

Field Activities Committee Meeting March 9, 2009

Members present:

Marlene Moore, Chair
JoAnn Boyd
Jan Wilson
John Moorman
Mike Miller
Dane Wren

Associates present:

Brian Conner
Justin Brown
Robert DiRienzo
Glen Green

Review and approve meeting minutes

February 9th meeting minutes were reviewed, and no comments were provided. The committee approved the minutes unanimously (Joanne Boyd motion/Dane Wren second).

NEFAP Plan review and status

Marlene updated the committee on progress in several areas. The website now has the announcement of committee meetings and minutes. The website still requires updating of committee membership.

The TNI Board is working on the ByLaws and feasibility plan. Ilona Taunton is developing the pros/cons of TNI or NACLA recognition process. These actions are to be completed in June/July 2009. See Items 2 and 3 Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan.

A2LA continues to work on the adoption of the TNI FSMO standards. AIHA is also interested and will need to review the requirements and determine if adoption is feasible. This makes five (5) possible ABs for recognition. Future committee meetings will continue to update us on progress of the ABs on adopting the TNI standard.

The FAC/NEFAP Board is to initiate a process for development of the criteria for qualifying FSMO ABs. This is to be part of the development of the pros/cons document. Volunteers to help Ilona prepare this criteria document were Mike Miller. If others are interested please let Ilona and Marlene know about your interest to help. (tauntoni@msn.com)

Marlene asked the group for input on how to reach out and make it known that accreditation to the TNI standard for FSMOs is possible through third party ABs'. Dave Speis is at PITTCON presenting a paper. The DoD did not accept the paper from the committee. It may be necessary to talk with EPA CLP and FEM about getting the information out to sampling organizations about the voluntary program to obtain accreditation for FSMOs. Two associate members are FSMOs and are interested in obtaining accreditation. Several states and Region 9 require multi incremental sampling (MIS) in regulations and contracts without a requirement for accreditation. (Bob DiRienzo) This may require contacting these agencies to determine if using this standard is feasible. Other ideas were to present papers at FSMO organizations. The associate members from EMT and ExcelEnergy are willing to provide to the committee possible conferences to present papers.

Joann Boyd volunteered to prepare a flyer using our presentation and newsletter articles. These can be used at the as handouts for meetings. We also may want to present a paper at the NEMC conference on this voluntary program. Need to promote "Be the first on your block" to be accredited. Be ready when contracts require accreditation for sampling and field measurements.

Other business

No other business presented

Marlene noted that additional committee members are still needed and explained the TNI application process. The committee will review and if acceptable approve new members at a teleconference on March 23, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Full Committee and Associates meeting April 14 1 pm