Scoring Food Establishment Inspections and the Reduction of Risk Factors 2010 Conference for Food Protection Council II Report 7-14-09

COMMITTEE NAME: Inspections Form Scoring Committee has been formed as outlined in the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) approved issue 2008 II-041.

COUNCIL II

DATE OF REPORT 7-14-09

SUBMITTED BY:

Chair – Chuck Catlin, Director of Quality Assurance P.F. Chang's China Bistro

Committee Membership (Name, Constituency, Employer and email):

No changes to the committee roster have been made.

COMMITTEECHARGE(S):

The CFP recommends the creation of a Scoring Ad-Hoc Committee charged with the following:

- Develop a research proposal to determine the most effective scoring system.
- Identify possible funding sources and researchers to conduct the research.
- Report the committee's findings back to the conference at the 2010 Biennial meeting.

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PROGREES REPORT / COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WITH ACTIVITY DATES:

Due to the downturn in the economy the committee lost our first researcher. Loma Linda University had to back out of their research proposal due to budgetary difficulties. However, committee member Lorna Girard recommended contacting Dr. Craig Hedberg of the University Of Minnesota School Of Public Health. Dr. Hedberg is a recognized foodborne disease epidemiologist.

Dr. Hedberg became very interested in our project and has agreed to put a proposal together. Dr. Hedberg has already found a graduate student whom is interested in working on this important research. Lorna Girard and Chuck Catlin talked with the potential researcher and she is very interested in working with our

committee. She is developing a research proposal that will accomplish the goals of the committee. The proposal is scheduled to be completed by July 27, 2009. Once the proposal is submitted the committee will review it and recommend any needed modifications. Our next conference call meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2009. Once the committee has approved the proposal we will put all our efforts at obtaining the necessary funding. In an effort to create a second research plan Liz Pozzebon and Chuck Catlin have talked with Dr. Doug Powell. Dr. Powell has stated an interest in our research goals.