

## **Summary of the NELAP Accreditation Council Meeting August 16, 2010**

### 1. Roll call

The NELAP Accreditation Council (AC) met at 12:30 PM CDT on August 16, 2010. Aaren Alger chaired the meeting. Those members in attendance are listed in Attachment 1.

### 2. Minutes

Minutes from the 8-2-10 meeting were reviewed and approved for posting.

Aaren Alger reported that voting on the MN application was complete, and MN has been approved as a NELAP accreditation body. Their certificate was presented at the DC meeting.

### 3. Experimental PTs

Aaren reported that the issue of how to handle experimental PTs had been discussed extensively at the DC meeting and that the NELAP AC needed to decide how they wanted to handle this so the PT Executive Committee could move forward with the FoPT tables.

Questions and comments on this issue included:

- We still don't know who needs the experimental PTs currently on the list. The institutional knowledge has been lost.
- If we do away with the experimental tables, how will we add PTs in the future?
- The real question is: what are the criteria for needing to add new PTs?
- We should go back to the PT Executive Committee's options 1 and 2 and decide on one of those options.
- The issue of approval of the FoPT tables and how to handle experimental analytes in the future should be separated. Experimental PTs can be handled later.

Following this discussion, Steve Stubbs moved that the experimental analytes meeting criteria outlined in Chapter 2 of the 2003 standards be moved to the NPW FoPT accreditation table with an effective date of March 1, 2011. Paul Bergeron seconded. Everyone present voted in favor with the exception of VA who requested to vote by email. OR and IL were absent and will be allowed to vote by email.

### 4. Accreditation Body application

At the last meeting, Lynn Bradley asked for input on the AB application and Application Completeness Checklist for use with the 2009 TNI standard. Lynn has received requests to add and delete some items from the current application form. Aaren appointed Scott

Siders, Steve Stubbs, and Dwayne Burkholder from PA to work with Lynn on revising the application form. Once the form is revised, the completeness checklist will be revised to match the form. The goal is to be ready by October 1, so that the RFP for training can be released.

#### 5. Implementation of new PT standards

At the TNI Board meeting in DC, Kirstin McCracken reported that some ABs had indicated that they did not intend to implement the new TNI PT standards. The TNI Board asked for a survey of ABs to find out if this was true.

Aaren stated that there might be some misunderstandings. She had previously stated that PA would not be following the new PT standard in their state only accreditation program, but that PA would follow the new standard in their NELAP program.

NY indicated that their current regulations would not allow reporting “less than” values for PTs. NY is reluctant to try to change their regulations because of lack of stakeholder support for this change. Stephanie reported that the PT Expert Committee had been informed that NY would have a problem implementing this requirement of the new standard, but the comment was ruled non-persuasive. Stephanie was uncertain how this will impact NY’s ability to recognize accreditations issued by other NELAP ABs.

TX reported that their comment regarding experimental PTs was not, in their opinion, adequately addressed. Texas' stance on the experimental PT tables will be influenced by what the NELAP AC, PT Executive Committee, and PT Expert Committee do regarding the existing tables and the pending TIA.

No other ABs reported problems with the new PT standards.

#### 6. Status of new standards implementation

Aaren requested that the ABs report on the status of implementation of the new standards in general:

<b>AB</b>	<b>Status of implementation of new standards</b>
CA	?
FL	Will publish for comment in Sept., adoption in Spring 2011
IL	?
KS	Still going through the chain of command. Will have to go legislature for approval and then to new governor. Will honor 2009 standards if not done in time.
LADEQ	Re-draft is going up the chain for review.
LADHH	Re-drafting now. Expect spring 2011.
MN	OK, new program done with 2009 in mind.
NH	Working on it, but don’t anticipate problems.

NJ	Have a draft, but governor imposed moratorium on new rules. Unknown timeframe.
NY	Will have re-write of regs done by the first of the year. Will be a long process.
OR	?
PA	Regs will be final in April
TX	Revised regs going to commissioners on Sept. 15 for adoption
UT	On schedule. Don't anticipate any problems.
VA	2012. Still working on getting labs accredited to 2003 under legislatively mandated program timelines. Would be too confusing and controversial to adopt new standards now. Secondaries are not an issue currently. Will try to run program with 2009 in mind.

## 7. DW FoPTs

Eric Smith had previously forwarded the revised DW FoPT tables to the NELAP AC for approval.

Steve Stubbs moved that the DW FoPT table be adopted with only those experimental analytes that meet the criteria in NELAC 2003 Chapter 2 with an effective date of March 1, 2011. Louis Wales seconded.

CA, LADEQ, LADHH, TX, and UT voted in favor. FL, KS, MN, NH, NJ, NY, PA and VA requested to vote by email. IL and OR were absent. These ABs will be allowed to vote by email.

## 8. Next meeting

The next regular conference call of the NELAP AC should be on Sept. 6, 2010, which is Labor Day. Aaren asked Carol to poll the ABs to find an alternate date.

## Attachment 1

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