

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
April 5, 2018

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CST, April 5, 2018. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from March 1, 2018, were reviewed. Sharon moved approval and Lynn seconded. All present voted in favor.

3. Updates

- Newsletter: Lynn reported that she had sent 12 completed articles to Jerry. The rest should be completed by Friday. Jerry expects the newsletter to come out by Tuesday. He is waiting for the conference registration and dinner cruise site to be ready on the website.
- Oklahoma has been recognized as a NELAP accreditation body.
- Method validation project: Jerry and Carol reported that email letters would be going out to labs in the next few days to identify labs that might be interested in the 600 series method validation project. The goal is to provide EPA with a list of potentially interested labs by May 1. Judy Morgan and Stacie Crandall have worked on a survey monkey form to capture the list of interested labs.
- Jerry reported that hotel registration is open for the summer meeting. Conference registration should be open by next Tuesday. He noted that we will be having a dinner cruise with separate registration. There will also be a special presentation with interactive graphics on Hurricane Katrina.
- Steve Arms reported that Teresa Coins has been approved as a full member of the Advocacy committee.

4. Advocacy documents SOP

Carol updated SOP 1-122 as requested at the last meeting. Sharon moved approval and Stacie seconded. All present voted in favor. Before sending the SOP to the Policy Committee for review, Lynn requested that the full names of the related documents be added, the SOP name be added to the header, and that the extra page be deleted. Carol will make those changes and send to Policy for review.

5. Standards Comparison article

Jerry provided two articles for the Advocacy Committee's review and approval. One was a comparison of the TNO standards 2003-2009-2016. The other document compared the TNI standard and ISO 17025. Members asked where these documents would be posted. Jerry indicated they would be under the Consensus Standards Development page and

maybe also under Advocacy. Steve suggested that the word “toxilological” be replaced with “toxicity” in the documents. In order to allow members more time to review the documents, Steve suggested that we delay approval until the next meeting.

6. California Handout

Jerry reported that he had listened to a recent ELTAC meeting for the California program and it seemed to him that there was continued confusion on some aspects of the TNI standards and requirements. Jerry presented to the committee an article he had prepared explaining three areas of confusion. These included the need for DW certification regulations to be included in the CA regulations, clarification on the applicability of MDL procedure to the CA program, and the issue of how TNI’s National Proficiency Test Program evolved and is working today. Jerry will send the document to the ELTAC for their use. Jerry also reported that CA will issue their revised rule this fall and expect to finalize their regulations in early 2019.

7. The Advocacy task list

Members reviewed the task list and provided updates and suggestions. The revised list will be circulated separately.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Advocacy Committee will be Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 12 Noon CST.

Attachment 1

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

	Celeste Crowley	AB	Absent
	Keith Chapman	Other	Absent
	Teresa Coins	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Andrea Teal	TNI Ambassador	Present
	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	Present
	Staff		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present