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Summary of the Cambridge, MA Laboratory Accreditation System Committee Meeting August 24, 2007

1. Introduction

The meeting of the TNI Laboratory Accreditation Systems Committee (LASC) was called to order by chairperson, June Flowers, on August 24, 2007, at 9:15 AM EST. Committee members were introduced. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A.

2. Review of SOP on Standards Interpretation

The SOP on standards interpretation was presented and reviewed in its entirety, then opened up for discussion. The form for submitting a request for standards interpretation is on the TNI web site and can be accessed by going to the LASC committee page and clicking on "Request for Interpretation".

Comments from the audience included for and against the requirement of being a TNI member to use the SOP. Several individual AB staff are not TNI members since their state does not reimburse for the fee. Suggestion was made to apply a fee to each inquiry. Concern was that inquiries should be made available to all on the website.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Database subcommittee – Dan Hickman gave an update and asked any interested attendees to join his concurrent session meeting to discuss the RFI bid for the data base.

Small lab subcommittee – Brooke Connor and the small lab members attended the Mentoring Sessions and Assessor's Forum and are in search of a project, i.e., PT frequency issue. Their QA Manual template has been a great resource for labs preparing for on-site inspections.

Non-NELAP AA subcommittee – Ann Marie Allen reported on the session held on Monday with many participants.

Full minutes of all subcommittee meetings will be posted on the TNI website.

4. New business

PT frequency and adoption of draft PT standard was discussed. Several attendees requested that LASC discuss this, poll AB's and propose a change to the PT committee for adoption in the TNI standard. Comment was made that it is too late, and comment period has passed. Suggestion was made to review the ILAC PT requirements.

5. Next meeting

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The next meeting of the LASC will be by conference call, September 14, 2007, at 11:00 am EDT. Topics will include review of the PT discussion at the Cambridge TNI meeting.

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Attachment A

PARTICIPANTS

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LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

Member	Affiliation	Contact Information
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Dan Hickman- present	Oregon DEQ, AB	
Marvelyn Humphrey-absent	USEPA Region 6, EPA	
Roger Kenton-present	Eastman Chemical Company,	
Judy Morgan- present	Environmental Science Corporation, Lab	
Jack McKenzie-present	Kansas DHE, AB	
Leyla Perez- present	Babcock Laboratories, Lab	
Dale Piechocki-present	Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Lab	
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