

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Committee Actions

The Safety Committee held its meeting on September 20,
2004, during the AOAC Annual Meeting in St. Louis,

Missouri, immediately after the opening ceremonies. During
that meeting, we discussed the necessity of having new
members and suggested possible qualified replacements as
Safety Advisors for the Committee on Agricultural and
Related Topics since and for the Committee on Microbiology.

The Safety Committee has been busy this year with some
advisors having double duties because of the lack of
volunteers. One new member Robert Phillips was appointed
and several others were reappointed. We have several
methods on the fast track area.

The main duties of the Safety Advisor were addressed, for
example, making sure that the safety checklist is properly
filled out and making recommendations as to any cautionary
statements that should be included in the method for final
publication in the *OMA*. Safety standards and procedures
associated with laboratory accreditation were also reviewed.
Safety advisors that have completed their duties for their
committees were encouraged to assist other Safety Advisors.

Proposed roster was approved. The Committee was
encouraged to send articles to *Inside Laboratory Management*
for publication.

Recommendations

The recommendation from last year is a reality; we had a
successful Safety Symposium on September 22, during the
118th Annual Meeting in St. Louis.

Committee recommends that the Safety Checklist be
updated for more relevance with the new methods. All Safety
Advisors will review the checklist and send comments to the
Chair.

The Safety Committee will ask for comments from the
OMB and then present the new version of the checklist for
approval.