

## **Field Activities Committee Meeting February 10, 2009**

Members present:

Marlene Moore, Chair  
Dave Speis  
JoAnn Boyd  
Jim Eychaner  
Jan Wilson  
Mike Miller  
Elaine Sorbet

Associates present:

Brian Conner  
Greg Denny  
Greg Green  
Carl Kircher  
James Davies (problem with phone line and could not attend second half of meeting)

### **Review and approve meeting minutes**

January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were reviewed, and no comments were provided. The committee approved the minutes unanimously (Jan Wilson motion/Jim Eychaner second).

January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were reviewed, and no comments were provided. The committee approved the minutes unanimously (Elaine Sorbet motion/Dave Speis second).

### ***Comment***

*The phone line was quit noisy and echoed – the call was ended and all parties asked to call in – Roll was taken by the chair to determine the attendance for the rest of the meeting.*

### **NEFAP Plan review and status**

Marlene reviewed the Board acceptance of the Plan and actions to be completed by the TNI Board. The TNI Board is to work on the changes to the By-Laws and other activities to address the Plan submitted by the FAC. The TNI staff and Board will prepare a financial plan for the NEFAP activities. These actions are to be completed within the next 6 months. (Based on draft TNI Board minutes.) See Items 2 and 3 Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan.

Marlene asked for discussion on the need to form the NEFAP Board separate from the committee immediately or to work as one unit for at least the next six months. Marlene thought it would be acceptable to start out with the FAC and its associate members to act as unit rather than form a separate NEFAP board at this time. The committee concurred with this opinion. Discussion on the Goals and Objectives presented in the plan were reviewed and discussed.

A2LA has started work on adoption of the TNI FSMO standards. A2LA asked the committee for comment related to questions on implementation and development of the checklist for the FSMO TNI standard. The process for responding to ABs like A2LA has not been developed.

It was also pointed out that New Jersey has sampling or sample collection including stack testing (sampling) in its regulatory mandates. However this has not been developed by New Jersey to date. The state of Louisiana also includes stack testing (sampling) in its program. Therefore if

stack testing is used in the pilot program is may require that third party accreditation along with recognition by these state programs would need to be addressed.

The committee discussed the need for the FAC to provide interpretation of the standards and their consistent implementation related to AB activities.

The following motion was presented by Dave Speis and seconded by Jan Wilson. The FAC/NEFAP Board is to initiate a process for development of the criteria for qualifying FSMO ABs. The vote was unanimous. The assignment of this action is to take place during the next call. See Item1 Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan.

NACLA attended the Miami meeting to discuss possible working relationship with TNI. This requires further review on the process for the evaluation of ABs and assurance of consistent implementation of the TNI standards. The TNI board and/or NACLA may provide an evaluation process to ensure the consistent implementation of the TNI FSMO standards. Additional discussion between the parties is required to better understand how this is to be accomplished.

Marlene discussed the possibility of setting up a pilot program for implementation of the TNI FSMO standards. This may be limited to the stack testing program due to the recent federal regulatory program requiring accreditation by January 2010. (acid rain) This pilot may also be open to all ABs to develop a program for implementation of the FSMO standards with related standards. The committee discussion related to a broad program for a pilot rather than specific requirements such as ASTM standards. Future discussion is needed on this topic. See Item 4 Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan.

***Other business***

Dave Speis asked the question related to committee membership to ensure stakeholder balance.

Marlene noted that additional committee members are still needed and explained the TNI application process.