

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
November 3, 2016

1. Call to order

Lara Phelps, substituting for Steve Arms, called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, November 3, 2016. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from September and October were reviewed. However, there was not a quorum to approve minutes.

3. Newsletter

All newsletter articles have been received and forwarded to Jan except the member profile. Robin has contacted Stephanie and that article will be in shortly.

4. Small lab session at Houston meeting

For the small lab session in Houston, Jerry suggested that take the top 5 (or 10) issues identified by CA ELTAC, find a very qualified lab assessor that can speak to this issue (e.g., Marlene Moore, Mike Shepherd, Michelle Wade, Jack Farrell, Tom McAninch) as it relates to small labs, and have this person lead a group discussion on why the language does apply, and the solutions many small labs have found, and then discuss whether or not this is an unreasonable requirement. The session could also focus on small labs' misunderstandings of the requirements and how other labs have found ways to comply. We can also find 1 or 2 small labs to describe how accreditation worked through their eyes.

The session will need to be recorded or re-done at some point in the future for CA labs. Jerry indicated that TNI doesn't have a good system for real time recording in a setting like this. We will need to find another way to make the information available to CA labs. **Note:** Following the meeting, Jerry proposed that we transcribe the session in the Houston meeting, and make it available to both the Expert Panel and California ELAP by Wednesday, January 25.

5. California Update

Lara reported that the CA program staff gave a quarterly update to the Expert Panel on October 31. The Expert Panel will go back on January 31, 2017, for the one year review. Key points to the update included:

- The Water Board has endorsed the use of the TNI Standard, but it will be modified. The primary issue is PTs. CA will consider revisions to sections of the TNI standard deemed to have the "worst cost benefit"
- There are still CA staff vacancies to be filled.

- There is a contract for assessor training under development. It will include a “train the trainer” component. CA staff hope to have this contract in place by January 31.
- Rule adoption is projected to be sometime in early 2018.

6. FSEA meeting and other

Robin reported that the FSEA meeting went well and was well attended. She stated that some of the presenters in the standards workshop felt rushed and that the workshop could easily be extended to a full day.

Paul Junio reported that there appears to be misconceptions at the WI DNR about what TNI can and cannot do. He asked if we had a presentation along these lines that we can share. He will check with Jerry.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Advocacy Committee will be on Thursday, December 1, at 12 Noon Central time.

Attachment 1

	Name	Stakeholder Group	Present/Absent
1.	Lara Phelps	EPA (Other)	Present
2.	Steve Arms	Other	Absent
3.	Lynn Bradley	Other	Present
4.	Stephanie Drier	Lab	Absent
5.	Martina McGarvey	AB	Absent
6.	Stacie Metzler	Lab	Present
7.	Zonetta English	Lab	Present
8.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Present
9.	Elizabeth Turner	Small Lab Advocate	Absent
10.	Gary Ward	AB	Absent
11.	Janice Willey	Federal	Absent
12.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Present
13.	Robin Cook	Lab	Present
14.	Sharon Mertens	Lab	Absent
	Associate Members		
	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	Absent

	Andrea Teal	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Devon Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Paul Junio	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Staff		
	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
Quality meeting ? Athens, GA	October 22, 2016	Jerry Parr
FSEA	October 26-28	Jerry Parr, workshop
Laboratory Section of ORWEF School Contact: Kristin Thomas and Chuck Lytle	March 2017	Monitor/contact