

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting  
April 2, 2015

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12 Noon CDT, April 2, 2015. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

Steve welcomed new members, Trinity O'Neal and Robin Cook, whose applications were approved by email after the last meeting.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes of the December 2014, January, February, and March 2015 meetings were reviewed and presented for approval. Lynn Bradley moved to approve all and Elizabeth Turner seconded. All present voted in favor.

3. Newsletter update

The newsletter editor for this edition is Marlene Moore. Marlene noted that she had received all articles except for the member profile which was promised for tomorrow. She also indicated that she had added an article dealing with Louisiana's recognition of NEFAP.

4. PT Position Paper

Steve indicated that he had received a motion by email from Stacie and a second from Marlene to approve the PT position paper. However, he had not received enough email votes to approve the paper. Issues previously identified included edits to the references to the NEFAP standards and consistency edits to the Acknowledgements section. It was also noted that the Recommendations section did not conform to the SOP for position statements and should be in the format of a bulleted list. With these changes, Steve called for the vote and nine of fourteen members voted in favor. There was one "no" vote and one abstention.

5. MUR comments

Draft comments on EPA's Method Update Rule (MUR) prepared by Jerry were circulated prior to the meeting. Lara Autry noted that due to her employment with EPA that she would have to recuse herself from any discussion or endorsement of comments to EPA from TNI. She indicated that EPA always appreciates comments from organizations like TNI.

Jerry noted that there were two ways to look at commenting on the MUR. One way was to note those things that directly impacted the TNI standards and the other way looked at issues related to methods. Jerry indicated that the TNI Board strongly supported the MDL

procedure in the MUR and comments related to the TNI standards, but they were not so sure about the methods or whether it was appropriate for TNI to comment. Advocacy members offered their perspectives on this issue and the various technical aspects of the rule. Steve suggested that Jerry finish composing the comments in two sets, one related to the TNI standards and another set related to methods. Advocacy recommends that TNI submit comments dealing with direct impacts of the rule on TNI standards. The other set of comments dealing with the methods will be available for members to review and use as they wish.

#### 6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 12 Noon Central Daylight Time.

#### Attachment 1

	Name	Stakeholder Group	Present/Absent
1.	Lara Phelps	EPA (Other)	Present
2.	Steve Arms	AB	Present
3.	Lynn Bradley	Other	Present
4.	Stephanie Drier	Lab	Absent
5.	Martina McGarvey	AB	Present
6.	Stacie Metzler	Lab	Present
7.	Zonetta English	Lab	Present
8.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Present
9.	Elizabeth Turner	Small Lab Advocate	Present
10.	Gary Ward	AB	Absent
11.	Michael Wichman	Lab	Absent
12.	Janice Willey	Federal	Present
13.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Present
14.	Robin Cook	Lab	Present
	<b>Associate Members</b>		
	Kirstin Daigle	Lab	Present
	Judy Morgan	Lab	Absent
	Aurora Shields	Lab	Absent
	JoAnn Boyd	Lab and FAC	Absent
	Judy Duncan	Other	Absent
	Kenneth Jackson	Other	Absent
	Keith Chapman	Other	Absent
	Sharon Mertens	TNI Board Chair	Present
	<b>Staff</b>		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present

