If a method is rejected, perhaps we need to give the ERP some guidance on what type of information needs to be included in the ERP report (if doesn't meet SMPR®, do they recommend a change to the SMPR®).
  - Specific guidelines, including major categories and potential action items/Options
  - At-ERP meeting commitments to parallel path activities... Shorten timing vs serial approach...
- What needs to be done to get the method authors to the ERP meetings? How often do the method authors attend the ERPs?
  - Provide specifics defining need for attendance to ERP
  - Provide Aid
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**Next steps: Working group to meet Erin, Don, Shauna, Kate, Brad, Tom, Sneh**