

December 30, 2010



**Susan Parachini, Treasurer, P.O. Box 460725, Glendale, CO 80246**

Dear WAFDO Members:

Since the New Year is just around the corner, I am very behind in getting this message to you. It's time once again time to renew your WAFDO membership. It's hard to believe 2010 will very shortly be a memory as we look forward to the events ahead for 2011. The WAFDO Annual Education Conference in Reno in September was excellent and it was unfortunate that more members weren't able to attend. Travel restrictions and budget constraints are far-reaching and we felt the impacts. We are working to apply for the Small Conference Grants being offered by FDA to facilitate increased attendance for the 2011 Conference.

Planning efforts for the conference have begun and the Board is excited to share that we will be partnering with the Pacific Region Retail Food Program Group for a joint conference August 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> at The Davenport Hotel in Spokane, WA. We are hoping the joint conference will present an opportunity for greater networking and potentially increased WAFDO participation by an active group with whom many of us may work on a regular basis. The joint conference is a new endeavor and with all new endeavors, we will evaluate its success and see where the future leads.

This membership renewal notice is being sent via email and reminders will come electronically provided I have a current e-mail address. 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. If you are successful in recruiting additional members, please feel free to copy the application form, reach me via e-mail at [susan.parachini@state.co.us](mailto:susan.parachini@state.co.us) and I will be happy to provide an electronic copy, or print one from the website at [www.wafdo.org](http://www.wafdo.org). I would also like to ask our Lifetime members who are not required to complete a renewal to do so if any of your contact information has changed. This will ensure continued receipt of the FLASH, conference mailings, Membership Directory, etc. The Board is always looking to increase member involvement in the association, including the conference planning effort.

Please complete the enclosed application form for your 2011 WAFDO membership and drop it in the mail along with payment in U.S. funds by January 31, 2011 to:

**Western Association of Food & Drug Officials  
P.O. Box 460725  
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Please accept my apologies for the tardy notice and my best wishes for a healthy, happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Susan Parachini  
WAFDO Treasurer