

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Two positions are vacant.

Committee Actions

The Safety Committee held its meeting on September 9, 2001, during the AOAC Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO, immediately prior to the Official Methods Program Interactive Workshop. During that meeting, the resignation of 2 members and suggested possible qualified replacements as Safety Advisors for the Committee on Environmental Quality (J) and the Committee on Food Nutrition (E) were discussed. Several names were proposed and the Chair will contact them for possible appointment.

The Safety Symposium planned for the 116th Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA, was approved. Co-chairs will be Argentina G. Vindiola and Carlos Abeyta. The Safety Committee recommended in 1998 there should be a Safety Symposium every 3 years during the Annual Meeting to provide training to the membership. The last Safety Symposium was held in Montreal in September 1998.

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. In addition, we addressed the issue of having a deadline for reviewing methods prior to the Annual Meeting. Safety Advisors who have completed their duties for their committees were encouraged to assist other Safety Advisors.

The Committee Terms of Reference were discussed and the new policies were explained. Proposed roster was approved. The Committee was encouraged to send articles to *In-side Laboratory Management* for publication.