

**SUMMARY OF THE
TNI CHEMISTRY EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING**

APRIL 4, 2018

The Committee held a conference call on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 2:00 pm EST. Chair Valerie Slaven led the meeting.

1 – Roll call

Paula Blaze, NJDEP	Present
Eric Davis, Austin Water Utility (Lab)	Absent
Deb Gaynor, Independent Consultant (Other)	Present
Shawn Kassner, Neptune (Other)	Present
Valerie Slaven, Consulting Services (Other)	Present
Colin Wright, Florida DEP (Lab)	Present
Ken Jackson, Program Administrator	Absent

Associate Committee Members present: Nevein Narouz; Chrystal Sheaff; Karla Thurman.

2 – Approval of Previous Minutes

It had been moved (by e-mail) by Colin and seconded by Eric to approve the minutes from November 1, 2017 and December 6, 2017. These were now voted on with all in favor. It was moved by Shawn and seconded by Colin to approve the minutes of March 7, 2018. All were in favor.

3 – Committee Membership

A membership application from Jay Armstrong of the Virginia DCLS was considered. Cathy Westerman had recommended him strongly, but Deb pointed out he was with the VA State laboratory and appeared to be moving into the accreditation program as an assessor. He would only be able to join the committee in the Accreditation Body category, because if he was “Laboratory” that would upset the balance of the committee. It was decided to table his application until Val checked with Bob Wyeth on whether it would be appropriate to give him the “AB” affiliation.

4 – Guidance Documents

Val said these had been sent out to LASEC.

5 – Future Plans

The committee had a preliminary discussion on the areas of the standard that should be looked at next. Shawn emphasized that the sections modified for the 2016 standard should not be addressed until they have been in practice for some time. Others agreed to limit the scope to the parts of the 2009 standard that were not modified in 2016. One such item was Demonstration of Capability (DOC), which the committee had earlier identified as requiring a significant overhaul, and Val asked for any other areas the committee members felt should be addressed. Deb said the current definition of “batch” had

loopholes and should be examined. A discussion on DOC followed, and the committee referred to a spreadsheet of relevant SIRs, showing DOC was causing problems. Val said some states had a problem with there being no longer an annual requirement to demonstrate competence. She felt there was not enough emphasis in the current standard on analyst requirements, and suggested looking at DOC in two separate ways: by method/instrument; and by analyst. Val wanted a more rigorous and defined way for validation of a method. Shawn said a difficult part would be method/analyte criteria, where requirements differ among ABs, and there would be a lot of different opinions. He suggested surveying the ABs to find out their current requirements, and then trying to harmonize them. Also, laboratories should be approached, since many of them may be voluntary exceeding their AB's requirements. Val said she would e-mail the states, and hoped to have their responses by the next meeting.

6 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm EST.