

Laboratory Quality Systems Expert Committee

2015 Charter

(Revised: 01-28-15)

Mission:

To maintain laboratory quality systems standards (TNI Volume 1, Modules 2, 3, &7) based on public input and to provide technical assistance on issues related to adopted standards; and to develop tools that facilitate the implementation of the standard.

Strategic Goals and Objectives:

1. Review and revise standards based on input from all stakeholder groups
2. Ensure that the Standard will produce data of known and documented quality
3. Provide technical assistance such as responding to Standard Interpretation Requests (SIRs)
4. Provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the standard
5. Ensure continuity with TNI Volume 1 Modules 3 through 7

Success Measures:

- Improving the Standard, such as by:
 - Increasing the clarity of the intent of the Standard
 - Incorporating advances in technology
- Timely development of standards
- Prompt responses to SIRs

Key Milestones for 2014:

- Development of Clarifications to the 2009 TNI Standard based on SIRs and other sources.(ongoing)
- Formation of new Committees to take control of Modules 4, 5, & 6 (Chemistry, Microbiology, and Radiochemistry, respectively)

Considerations:

- Committee members are volunteers; limited funding. Committee must maintain a balanced representation from among accrediting bodies, accredited laboratories and "others" (including, among others, EPA, Department of Defense, and third party accrediting bodies).

Available Resources:

- Volunteer committee members
- TNI Infrastructure
- Environmental technical community
- Teleconference services
- Administrative support
- Technical editor support

Additional Resources Required:

- Travel funding

Anticipated Meeting Schedule:

- Monthly Committee Teleconferences (open to all Full and Associate Members)
- Additional committee teleconferences as needed
- Committee meetings (face-to-face) during semiannual TNI Forums (Winter and Summer)

Committee Membership

Member	Organization	Expiration	Representation	
Mr. Paul Junio	Northern Lake Service	2018	Laboratory	Chair
Ms Michelle L. Wade	Wade Consulting	2016	Other	Vice Chair
Ms Katie Adams	USEPA Region 10	2016	Other	
Ms Kristin Brown	Utah DOH	2018*	Accrediting Body	
Ms Patty Carvajal	San Antonio River Authority	2017*	Laboratory	
Mr. Chris Gunning	A2LA	2018*	Other	
Ms Jessica Jensen	A & E Analytical Laboratory	2018*	Laboratory	
Ms Silky S. Labie	Env. Lab Consulting & Technology, LLC	2018	Other	
Ms Shari Pfalmer	ESC Lab Sciences	2018*	Laboratory	
Mr. Dale Piechocki	Eurofins Eaton Analytical	2017*	Laboratory	
Mr. Matt Sowards	ACZ Laboratories, Inc.	2017*	Laboratory	
Ms Shannon Swantek	Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality	2017*	Accrediting Body	
Ms Janice Willey	NAVSEA Programs Field Office	2018	Other	

* - eligible for an additional three year term

Balance:

- 6 Lab
- 5 Other
- 2 AB

Subcommittees:

- None

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