

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
April 2, 2009

1. Call to order

Judy Duncan called the meeting to order at 12 Noon CST. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from the 3-5-09 meeting were reviewed and approved for posting on the TNI website.

3. Small Lab Advocate handout

Judy Duncan reported that she and Brooke Connor had discussed this handout. It will be a one page leave behind that explains the benefits of TNI and emphasizes what input TNI would like from small labs. Brooke will work with Len Schantz on this. Brooke will contact the TNI Board to identify a funding mechanism.

4. Small Lab Advocate Update

Len Schantz reported that the newsletter had generated several new small lab contacts for the SLAG. He reported that he attended the New York regional meeting and received additional interest. Jerry Parr joined the last SLAG call and the group discussed the feasibility of establishing a web page for the SLAG.

Len also reported that he had been requested to attend the NY-PA lab meeting to give the presentation that he gave in Miami. He inquired about funding available from TNI for this travel. Jerry advised Len to first inquire about funding from his employer.

Len also asked for clarification on how to run his meetings. The group felt that an informal structure was acceptable for now.

5. RS&T Directors response

Jerry Parr reported that he and Judy Duncan had a good conversation with the EPA RS&T directors and regional evaluators. Jerry has prepared a written response to their concerns which he reviewed for the committee. EPA seemed to be agreeable to the responses. Jerry offered to be available to EPA for future calls.

Training of assessors was a big issue for EPA. The Cincinnati OW certification officer training is only offered once a year and that is creating problems for the

states as well as EPA. Jerry suggested that TNI may want to explore putting on our own SDWA training.

6. Crypto working group

Jerry Parr reported that this group had been formed and would have a conference call soon.

7. Update on outreach to WEF/AWWA

Carol Batterton forwarded the listing of AWWA state sections and contacts. She will work with Len and Jerry to draft a letter and short article on the small lab advocate to each state contact for AWWA and WEF and ask them to publish it in their journals or newsletters.

8. Summer meeting update

Jerry reported that all keynote speakers and training courses have been confirmed. Abstracts for the NEMC portion have been submitted and are under review.

4. June newsletter

Ken Jackson is editor for the June newsletter. Articles are due June 16. Estimated publication date is June 30. Potential topics include:

- Training topics at summer meeting
- Assessment forum topics
- Mentoring topics
- Details of summer meeting
- Status of new standards and Jerry's paper on new standards
- New board and officers
- Article about what is required to be a board member

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be May 7, 2009, at 12 Noon CDT. The agenda will include discussion of possible future meetings with EPA program staff.

Attachment 1

#	LastName	FirstName	Stakeholder Group	Present	Term
1	Autry	Lara	Other	y	1
2	Coats	Kevin	Other	N	2
3	Conlon	Pat	Other	Y	3
4	Craig	Carl	Other	N	2
6	Moore	Marlene	Other	N	1
7	Duncan	Judy	AB	Y	1
8	Jackson	Kenneth	AB	Y	2
9	Shields	Aurora	AB	N	3
10	Wyatt	Susan	AB	N	1
11	Eaton	Andy	Lab	N	1
12	English	Zonetta	Lab	Y	2
13	Perry	Michael	Lab	N	3
14	Pletl	Jim	Lab	N	1
15	Ward	Gary	Lab	Y	2
16	Wichman	Michael	Lab	Y	3
17	Schantz	Leonard	Small Lab Advocate	Y	
18	Parr	Jerry	ED	Y	
19	Batterton	Carol	PA	Y	
			ASSOCIATE MEMBERS		
	McCracken	Kirstin	Lab	Y	
	Morgan	Judy	Lab	N	