

TNI Information Technology Committee Meeting Summary

September 19, 2013

1. Roll Call

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

Approval of July 2013 Minutes

Motion: Pam Varner

Second: David Caldwell

Approved: Unanimous

3. IT Charter Changes/Review

William, Dan, and Jerry will work on accomplishments to go into the Milestones section or be referenced, with the goal of having this document completed and reviewed at the next meeting. Any specific implementation dates or new items such as an "Educational Delivery System" will be added to the Key Milestone area of the Charter. Vote for approval and implementation would be held at the November meeting, however, if there is agreement that no further modifications are needed to the document during the October meeting, the vote for approval and implementation will be held at that time.

4. San Antonio, TX Meeting

Dan substituted for the Chair of this committee and noted that a ninth AB is putting Field of Accreditation data into LAMS, and hopes that the remaining six ABs will soon contribute their FOA data as well, making LAMS available at its full potential. The generic application is progressing, with a draft Database Development Plan ready for committee review and then for review by the LAB Expert Committee and LAS EC. Dan is working on the goal of a methods compendium by including in LAMS copies of all methods or links to where the method(s) may be purchased, for Standard Methods, AOAC, ANSI and other non-free sources.

5. Database Development Plan for Generic Application (GenApp)

Mei Beth provided extensive comments on the plan. Since Dan was not on the call, the committee agreed to table any detailed discussion on this document until Dan has a chance to review the comments. John will ask Dan to respond to the comment before the call next month. Mei Beth volunteered to help if needed. Some concerns were expressed that this might be a product that will not be wanted by the ABs. After reading some of the minutes from 2011 and 2012 of the LAB committee, it appears that is not the case, so the committee plans to provide this document to the LAB Committee and let them pursue that conversation. As an alternative, there was discussion of the potential use of ELDO (correct spelling?) by ABs which could freely be provided to them by the state of Minnesota. As with the "GenApp" this would also require buy-in by the ABs and a likely modification to systems they are currently using. John asked William to look at the GenApp Development Plan from a winning bidding contractor's point of view to search for specification improvements and/or flaws that may make it difficult to build.

6. Website Update (William)

Louisville conference pages now posted.

7. Adjournment

Next call will be Thursday, October 17th, at 3:00pm EST.