

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting  
September 1, 2016

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, September 1, 2016. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from July 7, August 4, and August 12, 2016, were reviewed. Robin Cook moved approval and Zonetta English seconded. All present voted in favor.

3. Newsletter

Robin Cook is the editor for the next edition of the newsletter. Members reviewed the articles and authors suggested at the summer meeting.

ARTICLE & Description	Authors	Email for Authors
The 2016 Standard A promo piece for the final standard, w/ a plan for roll-out w/ implementation schedule if possible, workshops across the nation. Note that FL may be an early adopter.	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
PTPEC – new FoPT tables for SCM and NPW	Maria Friedman Ilona Taunton	<a href="mailto:gamfriedman@gmail.com">gamfriedman@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org">Ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org</a>
Looking forward to Houston	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
From the Chair	Alfredo Sotomayor	<a href="mailto:asotomayor@mmsd.com">asotomayor@mmsd.com</a>
Nominations to the Board with voting schedule	Sharon Mertens	<a href="mailto:smertens@mmsd.com">smertens@mmsd.com</a>
The QMP Article to be written IF checklists are available for committee self-audits	Lynn Bradley	<a href="mailto:Lynn.bradley@nelac-institute.org">Lynn.bradley@nelac-institute.org</a>
The Charlie Carter Award Member spotlight on Richard Burrows	Stephanie Drier	<a href="mailto:stephanie.drier@state.mn.us">stephanie.drier@state.mn.us</a>
Post-conference Summary	Jerry Parr Lara Phelps	<a href="mailto:Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a> , <a href="mailto:phelps.lara@epa.gov">phelps.lara@epa.gov</a>
Upcoming Events	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
CA's next steps	Lara Phelps Steve Arms	<a href="mailto:phelps.lara@epa.gov">phelps.lara@epa.gov</a> <a href="mailto:arms.steve@comcast.net">arms.steve@comcast.net</a>
Ambassador Updates Identify ambassadors and	Steve Arms Carol Batterton	<a href="mailto:arms.steve@comcast.net">arms.steve@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:carbat@beecreek.net">carbat@beecreek.net</a>

itemize substantial progress where possible		
FL rulemaking (if complete)	Steve Arms Vanessa Soto	<a href="mailto:arms.steve@comcast.net">arms.steve@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:vanessa.sotocontreras@flhealth.gov">vanessa.sotocontreras@flhealth.gov</a>
KY Status (may be incorporated into Ambassador Update, depending on length)	Zonetta English Patrick Garrity	<a href="mailto:english@msdlouky.org">english@msdlouky.org</a> <a href="mailto:patrick.garrity@ky.gov">patrick.garrity@ky.gov</a>
Update on WY and AK Only if substantial change underway	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
New ELAB Board	Lara Phelps	<a href="mailto:phelps.lara@epa.gov">phelps.lara@epa.gov</a>

Suggested articles were confirmed and an additional article covering the new ELAB Board was added. Articles will be due October 15, and target publication date is November 1. Carol will send editor instructions to Robin.

#### 4. Marketing and Outreach Subcommittee report

Sharon Mertens reported that she will be holding an open meeting with vendors to get ideas for marketing and outreach. This will be held in the September-October timeframe.

#### 5. EPAOW-Advocacy meeting summary

Jerry and Steve reported that the meeting held in Orange County with Representatives from EPAOW, the Advocacy Committee and the NELAP AC went well. Jerry suggested that we need to try to hold this meeting at every conference. It may be a good way to try to reconcile the accreditation/certification programs as well as develop opportunities to improve the assessors training course.

#### 6. 2016 Standard

Lynn reported that the Asbestos, Radiochemistry, and WET modules have already been approved by the NELAP AC. There are some issues with the PT and Chemistry chapters that need to be worked out with the expert committees. None have been vetoed, but there are some “no” votes.

There will be a pilot session on the new standard presented at the FSEA meeting in Florida this fall. It can be a model for Texas and future sessions. We may want to consider a big kick-off session in Texas at the Houston meeting. Before we can do that, we need to develop checklists, webinars, revised QA manuals, etc. The committee proposed to wait until we are through the adoption process before developing a detailed outreach plan.

#### 6. Follow up with Wyoming and Alaska

Jerry has not heard anything from Wyoming. Carol will contact Alaska.

7. Ambassadors

Devon Morgan reported that he will be meeting with Nevada state representatives in the fall. There were no other updates.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Advocacy Committee will be on Thursday, October 6, at 12 Noon Central time. Steve Arms will be on vacation and Lara Phelps will chair the meeting.

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	Absent
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.	Janice Willey	Federal	Absent
12.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Absent
13.	Robin Cook	Lab	Present
14.	Sharon Mertens	Lab	Present
	<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
	Teresa Coins	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Andrea Teal	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Devon Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	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 Contact: Cheryl Morton	March 17, 2016	Marlene Moore
Texas Water, Fort Worth, Texas Contact: Elizabeth Turner	April 22, 2016	Jerry Parr and Carol Batterton
Kansas Laboratory Education Association, Manhattan, Kansas Contact:	May 3, 2016	Robin Cook
TCEQ Trade Fair, Austin, Texas Contact:	May 3-4, 2016	Jerry Parr
Oregon Environmental Laboratory Association, Salem, Oregon Contact:	May 11, 2016	Jerry Parr
Michigan WEA Lab Practices Seminar, East Lansing Michigan Contact:	May 18, 2016	Monitor for possible participation next year
Florida Society of Environmental Analysts, Sand Key, Florida Contact: Suzanne R.?	May 25-27, 2016	Steve Arms
NYAAEL/PaAAEL 2015 Environmental Laboratory Convention, State College, PA Contact:	July 17-19, 2016	Martina McGarvey
VA AWWA/VWEA Lab Practices Conference, Charlottesville, VA Contact: Peter DeLisle	July 25-26, 2016	Stacie Metzler
Georgia Association of Water Professionals (WEF MA) Contact: Jeff Fulton	Fall Meeting	Monitor/contact
ASDWA, Milwaukee, WI	October 17-20, 2016	Exhibit
Laboratory Section of ORWEF School Contact: Kristin Thomas and Chuck Lytle	March 2017	Monitor/contact