

TNI Information Technology Committee Meeting Summary

December 13, 2012

1. Roll Call

Participants	Present
Caldwell, David	
Clark, Arthur*	X
Daystrom, William	X
DiRienzo, Bob	
Fitzpatrick, Tim	
Friedman, Maria	X
Hickman, Dan	X
Kuhn, John	
Morgan, Judy	
Parr, Jerry	X
Pierrot, Rebecca	
Shepherd, Mei Beth	
Starr, Rip	X
Varner, Pam	
Ward, Keith	
Wlodarski, Jan	X

November 2012 Meeting Minutes: Approved. Ok to post.

2. LAMS Update

Dan continued to work with the Method Table. He has finished marking all of the approved methods: 146, 141, 143. William has filter on the main method page for drinking water and/or wastewater methods. Regarding the whole list of micro methods that need changes and/or deactivation, etc., made their way around ABs and received mostly positive reviews. Some changes were requested and Dan made those. He then sent the whole list to the new Micro Expert committee to look at. His next request will be for them to look at the mess we have with micro technologies and see if they have any suggestions for simplifying that.

Big news: We started a new AB loading their FOAs: LA DEQ. It is going little slow because they do more air monitoring methods than anybody else and they had to be input to tables. Hopefully this will be done by the time of the conference.

Dan has been in contact LADHH – they are ready to uploading their FOAs. We might actually be able to do that before the conference as well. This will bring us to 8 or 9 full ABs loaded.

Dan also talked with Bill Hall, NH – the AB Council met this week and formally agreed to not request method codes for methods with extended analyte lists. This creates a few minor problems for some ABs that Dan is willing to help them with, but solves a bunch of problems for others.

Dan is still working on method source documents. So far he has established source documents for 1,830 methods. He is currently only working on those that have been approved for use.

Dan received a request from PT Providers that now want to provide TNI codes to the DoD list of analytes; he has been adding those to our table as well.

NJ is ready to load FOAs but there are still some questions about method codes. Dan is working with them to sort those questions out so they can get those loaded.

Microscopic particle analysis in ambient water: Do we need the ability for the lab to query the database and find out what ABs offer accreditations for what analyte? The problem is that nobody has that information – not even. Accreditation is listed by technology only. Suggestion: Look up the analyst by technology, then call the ABs to see if they offer the specific analyte accreditation.

Slight issue: Old method tables have been stolen and being hosted elsewhere. People are googling and finding them. We will place a statement on our spreadsheet that these are the only tables that are currently being updated, and use watermark on archived documents. Overall, this is not something we need to worry about.

3. Website Update

VDS vote underway until January 15, using the new voting system. The new system is easier to set up votes, retrieve votes, and to maintain. Seems to be working well; votes are coming in.

The Radiochemistry page has been updated with charter, membership roster and meeting minutes. Information for the Micro page will be coming soon as well.

EDS webcasts have been very active. There have been a couple of tech support issues reported with the video stopping/needing to restart. William has not yet been able to reproduce the error yet, but is working on it. It could be caused by anything. Not happening for most people – only two complaints. Question: How were those groups watching the webcast? Were they running video through a projector with an AV pin cable vs. an HDMI cable? Basic AV cable may not be fast enough to keep up with streaming video. We will find out how they were actually watching it: via computer or project system. Can we put the training on DVD and ship? Yes. May be able to use youtube.com as an alternative on an exception basis.

We need to look at a different way of handling the orders that come in over the phone to reduce the email traffic between Jerry and William. Not a huge problem but something to look at.

The button to click to get the training handouts is not noticeable. William will move this up higher on the page.

Live training webinars coming up? Nothing until February.

5. Denver Meeting Updates

Lots of registrations this week – attendance should be about normal. 1½ hour meeting – still want to have that? Yes.

7. Next Meetings

January 2013, no meeting (conference)
February 21, 2013, 3pm EST