

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
November 5, 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 10-01-09 meeting were not distributed and therefore approval was postponed until the next meeting.

3. Discussion of survey comments

Jerry and Susan Wyatt were tasked with organizing and analyzing the comments in the worksheets. Susan was unable to join the call, so this item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. Outreach to EPA Regions

Jerry needs to visit with Brenda Bettencourt to set up a meeting with Region 5 staff at the Chicago meeting. He will do that before the next Advocacy meeting.

There were some negative comments about the NELAP from EPA staff at the Region 6 QA meeting. Some thought that the remarks came from rad chem assessors.

It was suggested that the Advocacy committee approach Greg Carroll about any planned updates to the DW certification manual. Greg may not be able to commit to a date certain. It was also noted that ELAB has just finished the TNI standards/DW certification manual comparison. It was suggested that Jack Farrell, TNI representative on ELAB, be invited to come to the next Advocacy meeting and give a report on this as well as the PT frequency issue.

5. Committee vacancies

Judy Duncan reported that five members on the Advocacy committee had expiring terms: Judy Duncan, Lara Autry, Susan Wyatt, Jim Pletl, and Marlene Moore. Judy, Lara, and Susan all expressed interest in serving another term. Marlene Moore does not want to serve again and Jim Pletl recommended Paula Hogg from his organization to fill his vacancy.

Judy asked committee members to suggest other individuals for consideration. To maintain balance, it was suggested that a representative from an AB was needed. Several individuals were suggested. Jerry, Judy and Carol will make contacts to find someone interested in serving.

6. MOU with EPA

Jerry reported that the FEM had received TNI's request to enter into and MOU with EPA. Lara Autry reported that the FEM had formed a small group to consider the request. TNI's request will be discussed in more detail at the next FEM meeting on Jan.20, 2010. Lara can report to Advocacy committee at the meeting in Chicago. Judy asked for this to be on the Advocacy agenda. No action is needed by TNI at this time.

3. Next newsletter

Jerry reported that Carl Craig had done a great job getting all the newsletter articles together and the newsletter should go out later today. Everyone agreed this was one of the most substantive issues we have published.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be December 3, 2009, at 12 Noon CDT. The agenda will include:

- Discussion of the survey comments
- Outreach to EPA Regions
- Voting on new committee members
- ELAB update from Jack Farrell

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	Y	2
6	Moore	Marlene	Other	N	1
7	Duncan	Judy	AB	Y	1
8	Jackson	Kenneth	Other	Y	2
9	Shields	Aurora	AB	Y	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	Y	1
15	Ward	Gary	Lab	Y	2
16	Wichman	Michael	Lab	N	3
17	Schantz	Leonard	Small Lab Advocate	N	
18	Parr	Jerry	ED	Y	
19	Batterton	Carol	PA	Y	
			ASSOCIATE MEMBERS		
	McCracken	Kirstin	Lab	N	
	Morgan	Judy	Lab	Y	