

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting  
May 6, 2010

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 4-1-10 meeting were reviewed and approved for posting.

3. Review of stakeholder issues

Issues identified by stakeholders during meetings with selected organizations in 2007 were reviewed. Issues identified by WEF, NACWA and AWWA included: small labs are overwhelmed by the NELAC requirements, the standards need to support data quality and performance approach, the program needs to have EPA oversight, and TNI needs to demonstrate a cost benefit to labs.

Carol Batterton reviewed a proposed draft letter to WEF and NACWA updating them on progress to date and inviting them to lunch at the summer meeting. After discussion and edits, the committee asked Carol to work with Jerry Parr and Judy Duncan to finalize the letter for Judy Duncan and Steve Arms signatures. A similar letter will be drafted for AWWA. Carol will circulate the final letter before sending.

4. Articles for next newsletter

Aurora Shields will be the editor for the next newsletter. The committee agreed that articles will be due on June 15 with an estimated publication date of July 15. This edition will publicize the summer meeting. Article and assignments are shown below:

<b>TNI NEWSLETTER 2010 -2</b>				
<b>Featured Topics</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Due Date for Draft</b>	<b>Status</b>
August meeting	Jerry and Lara	<a href="mailto:jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>	June 15	
Lead based paint	Marlene Moore	<a href="mailto:mmoore@advancedsys.com">mmoore@advancedsys.com</a>	June 15	
Status of TIA on PT issues	Kirstin McCracken	<a href="mailto:kmccracken@stl-inc.com">kmccracken@stl-inc.com</a>	June 15	

Re-alignment of TNI	Steve Arms	<a href="mailto:steve_arms@doh.state.fl.us">steve_arms@doh.state.fl.us</a>	June 15	
Regional workshops on new standards	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>	June 15	
Summary of strategic planning meeting	Carol Batterton	<a href="mailto:carbat@beecreek.net">carbat@beecreek.net</a>	June 15	
New SOPs	Alfredo Sotomayor	<a href="mailto:alfredo.sotomayor@wisconsin.gov">alfredo.sotomayor@wisconsin.gov</a>	June 15	
QMP for TNI	Lynn Bradley	<a href="mailto:LmbTbird@aol.com">LmbTbird@aol.com</a>		
Status of CITF (teaser article for Assessment Forum)	Alfredo Sotomayor and CB	<a href="mailto:alfredo.sotomayor@wisconsin.gov">alfredo.sotomayor@wisconsin.gov</a> <a href="mailto:carbat@beecreek.net">carbat@beecreek.net</a>	June 15	
Small labs update	Keith Chapman	<a href="mailto:kchapman@cityofsalem.net">kchapman@cityofsalem.net</a>	June 15	
Member Profile (Dave Wunderlich)	Kirstin McCracken	<a href="mailto:kmccracken@stl-inc.com">kmccracken@stl-inc.com</a>	June 15	

#### 5. Outreach to Non-NELAP states

Judy Duncan and Susan Wyatt were not able to join the call and this item was deferred until the next meeting.

#### 6. Update on Regional meetings

Jerry Parr gave the following report for regional meetings on the new standards:

Utah – 50 attendees  
 Salem, OR – 56 registered  
 Florida will be May 26  
 Dallas, TX will be June 17-18  
 Babcock, CA will be July 9  
 Washington, DC at the end of the summer meeting  
 Topeka, KS will be Sept 1.

Additional locations are also being scheduled for the fall of 2010. Jerry reported that non-NELAP states are participating somewhat but it depends on the location. We should consider a workshop in TN or KY. Cincinnati would also be a good location. There is an AWWA WQ technical workshop in December that might be a good opportunity. We should also look at webinars for the small labs that cannot travel.

## 7. Member resignation

Andy Eaton has resigned from the committee due to workload issues. Judy Duncan will ask Elizabeth Turner from the TNI Board if she would like to join the Advocacy Committee.

## 8. Other

Keith Chapman asked if there was anything being done to provide assistance to small labs trying to comply with standards. Jerry reported that the Technical Assistance Committee was working on “NELAC for Dummies”. Gary Decant on the TAC has re-written it and it will be discussed at the next TAC meeting.

## 8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be June 3, 2010, at 12 Noon CDT. The agenda will include:

Outreach to Non-NELAP States  
 Update on Regional meetings  
 New member

### Attachment 1

#	LastName	FirstName	Stakeholder Group	Present	Term
1	Autry	Lara	Other	N	1
2	Coats	Kevin	Other	N	2
3	Conlon	Pat	Other	N	3
6	Bradley	Lynn	Other	Y	1
7	Duncan	Judy	AB	Y	1
8	Jackson	Kenneth	Other	Y	2
9	Shields	Aurora	Lab	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	Hogg	Paula	Lab	Y	1
15	Ward	Gary	Lab	Y	2
16	Wichman	Michael	Lab	N	3
17	Keith	Chapman	Small Lab Advocate	Y	
18	Parr	Jerry	ED	Y	
19	Batterton	Carol	PA	Y	
			ASSOCIATE MEMBERS		
	McCracken	Kirstin	Lab	N	
	Morgan	Judy	Lab	N	