

TNI Information Technology Committee Meeting Summary December 18, 2014

1. Roll Call

Participants	Present
Clark, Arthur	
Daystrom, William	X
Evans, Nick	
Friedman, Maria	
Hickman, Dan	X
Kuhn, John (Chair)	---
Parr, Jerry	X
Pierrot, Rebecca	X
Shepherd, Mei Beth	X
Starr, Rip	
Varner, Pam	
Ward, Keith (Vice Chair)	X
Wlodarski, Jan	X

Approve November 2014 Minutes: Hold for next meeting (no quorum)

2. Website Design Changes Update

No additional changes have been made. William would like more suggestions for changes. Everyone should take a look at the website and send William some feedback before the January 2015 meeting. Here is the link to review: <http://nelac-institute.org/indexbeta.php>.

3. EPA Lab IDs Discussion

This issue has been resolved. Drinking Water, Waste Water and Lara Phelps met to discuss and they agreed to keep this going within EPA.

4. Meeting Presentations Posting to Website

The process of obtaining copies of presentations from speakers may be as simple as everyone loading their presentations onto flash drives and giving them to a member of TNI staff. The Conference Planning Committee may be rolled in with Advocacy Committee and we may be able to ask the TNI staff contact for Advocacy to be responsible for this. The number of presentations is small so it should be relatively easy to gather and upload.

Jerry will send Carol an email and give her this assignment.

5. LAMS Data Upload Routine Rewrite Status

The upload routine rewrite has been completed. The new version is better in some respects, but still the same in others. It is better now in that LAMS is no longer held up by more than one person running the application.

But previously, it was not clear when a user upload process was actually finished – a message that the upload was complete was never presented to the user so they tended to stay on the page waiting for something that is already done to finish. William ran a test, and after restarting the LAMS service, the message does now appear. William has set it up so LAMS restarts fresh every night to see if this resolves the problem with the message not appearing.

6. General Application Update

The LABEC has requested an update on priority for the Gen App. The project started out pretty quickly, but with other priorities popping up, it has taken a back seat. The LAB EC has requested an update on where it stands and what the priorities are.

We are at the point now where we need input from the ABs about what kind of reports we have to put out and how to get their FOAs into the Gen App. We have all the demographic information and a way to pick out FOAs. Mainly now, we need a way to compare it to what the Primary has and a way to output the application.

There are other activities with higher priority right now (website, upload problem) and there probably won't be any movement on the Gen App over the next 6 months.

7. LAMS Update

Dan has been contacted by the State of NY; they have updated all their lab demographics and are current on TNI lab codes. But we are running into the same problem as with all ABs: Not keeping their lab demographics – active or inactive – current. Of the labs that NY sent over, more than 80 labs no longer have NY as their primary, nor is it clear whether they have changed primary or dropped out of the program. Dan sent list back to NY for clarification. All ABs have had this issue. ABs will do an upload, but if they have to go in manually to change or deactivate a lab, they are not doing it. Dan is working with the ABs to sort this out.

Dan needs to work with William on some tasks that need to get done, including add a “2nd primary” field to the lab info page and a “null entry” in the accreditation database page.

Dan is also working with IL and has updated their demographics. IL may be uploading their FOAs before the meeting in February.

It would be great to have a lunch with ABs in February to discuss some of these issues (tentatively scheduled for Tuesday in Crystal City).

Dan is also doing a lot of analyte/method codes again especially [EPA] air methods.

8. February 2015 TNI Meeting

We will put together an agenda in January. We need to work on promoting the importance of coming to the IT meeting.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2015; 3:00pm EST