

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
July 12, 2012

1. Call to order

Judy Duncan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12 Noon CDT July 12, 2012. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1. Sharon Mertens was also present.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes of the June 8, 2012, meeting were reviewed. Lynn Bradley moved approval and Elizabeth Turner seconded. All present voted in favor. Carol will send out March, April, and May minutes for approval by email.

3. July newsletter update

The July newsletter has gone out. Lara Phelps previously volunteered to be editor for October 2012 and Michael Wichman volunteered to be editor for March 2013. Topics and dues dates will be decided at the summer meeting in August.

4. Non-NELAP States meeting

Carol reviewed the agenda for the Non-NELAP states meeting scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, August 8, 2012, from 1:30 to 5:00 pm. See below:

- 1:30 Welcome and introductions - Judy Duncan and Aaren Alger, Pennsylvania DEP
- 1:45 Update on PT program - Scott Hoatson, Oregon DEQ
- 2:15 Update on TNI standards – Kirstin Daigle, Testamerica
- 2:30 How do I become involved in TNI? What can TNI do to help you? - Steve Arms, Florida DOH
- 3:00 BREAK
- 3:30 Update on TNI training opportunities- Betsy Kent
- 4:00 Update on method/analyte codes - Dan Hickman, TNI
- 4:30 How to use the TNI standards to meet essential QC elements in MUR - Susan Wyatt, MN DoH

Judy suggested that TNI should do this session as a webinar following the DC meeting for those who cannot attend. The format may need to be shortened somewhat, but all agreed this was a good idea.

5. Agenda for Advocacy meeting in Washington, D.C.

The agenda for the Advocacy meeting in Washington, D.C. will include:

1. Highlights from the DC meeting – an overview of significant issues raised at the meeting that may require action by the Advocacy Committee
2. Position papers – feedback from the Policy Committee on development of an SOP and/or policy related to development of TNI position statements. Policy Committee meets at noon on Wednesday. Advocacy members may want to sit in for status. Any next steps for Advocacy Committee?
3. Newsletter assignments – need to identify topics and assignments for October edition
4. Florida information request – status update
5. EPA Method Update Rule – results of TNI RFP and announcement of training

We may also need to set up a sidebar meeting with Dan Hautman (EPA-OW) to discuss TNI ongoing activities and get input. Jerry will pursue this.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Advocacy Committee will be in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, August 9, at 1:15 PM.

Attachment 1

	Name	Stakeholder Group	Present/Absent
1.	Lara Phelps	EPA (Other)	Present
2.	Lynn Bradley	Other	Present
3.	Judy Duncan	Other	Present
4.	Kenneth Jackson	Other	Absent
5.	Martina McGarvey	AB	Present
6.	Susan Wyatt	AB	Absent
7.	Zonetta English	Lab	Absent
8.	Paula Hogg	Lab	Present
9.	Elizabeth Turner	Lab	Present
10.	Gary Ward	AB	Absent
11.	Michael Wichman	Lab	Present
12.	Janice Willey	Federal	Present
13.	Keith Chapman	Small Lab Advocate	Present
	Associate Members		
	Kirstin Daigle	Lab	Absent
	Judy Morgan	Lab	Present
	Steve Arms	AB	Absent
	Aurora Shields	Lab	Absent
	JoAnn Boyd	Lab and FAC	Absent
	Staff		

	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present