

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting  
August 31, 2017

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CST, August 31, 2017. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1. Steve Arms noted that Lily Sanchez would be joining the Advocacy Committee as an associate member and Ambassador to the State of California.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes were not approved at this meeting due to lack of a quorum.

3. Newsletter update

Steve reviewed the articles and authors proposed for the upcoming newsletter. Sharon Mertens will be the editor. Article due date is October 15. Target publication date is November 1. Carol will work with Sharon on author notification.

<b>Article &amp; Description</b>	<b>Authors</b>	<b>Email for Authors</b>
Wrap up of summer meeting	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
Article about Albuquerque meeting	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
New 17025/17011	Marlene Moore	<a href="mailto:mmoore@advancedsys.com">mmoore@advancedsys.com</a>
View from the top	Alfredo Sotomayor	<a href="mailto:asotomayor@mmsd.com">asotomayor@mmsd.com</a>
Summary of PT database	Maria Friedman	<a href="mailto:maria.friedman@waterboards.ca.gov">maria.friedman@waterboards.ca.gov</a>
NEFAP comments on standard	Justin Brown/Ken	<a href="mailto:jbrown@emt.com">jbrown@emt.com</a> <a href="mailto:ken.jackson@nelac-institute.org">ken.jackson@nelac-institute.org</a>
Member spotlight on Nilda Cox (Sharon M. for next issue)	Stephanie Drier	<a href="mailto:stephanie.drier@state.mn.us">stephanie.drier@state.mn.us</a>
MUR update	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
California update	Katelyn McCarthy	<a href="mailto:katelyn.mccarthy@waterboards.ca.gov">katelyn.mccarthy@waterboards.ca.gov</a>
Climate at EPA (funny?)	William Lipps	<a href="mailto:wclipps@shimadzu.com">wclipps@shimadzu.com</a>
Call for abstracts NEMC	Jerry/Lara	<a href="mailto:jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
Status of 2016 standard	Ken Jackson	<a href="mailto:ken.jackson@nelac-institute.org">ken.jackson@nelac-institute.org</a>
Gardening (integrated pest management?)	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
Where to go in Northern New Mexico	Jerry Parr	<a href="mailto:jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org">jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org</a>
Recipe: Green chilies chicken	Robin Cook	<a href="mailto:CookR@codb.us">CookR@codb.us</a>
Committee applications reminder (sidebar)		

#### 4. Conference Planning Update

Jerry reviewed the preliminary meeting schedule for the Albuquerque meeting. Jerry suggested that we need to let attendees know that there are many fun things to do in the Albuquerque area before and after the meeting. Suggestions for places to visit included Santa Fe, Sandia Peak, Acoma, Bandelier, and Taos. Jerry thought that groups might want to organize informally and share a car rental to go to some of these places. We should consider having a check box on the registration form to facilitate groups getting together.

Jerry also noted that we are planning a newcomers' lunch on Monday. This will be a simple brown bag lunch and he will need presenters. Carol volunteered to put together a draft "tips and tricks" for first time attendees sheet.

We are hoping to offer a radiochemistry training session on the new standard on Wednesday afternoon. Members suggested moving the Advocacy meeting from Thursday morning to Wednesday afternoon and also moving the standards implementation session to Monday morning.

#### 5. California draft preliminary regulations

Jerry reviewed the current version of TNI's comments on the draft preliminary regulations for California. He noted that he added in the comments that came up in the DC meeting. Additional comments included:

- We should suggest that CA use the TNI definition of "accreditation" and eliminate "for regulatory purposes" from the definition if their statutes allow.
- We decided not comment on the term "California analyte".
- Proposed deleting "Unit of accreditation" and adding "TNI field of accreditation"
- The revised definition of "sophisticated technology" contains several misspelled words. Also the words "such as" in the definition should be replaced with "Including but not limited to". HPLC stands for "high performance liquid chromatography".
- In Quality Systems section, d (1) A, we should recommend removing the words "at least" and suggest that the wording be changed to "shall include or reference documents that contain..."

Jerry indicated that he would ask the Executive Committee of the Board to review the final comment document before he submitted it.

#### 6. Other updates

Steve, Carol, and Lynn reviewed recent discussions on the status of ELAB's efforts to help make drinking water certification training more available to states. Indications are that ELAB will continue to pursue this issue.

Jerry reported that he had met with a group at EPA about the MUR and implementation of the 600 series methods. He is developing a proposal for a collaborative effort from labs to provide data to EPA on actual method performance. There was a suggestion that we might also compare data from accredited versus non-accredited labs as a part of this effort. Perhaps we can also consider including California labs in this project. Jerry will continue working on a proposal for this project.

6. Next meeting

The next teleconference meeting of the Advocacy Committee will be on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 12 Noon Central time. Steve Arms will be on vacation and Lara Phelps will chair the meeting.

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	Present
6.	Stacie Crandall	Lab	Absent
7.	Zonetta English	Lab	Present
8.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Absent
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	Absent
	<b>Associate Members</b>		
	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	Absent
	Andrea Teal	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Devon Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Paul Junio	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lily Sanchez	TNI Ambassador	
	<b>Staff</b>		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present