

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting  
July 7, 2016

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, July 7, 2016. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1. Steve Arms noted that this meeting will be the last one for Michael Wichman who is retiring from Iowa Hygienic Lab and moving to a new lab in Arkansas.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from June 2, 2016, were approved and will be posted to the website.

3. Presentation by Mary Johnson, Rock River Water Reclamation District

Jerry invited Mary Johnson to the Advocacy meeting to present a powerpoint that he had recently heard her give. Jerry wanted the Advocacy Committee to hear and discuss some of the points she made about the accreditation process and benefits of NELAP accreditation for a small lab. Following the presentation, members made the following comments and observations:

- The benefits of accreditation for the RRWRD lab evolved over time and were not immediately apparent.
- Experiences of this small lab can feed into other projects and decisions made by the Advocacy Committee.
- If TNI wants to brand its accreditations, we need to make sure it will work for everyone.

4. Handout for Non-NELAP states

There was not time to review and discuss the handout that Jerry prepared for the non-NELAP states and this item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Advocacy Committee will be August 4, 2016. In addition to the handout mentioned above, the committee will discuss the agenda for the Orange County meeting. Potential agenda items include:

- Highlights of the meeting
- Newsletter
- Strategic plan review
- Marketing and outreach efforts
- Handbook
- Position statements

## Attachment 1

|     | <b>Name</b>              | <b>Stakeholder Group</b> | <b>Present/Absent</b> |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | Lara Phelps              | EPA (Other)              | Present               |
| 2.  | Steve Arms               | Other                    | 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          | Absent                |
| 9.  | Elizabeth Turner         | Small Lab Advocate       | Absent                |
| 10. | Gary Ward                | AB                       | Absent                |
| 11. | Michael Wichman          | Lab                      | Present               |
| 12. | Janice Willey            | Federal                  | Present               |
| 13. | Trinity O'Neal           | Lab                      | Absent                |
| 14. | Robin Cook               | Lab                      | Absent                |
|     |                          |                          |                       |
|     | <b>Associate Members</b> |                          |                       |
|     | Kirstin Daigle           | Lab                      | Absent                |
|     | 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               |
|     | Teresa Coins             | TNI Ambassador           | Present               |
|     | Andrea Teal              | TNI Ambassador           | Absent                |
|     | Devon Morgan             | TNI Ambassador           | Absent                |
|     | Bob Pullano              | TNI Ambassador           | Absent                |
|     | Lee Wolf                 | TNI Ambassador           | Present               |
|     | Paul Junio               | TNI Ambassador           | Absent                |
|     | <b>Staff</b>             |                          |                       |
|     | Jerry Parr               | TNI ED                   | Present               |
|     | Carol Batterton          | TNI PA                   | Present               |

Attachment 2

Regional Meetings

| Event   | Date             | TNI Speaker                                  |
|---|------------------|--|
| AIHA, Falls Church, Virginia<br>Contact: Cheryl Morton                                | March 17, 2016   | Marlene Moore                                |
| Texas Water, Fort Worth, Texas<br>Contact: Elizabeth Turner                           | April 22, 2016   | Jerry Parr and Carol Batterton               |
| Kansas Laboratory Education Association, Manhattan, Kansas<br>Contact:                | May 3, 2016      | Robin Cook                                   |
| TCEQ Trade Fair, Austin, Texas<br>Contact:  | May 3-4, 2016    | Jerry Parr                                   |
| Oregon Environmental Laboratory Association, Salem, Oregon<br>Contact:                | May 11, 2016     | Jerry Parr                                   |
| Michigan WEA Lab Practices Seminar, East Lansing Michigan<br>Contact:                 | May 18, 2016     | Monitor for possible participation next year |
| Florida Society of Environmental Analysts, Sand Key, Florida<br>Contact: Suzanne R.?  | May 25-27, 2016  | Steve Arms                                   |
| NYAAEL/PaAAEL 2015 Environmental Laboratory Convention, State College, PA<br>Contact: | July 17-19, 2016 | Martina McGarvey                             |
| VA AWWA/VWEA Lab Practices Conference, Charlottesville, VA<br>Contact: Peter DeLisle  | July 25-26, 2016 | Stacie Metzler                               |
| Georgia Association of Water Professionals (WEF MA)<br>Contact: Jeff Fulton           | Fall Meeting     | Monitor/contact                              |
| Laboratory Section of ORWEF School<br>Contact: Kristin Thomas and Chuck Lytle         | March 2017       | Monitor/contact                              |
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