

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
February 7, 2019

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, February 7, 2019. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from December 6, 2018, January 3, 2019, and January 30, 2019, were reviewed. A correction was noted to the January 30 minutes. Sharon moved approval of all three sets with correction. Zonetta seconded. All present voted in favor.

3. Highlights from the Milwaukee meeting

Steve reviewed highlights from the Milwaukee meeting as noted in the January 30 minutes. Follow up items included:

- Continue outreach efforts to state programs in WI and WV. Perhaps appoint an ambassador to WV. Send thank you notes to the first time state attendees attending the lunch and offer additional help if needed. Carol will do that.
- After the LAMS is updated, reach out to non-NELAP states with our annual report and plans for the future.
- Follow up with APHL on QA manager exchange program to see if it would be possible to exchange QA managers in NELAP and non-NELAP state. Martina will get more information.
- Need to put out a press release on the 2016 standard implementation date (January 2020) on the TNI website. However, PT scoring issue is not fully resolved and some guidance documents are not quite done. Jerry suggested waiting a month until these outstanding issues are resolved.

4. NGAB panel in Milwaukee

The NGAB panel discussion in Milwaukee was contentious and there apparently were assumptions made initially that have not proven to be correct. Comments and suggestions on next steps included:

- Some NELAP ABs initially said they could accept an NGAB accreditation, but now have learned they cannot.
- Find out which, if any, ABs would grant an accreditation based on a package from an NGAB.
- We should spell out questions on specific scenarios to the NELAP ABs for their response.
- Could TNI develop a process to recognize NGABs which would simplify state contracting procedures? Each state currently develops their own criteria, maybe TNI could help simplify.
- A significant part of the issue seems to be in reciprocity or mutual recognition. If one state recognizes an NGAB accreditation, but another state cannot, then no reciprocity can exist. ISO does not address this nor does the new LAB standard. The only document

addressing mutual recognition is SOP 3-100, but there is an exception if state law doesn't allow.

- We need to review the initial response from NELAP ABs concerning NGAB accreditations (CB will do).

5. Newsletter

The editor for the next newsletter is Martina McGarvey. The article due date is March 15 with a target publication date of April 12. Articles and authors include:

| Article & Description | Authors | Email for Authors |
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| 2016 standards implementation date | Lynn Bradley | lynn.bradley@nelac-institute.org |
| Resources for implementation | Jerry Parr | jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org |
| Milwaukee re-cap | Jerry Parr | jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org |
| Jacksonville meeting | Lara Phelps and Jerry Parr | phelps.lara@epa.gov jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org |
| Committee chair and staff changes | Jerry Parr | jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org |
| New Board members | Sharon Mertens | SMertens@mmsd.com |
| Member highlight – Ken Jackson in memoriam | Carol Batterton | carbat@beecreek.net |
| What to do in Jacksonville | Steve Arms | Arms.steve@comcast.net |
| Recipe | Cathy Katsikis | catherinekatsikis@gmail.com |
| Musings from the Chair | Alfredo Sotomayor | ASotomayor@mmsd.com |
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We will add a July newsletter and Zonetta volunteered to be editor.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 12 Noon Central time.

Attachment 1

| | Name | Stakeholder Group | Present/Absent |
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| 1. | Lara Phelps | EPA (Other) | Absent |
| 2. | Steve Arms | Other | Present |
| 3. | Lynn Bradley | Other | Present |
| 4. | Martina McGarvey | AB | Present |
| 5. | Stacie Crandall | Lab | Absent |
| 6. | Zonetta English | Lab | Present |
| 7. | Marlene Moore | Other and NEFAP | Absent |
| 8. | Janice Willey | Federal | Absent |
| 9. | Trinity O'Neal | Lab | Present |

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| 10. | Robin Cook | Lab | Absent |
| 11. | Sharon Mertens | Lab | Present |
| 12. | Teresa Coins | Lab | Present |
| 13. | Ron Coss | Lab | Absent |
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| | Associate Members | | |
| | Kirstin Daigle | Lab | Absent |
| | Judy Morgan | Lab | Absent |
| | JoAnn Boyd | Lab and FAC | Absent |
| | Celeste Crowley | AB | Absent |
| | Keith Chapman | Other | Present |
| | Andrea Teal | TNI Ambassador | Absent |
| | Devon Morgan | TNI Ambassador | Absent |
| | Bob Pullano | TNI Ambassador | Absent |
| | Lee Wolf | TNI Ambassador | Absent |
| | Paul Junio | TNI Ambassador | Absent |
| | Lily Sanchez | TNI Ambassador | Absent |
| | Silky Labie | Other | Absent |
| | Elizabeth Turner | Small Lab Advocate | Absent |
| | Stephanie Drier | AB | Present |
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| | Staff | | |
| | Jerry Parr | TNI ED | Present |
| | Carol Batterton | TNI PA | Present |