

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
February 1, 2018

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CST, February 1, 2018. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from December 7, 2017, and January 25, 2018, were reviewed. Sharon moved approval and Lynn seconded. All present voted in favor.

3. Draft letter to Florida DoH regarding marijuana testing

Steve reviewed the draft letter that Carol had prepared encouraging the Florida DoH to use the TNI standard in their medical marijuana testing rules. Members suggested that the scope of the recommendation be expanded to clearly include FMSO's and to note that the TNI standard has already been vetted and is currently in use in Florida. Carol will make revisions and send to Jerry and Steve for comment. After the committee finalizes the letter, Jerry will get approval from the TNI Board Chair before sending.

4. Newsletter

Steve reviewed plans for the next newsletter. Articles will be due March 15 for publication around April 15. Editor is Lynn Bradley. Editor for the summer edition will be Zonetta English. Editor for next fall is Steve Arms.

Article & Description	Authors	Email for Authors
TNI annual report (executive summary linked to website for full report)	Jerry Parr	jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org
Implementation of the 2016 standard (spreadsheet becomes an article)	Jerry Parr and Lynn	jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org
Board elections plus Lara Phelps new job and Board ex officio replacement	Sharon Mertens	SMertens@mmsd.com
TNI Glossary	Bob Wyeth	rfwyeth@yahoo.com
Announce OK as AB?	Maybe	
Mike Delaney article on cyanide	Mike Delaney	mike.delaney@mwra.com
Member spotlight on C. Kircher	Stephanie Drier	stephanie.drier@state.mn.us
Summary of ABQ meeting	Jerry Parr	jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org

Article about upcoming NOLA meeting	Jerry Parr and Lara Phelps	jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org
Method validation letter update	Carol Batterton	carbat@beecreek.net
Things to do in NOLA	Carol Batterton	carbat@beecreek.net
MUR implementation	Lynn Bradley	
New ISO 17025	Paul Junio	paulj@nslab.com
FMSO program needs volunteers to help with updating standard	Kirstin Daigle	kdaigle@stone-env.com
Recipe	Paul Bergeron (He is getting one from his boss)	Paul.Bergeron@LA.GOV
Things to do in NOLA	Carol Batterton	carbat@beecreek.net
Sidebar: LAB chapter outline (if ready)		
Sidebar: new quality manual template available		
Sidebar: Call for special interest articles and recipes		

5. Highlights from the Albuquerque meeting

There was not any time left to review this list in detail. Carol will organize the activities into “like” categories for discussion next time.

Steve Arms noted that he had followed up with Steve Weisberg on the possibility of SCCWRP designing and conducting a study to demonstrate improvements in data quality as a result of accreditation. Dr. Weisberg was intrigued with the idea, but noted that the study design would be complicated and funding could be an issue. Steve suggested focusing on PT data and precision as was discussed in Albuquerque. TNI may need to step back and be an observer if this study comes about. It was noted that ABs may already have some of this data which could be contributed to the study. Stephanie volunteered to share MN’s research in this area.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Advocacy Committee will be Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 12 Noon CST.

Attachment 1

	Name	Stakeholder Group	Present/Absent
1.	Lara Phelps	EPA (Other)	Absent
2.	Steve Arms	Other	Present
3.	Lynn Bradley	Other	Present

4.	Stephanie Drier	Lab	Present
5.	Martina McGarvey	AB	Present
6.	Stacie Crandall	Lab	Present
7.	Zonetta English	Lab	Present
8.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Present
9.	Elizabeth Turner	Small Lab Advocate	Absent
10.	Janice Willey	Federal	Absent
11.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Absent
12.	Robin Cook	Lab	Absent
13.	Sharon Mertens	Lab	Present
	Associate Members		
	Kirstin Daigle	Lab	Present
	Judy Morgan	Lab	Absent
	JoAnn Boyd	Lab and FAC	Absent
	Celeste Crowley	AB	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
	Lily Sanchez	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Ron Coss	Lab	Absent
	Silky Labie	Other	Absent
	Staff		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present