

**SUMMARY OF THE
TNI LABORATORY PROFICIENCY TESTING EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

The Committee met by teleconference on Friday, September 19, 2014, at 11:00 am EDT. Chair Shawn Kassner led the meeting.

1 – Roll call

Fred Anderson, Advanced Analytical Solutions (Other)	Present
Stephen Arpie, Absolute Standards (Other)	Absent
Kareen Baker, Independent (Other)	Present
Yumi Creason, PA DEP (AB)	Present
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Present
Scott Hoatson, Oregon DEQ (AB)	Absent
Shawn Kassner, Phenova (Chair; Other)	Present
Roger Kenton, Eastman Chemical Co. (Lab)	Present
Stacie Metzler, Hampton Roads San. Distr. (Lab)	Present
Mitzi Miller, Dade Moeller Assocs. (Other)	Present
Judy Morgan, Env. Science Corp. (Lab)	Absent
Virgene Mulligan, Amrad (Lab)	Absent
Joe Pardue, P2S (Other)	Absent
Jim Todaro, Alpha Analytical (Lab)	Absent
Lisa Touet, MA DEP (AB)	Present
Ken Jackson, Program Administrator	Present

Associate Committee Members present: Nicole Cairns, NYSDOH; Audrey Cornell, ERA; Rob Knaki, A2LA; Shari Pfalmer, ESC; Brian Stringer, ERA

2 – Previous Minutes

It was moved by Mitzi and seconded by Kareen to approve the minutes of September 5, with the addition that Kareen was present. All were in favor.

3 – Updates

Ken drew the attention of Committee Members to the TNI website's posting of the V1M1 and V2M2 Voting Draft Standards. He reminded members that only 7 of them had voted previously on these 2 standards, which require at least a two-thirds majority of Committee member to vote in favor for the standards to pass. Accordingly, voting has been re-opened. Ken emphasized that ALL Committee Members needed to vote, even if they had cast their votes previously. He also described the corrective actions being taken to prevent recurrence of this problem, including expulsion from an Expert Committee of any Committee Member failing to vote on a standard that has been presented for membership vote.

Shawn asked for a volunteer from Committee Members to serve on the Standards Review Committee (SRC), whose job is to review new standards for consistency with the PT standards.

4 – V3 Comments

The committee had already discussed and voted on most of these, but Shawn said he expected to receive one or two more, and he anticipated just one more session would be needed to complete all the comments. The following comments were discussed.

Westerman0514

This had already been voted Persuasive, and Shawn had added a response. It was moved by Fred and seconded by Karen to accept the response and make the appropriate change to the standard. All were in favor.

Butts0514

This had already been voted Persuasive, and Shawn had added a response. It was moved by Mitzi and seconded by Fred to accept the response and make the appropriate change to the standard. All were in favor.

Dickinson0514

This had already been voted Non-Persuasive, and Shawn had added a response. It was moved by Fred and seconded by Roger to accept the response. All were in favor.

Lowry1_0514

This concerned Jeff Lowry's question "*What criteria is being used to determine if the calibration standards are independent of the PT standards?*" This had already been voted Persuasive and Jeff was working with a group to provide a definition to TNI to be considered by the PTEC and the Chemistry Expert Committee. However, the Committee debated how long they should wait. Stacie thought the wording in Sections 5.6.1.2 and 5.6.1.3 were already adequate, and suggested not waiting. Roger said there was no longer a reference to "second source" in the standard, so that sidestepped the issue. Fred and Rob Knaki both agreed the standard was satisfactory as already worded. Following this discussion, the Committee re-visited the vote. It was moved by Stacie and seconded by Fred that the language in the standard specifies the criteria for an independent source, and therefore the comment was Non-Persuasive. All were in favor.

Lowry2_0514

This had already been voted Non-Persuasive, and Shawn had added a response. It was moved by Fred and seconded by Mitzi to accept the response. All were in favor.

Hoffman_Villegas0514

Shawn drafted Section 5.9.2.8 of the standard and this was wordsmithed during the call. He said he would then send the wording to Hoffman, Villegas, and Matt Sica for their comments.

5 – Next Steps

Shawn expected to have the few remaining comments in time for consideration during the next conference call.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm EDT.