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Dear WAFDO Members:

As the holidays quickly approach I am reminded it is also time for our annual WAFDO membership renewal. As another busy year draws to a close we are hopeful that the challenges of the year ahead will motivate you not only to renew your WAFDO membership, but also to refer a new member. The Board has issued a challenge to bring new energy into our organization and increase our membership. Faced alone challenges tend to seem insurmountable, but together we increase our voice and opportunities.

The Board has agreed to hold a drawing for two \$20 gift cards of the winner's choice: one for a current member who refers a new member and one for a new member who joins as a result of a referral. We will enter all names for both categories received by February 15, 2016 into a drawing and select one for each category. We are challenging each member to refer one new member and indicate on your renewal form who you referred. For new members, please indicate who you were referred by.

Two other opportunities presently available are serving as our Webmaster and a Board Member at Large:

(1) David O'Guinn, our long serving Webmaster, has decided to retire for real at the end of the year and we will be seeking someone to assist the association a similar capacity. Watch for further details coming via email or on the WAFDO Facebook page. We wish David all the best and know that he will be very busy with family and all of his various pursuits!

(2) Board Member at Large vacancy was created when Sarah Robbin agreed to become Vice President in Helena. The position is a two year term and provides the opportunity to be involved in the decision making processes of the Board.

If you are interested in either of these Board opportunities please let myself or any of our Board members know at your earliest convenience.

WAFDO is working on planning the 2016 Annual Education Conference which will likely be held in August or September in the Pacific SW, looking at either California or Nevada at this time. A decision has not yet been made about partnering with the FDA Pacific Region Retail Food Specialists for the coming year. We are hoping to reach out to and again include our drug and

device partners in planning as well as agenda topics or possibly a separate track for the coming year. Again stay tuned or reach out and let us know if you are interested in participating as we would certainly welcome your assistance and ideas.

This membership renewal notice is being sent via email and reminders will come electronically provided I have a current e-mail address. If you are receiving this message and would like to be removed from our distribution list, please email me at susan.parachini@state.co.us or reply to this email.

I would like to encourage each of you not only to renew your membership in WAFDO, but think about encouraging a peer, co-worker, or business associate to join as well. We will happily enter you both in the drawing in February for the gift cards. I would like to ask our Lifetime members to simply send me a quick email to confirm your contact information. This will ensure continued receipt of WAFDO communications and as always you are welcome to visit the website for updates.

Please complete the enclosed application form for your 2016 WAFDO membership and drop it in the mail along with payment in U.S. funds by February 15, 2016 to:

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As always, please consider a tax deductible donation to our scholarship fund with your membership renewal.

Please accept my apologies for this LATE notice and my best wishes for the year ahead!

Warmest Regards,



Susan Parachini
WAFDO Treasurer