

# The Official Methods Board

## Report to the Communities

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## Who is on the Official Methods Board and what do they do?

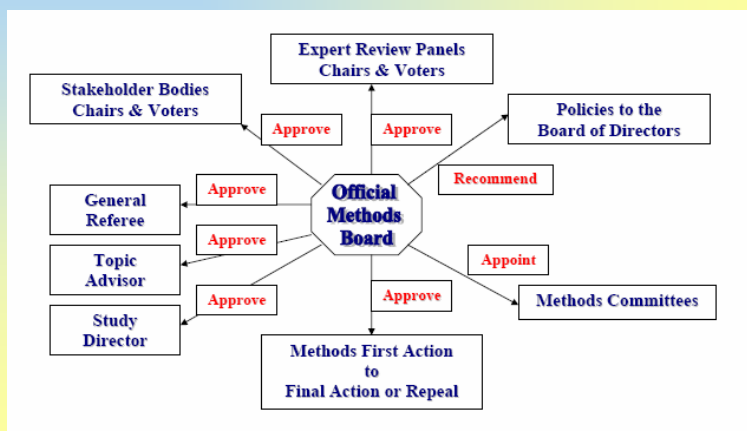
- ANY member of AOAC can be selected to sit on the OMB
- The OMB is now the Scientific and Technical oversight body for AOAC

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## Responsibilities delegated by the Board of Directors June 2007



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## Expert Review and Stakeholder Panels

Panel#	Date Initiated	Expert Review or Stakeholder Panel Title
ERP2008.01	September-08	Expert Review Panel – Vitamin B <sub>6</sub>
ERP2008.02	September-08	Expert Review Panel – Vitamin B <sub>12</sub>
ERP2008.03	October-08	Expert Review Panel – Ractopamine
ERP2008.04	October-08	Expert Review Panel – Monensin/Narasin
ERP2008.05	October-08	Expert Review Panel – Tylosin
ERP2009.01	February-09	Expert Review Panel – <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> (PCR & HHA)
ERP2009.02	March-09	Expert Review Panel – Vitamin D
ERP2009.03	April-09	Expert Review Panel – Ricin (HHA)
ERP2009.04	June-09	Expert Review Panel – Milk Thistle
ERP2009.05	June-09	Expert Review Panel – Cranberry
ERP2009.06	June-09	Expert Review Panel – Standard Plate Count
STK2009.01	June-09	Seafood/Marine & Freshwater Foods

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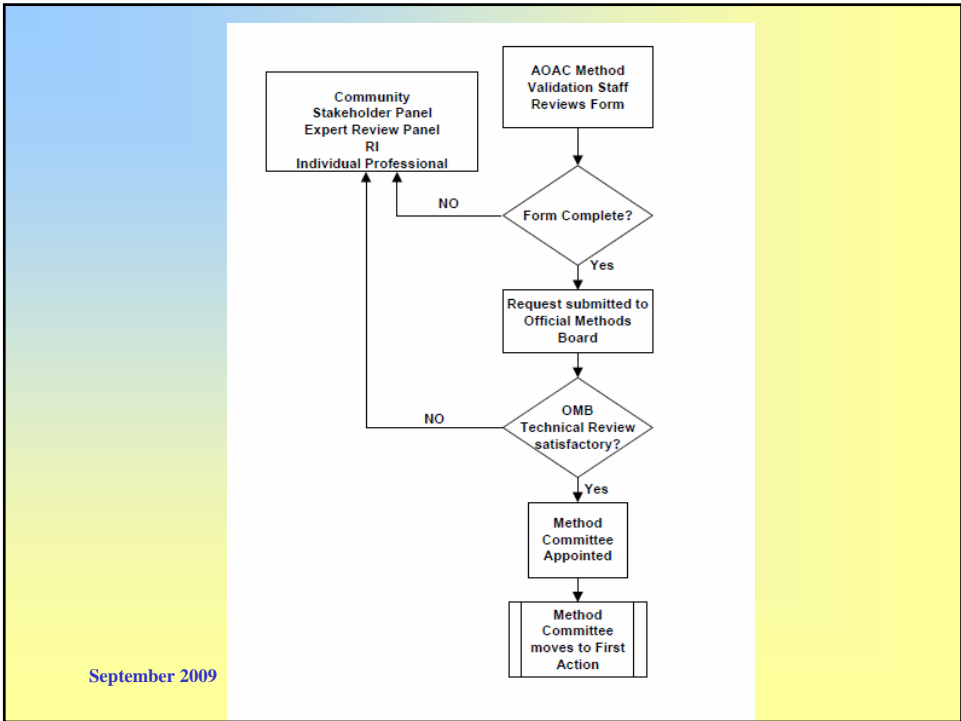
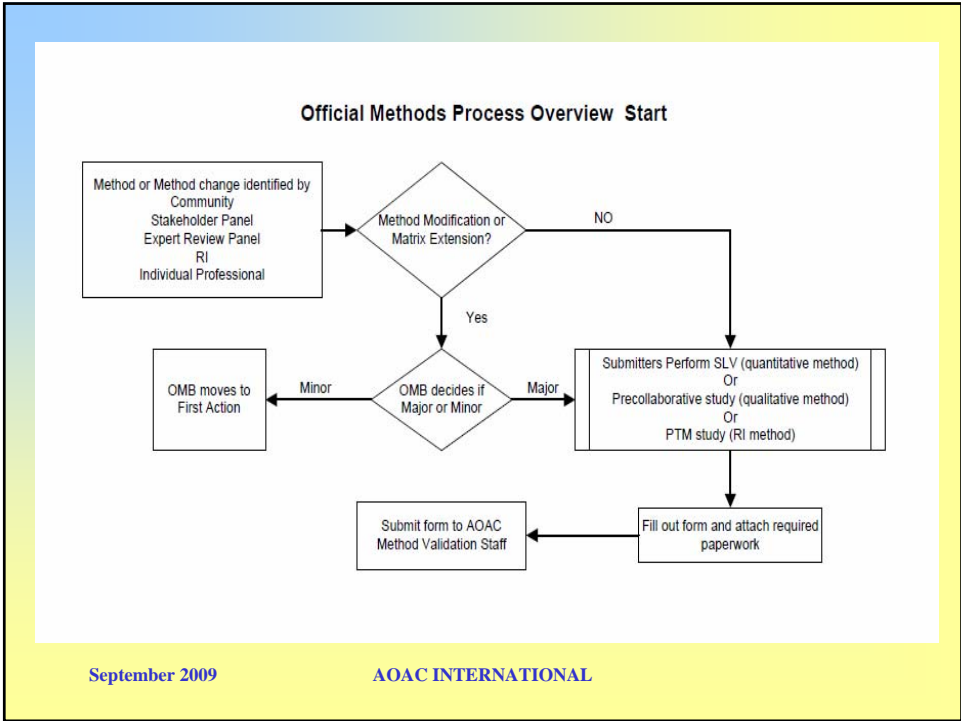
## New Official Methods Process

- **Create an alternative process for methods validation**
  - Alternative sources of methods
    - Communities
    - Stakeholders
    - Research Institute
    - Contracts
  - Shorter Lifecycle to OMA
- **Make more efficient use of AOAC resources**
  - Method volunteers
  - Time
  - Staff

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## **New OMB Awards Program**

- **Any association member may submit a nomination. OMB will be voting on these nominations in their Spring meeting**
  - **Community Member of the Year**
  - **Single Laboratory Validation of the Year**
  - **Expert Review Panel of the Year**

## **Method Volunteers Needed**

- **Critical Needs: Topic Advisors, ERP**
  - **Take Free OMB Training at the Annual Meeting**
  - **Fill out the Demographic Form to Identify Your Expertise**
  - **Attend Community Forums & Speak Up**
  - **Volunteer for Working Groups**
  - **Read ILM, Check the Website to Find Volunteer Opportunities, Calls for Experts**

## Communication

- **Important OMB News is posted on [www.aoac.org](http://www.aoac.org) and in ILM**
- **OMB meets the second Thursday of each month via conference call**
- **OMB meets face to face in the winter, in the late spring and at the annual meeting**
- **Want to get on the OMB agenda?**
  - Let your Community Chair know
  - Send agenda items to [dboyd@aoac.org](mailto:dboyd@aoac.org)

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