

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERSTATE MILK SHIPMENTS

“To Assure the Safest Possible Milk Supply for all the People”

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERSTATE MILK SHIPMENTS SEEKS CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN EXECUTIVE BOARD

The **National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments** (NCIMS) is accepting applications for the Consumer Representative position on its 25-member Executive Board.

What is the NCIMS?

NCIMS is a non-profit organization whose goal is to *"Assure the Safest Possible Milk Supply for All the People."* The NCIMS is composed of representatives from milk regulatory agencies from all 50-states and U.S. Trust Territories, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and members of all sectors of the dairy industry from farm to table. The Conference meets biennially to deliberate on proposed changes to the U.S. Public Health Service, Grade-A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance which serves as the national public health standard for the safe production, processing and handling of Grade-A milk and milk products shipped in interstate commerce. Additional information may be found on the NCIMS website at <http://www.ncims.org>.

What is the Role of the Consumer Representative?

The NCIMS is governed by an Executive Board consisting of representatives from state and local regulatory agencies, FDA, USDA, industry, laboratories, academia and a member at large representing consumers. The consumer representative is among the non-voting members of the Board important to maintaining a balanced perspective within NCIMS governance. The Board meets immediately before and after each biennial Conference, and as necessary between Conference meetings to carry out the business of NCIMS. The consumer representative is expected to be an engaged participant in all meetings of the Board, represent the public interest in Board deliberations and activities, and positively contribute to the shared objective of furthering the NCIMS mission. The consumer representative is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Chair and is confirmed by the Executive Board. Board members do not receive pay or an honorarium, but travel costs can be covered in accordance with NCIMS policy.

How do I apply?

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must: 1) Have no direct financial interest in the commercial production or marketing of milk and milk products, except as a consumer, and shall not be a director, officer or employee of any firms so engaged; 2) Shall not be a member of any trade association or industry organization directly related to the production, processing, transportation, or marketing of milk or milk products, except those dealing with consumer food safety, public health or nutrition in the public interest; 3) Shall not be an employee of a local, state or federal government agency with regulatory authority over food, including milk or milk products; and 4) Shall not be a spouse, parent, son or daughter of an individual that does not meet the requirements of (1), (2) or (3) above.

To apply, please send both a curriculum vitae and a letter of interest to the Chair of the NCIMS Executive Board that states you meet all eligibility requirements, explains why you would like to serve as the Consumer Representative, and describes your education and experience that qualifies you for the position. Your curriculum vitae and letter must be received no later than **SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**. Please send all application information to:

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The National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) is a voluntary organization directed and controlled by the member States and open to all persons interested in its objective of promoting the availability of a high quality milk supply. It is governed by an Executive Board whose members include representatives from state departments of health and agriculture, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and industry. Visit us at www.ncims.org.