

TNI PT Executive Committee Meeting Summary

July 21, 2011

1) Roll call and approval of minutes:

Chairman Eric Smith called the TNI PT Executive Committee meeting to order on July 21, 2011, at 1:03 PM EST. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were 9 Executive Committee members present on the call. Associate members RaeAnn Haynes, Rob, Randy Querry, Patrick Brumfield and Nicole Cairns were present.

The June minutes were reviewed and committee members are asked to send any comments/changes to Ilona by July 28th.

2) WET Subcommittee

The WET FoPT Subcommittee has discussed the possibility of eliminating the NOEC requirement from the WET Table in the next review. NOEC is No Observable Effects Concentration and is a hypothesis test endpoint with severe statistical limitations and not a true point estimate. After much discussion the Subcommittee felt that using true point estimates for Proficiency Testing is much more reliable than the estimate provided with the NOEC. All WET laboratories that are reporting NOEC must also know the IC25 because it is run as a quality control metric so where NOEC may be used in a permit, the IC25 would be used to judge the proficiency of the laboratory. The single IC25 value also incorporates both of the effects (i.e. survival and sublethal) incorporated individually by the NOEC values. In addition this proposal accomplishes another important goal of reducing the number of tests expected from the laboratories and thereby producing more robust (larger) PT study populations.

Carl sent a question by e-mail to RaeAnn. She has asked that Carl send her more information from the lab to help make a decision.

3) Lead and SCM FoPT Tables

An e-mail vote still needs to be completed. Eric is still following up with Marlene to see if the NEFAP Executive Committee needs to approve the table for Lead before it becomes effective.

Results:

SCM FoPT Table

Eric – For

Justin – For
Carl – For
Joe – For
Andy – For
Michella – For
Stacie – For
Steve – For
Gary – For
Curtis – For
Amy – Abstain (Did not receive vote)

The motion passed.

FSMO Pb FoPT table vote –

Eric - For
Justin – For
Carl – For
Joe – For
Andy – For
Michella – For
Stacie – For
Steve – For
Gary – For
Curtis – For
Amy – Abstain (Did not receive vote)

4) DW FoPT Table

Eric asked for any final comments on the table. Michella noted that some of the metal limits are higher on the table than what EPA has. Arsenic, Boron and Cadmium are examples. They have been tightened from the criteria document, but she did not consider the comment to be a “show stopper”.

FR 141.23 – Same table as PT Acceptance limits. Carl will take a look at the tables. The FoPT table still meets criteria, but it should be a goal to bring some down.

The committee decided to look at these concerns at the September conference call.

Carl moved to accept the DW FoPT table as amended and forward it to the NELAP AC for approval. The motion was seconded by Gary.

Vote:
Eric - For
Justin - For

Gary - For
Steve - For
Carl - For
Stacie - For
Andy - For
Curtis – For

Votes by E-mail:
Michella – For
Joe – For

The motion passed.

Effective Dates for the SCM, FSMO and DW FoPT Table updates will be Jan 1, 2012

It was noted that PT providers need a minimum of 4 months before an effective date. NY and RTC agreed this date would work.

5) FoPT Management SOP – Application

Eric will send the DRAFT SOP to the NEFAP Executive Committee and NELAP AC for some preliminary comment.

Carl asked about how limits would be arrived at if there is not enough study data. Eric said this was included in the SOP.

Andy would be interested to know if there are any states thinking about asking for more analytes to be added to the table. Eric will add a question to the NEFAP Executive Committee and NELAP AC when he distributes the SOP to find out if they are aware of any analytes that may be requested for addition in the near future.

Eric is hoping to finalize the SOP in the fall.

6) Agenda for Bellevue

- Review new tables and color coding.
- FSMO Lead Table
- Structure of PT Tables. Kirstin raised a concern that they were not in the proper format.
- FoPT Table Management SOP – Review with Audience
- PTPA Presentations – A2LA will review the last year of the program. Eric will check with Mike to see if ACLASS will also present.
- Update Charter for committee. Eric will forward a copy to everyone.

Send any additional agenda items to Eric.

7) Membership.

Associate members left the call and then the group discussed committee membership.

Matt has submitted his resignation as an AB, but would like to continue on the committee as an Other.

Gary, Amy and Stacie will be rotating off.

Current Balance:

5 labs 3 others 1 PT Provider 2 ABs

There are currently 3 candidates. The qualifications and effect on balance were discussed. It was decided that committee members should solicit more nominations before a final decision is made. A status update will be done in Bellevue.

7) Review Open Action Items

Updated in table.

8) New Business

None.

9) Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PT Executive Committee will be in 8-16-11 in Bellevue, WA.

Action Items are included in Attachment B and Attachment C includes a listing of reminders.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 EST. (Motion: Gary Second: Michella Unanimously approved.)

Attachment A

Participants TNI Proficiency Testing Executive Committee

Members	Affiliation	Contact Information
Eric Smith, Chair (2010) Present	TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc.	615-726-0177 x1238 eric.smith@testamericainc.com
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Gary Dechant (2009) Present	Analytical Quality Associates, Inc.	970-434-4875 gldechant@aol.com
Amy Doupe (2009) Present	Lancaster Laboratories, Inc.	717-656-2300 x1812 aldoupe@lancasterlabs.com
Steve Gibson (2011) Absent	Texas Comm. on Env. Quality	512-239-1518 jgibson@tceq.state.tx.us
Michella Karapondo (2011) Present	USEPA	513-569-7141 karapondo.michella@epa.gov
Carl Kircher (2010) Present	Florida DOH	904-791-1574 carl_kircher@doh.state.fl.us
Stacie Metzler (2009) Absent	HRSD	757-460-4217 smetzler@hrsd.com
Joe Pardue (2011) Present	Pro2Serve, Inc.	423-337-3121 joe_pardue@charter.net
Dr. Andy Valkenburg (2011) Present	Energy Laboratories, Inc.	avalkenburg@energylab.com 406-869-6254
Curtis Wood (2010) Present	Environmental Resource Associates	303-431-8454 cwood@eraqc.com

Attachment B

Action Items – TNI PT Executive Committee

	Action Item	Who	Expected Completion	Actual Completion
161	Complete vote on FSMO FoPT Table.	Eric	Next Meeting	
162	Complete vote on SCW FoPT Table.	Eric	Next Meeting	
163	Distribute updated DW table to subcommittee for review.	Eric	Next Meeting	Complete
165	Follow-up on need for NEFAP EC approval of the FSMO FoPT Table.	Eric	Next Meeting	
166	E-mail vote on amended DW table.	Ilona	Next Meeting	Complete
167	Find citation for using tighter limits.	Carl	Next Meeting	
168	Update FoPT Management SOP, distribute to EC and then distribute to NEFAP EC and NELAP AC for comment.	Eric	Next Meeting	
169	Contact Chem FoPT Subcommittee to look at the PCB data again and make sure that it supports the limits TNI has set.	Eric	Next Meeting	
170	Ask NEFAP EC and NELAP AC if they are aware of any analytes that need to be added to the table.	Eric	8/16/11	
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Attachment C

Backburner / Reminders – TNI PT Executive Committee

	Item	Meeting Reference	Comments
6	DW Table Micro Total Coliform Rule Request	10/15/09	9 out of 10 vs. 10 out of 10
7	Add the Field PT Subcommittee to the limit update SOP during its next update.	3/4/10	
8	Implement all policies and procedures necessary for operation and continual improvement of a national PT program – including FoPTs for various matrices, stakeholders and accreditation programs. (Need to update SOPs – including an appeals process) – Complete by 7/1/11.	10/21/10	From 2010 Strategic Plan Review
9	Implement a process to periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the PT provider oversight program and the Fields of Proficiency Testing. Complete by 6/1/11.	10/21/10	From 2010 Strategic Plan Review
10	Define a process for addition or removal of analytes from FoPT tables. Complete by 7/1/11.	10/21/10	From 2010 Strategic Plan Review
11	Evaluate how labs are accredited for analytes that co-elute.	5-19-11	