

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
April 7, 2022 1 pm Eastern

1. Call to Order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm Eastern, April 7, 2022. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of Minutes

The March 3 minutes had a typo that requires correction. With this edit, Stacie moved and William seconded that the minutes be approved. Approval was unanimous.

3. Updates

Newsletter

Steve reported that all articles were submitted. Ken Brown, who chairs the Competency Task Force now, will have the byline for the article on credentialing, and the article on monitoring pathogens in wastewater by Patsy Root will be delayed until the next edition. Jerry advised that registration for the summer conference is now open and the newsletter will be published as soon as Jan Wlodarski completes its formatting.

Mentor Initiative

No change – there are 9 labs and 8 mentors at present. Additional mentors are needed before the program can grow.

Plan for Outreach to Data Users

Jerry requested that the small group working on this delay the activity until fall, due to his workload of other priority items. The volunteers are Jerry, Marlene, Sharon and William.

4. Five Year Reviews of SOPs and Policies

Position Statement SOP 1-118

The revisions from March were distributed. Two additional changes were requested: to drop the term consensus from the definition of Position Statement and to specify the changes made in §6 Approved SOP Changes. With these changes, Marlene moved and Robin seconded that the SOP be approved and the vote was unanimously in favor of approval.

Advocacy Documents SOP 1-122

A number of changes were recommended for this document, as follows:

- §1.0 – state what it does apply to first, then what is exempt. Specify that documents which only refer to TNI are not covered.
- §4.0 – use the revised definition for Position Statement as approved in SOP 1-118 earlier in the meeting. In definition of Article, eliminate the parenthetical phrase and the phrase “publish on the website”. Eliminate other references to publishing on the website, also, except for the Advocacy Documents listing

- §5.0 – add introductory statement that review and approval is based on the potential risk to the organization. Use the term “TNI group” instead of committee and specify Board of Directors (not just Board) throughout the section

5. New Business

There was no new business. Steve thanked everyone for their attendance, and adjourned the meeting.

6. Next Meeting

The next teleconference meeting is May 5, 2022, at 1:00 pm Eastern. The agenda and documents will be sent in advance of the meeting.

Attachment 1

	Name	Stakeholder Group	Present/Absent
1.	Steve Arms, Chair	Other	Present
2.	Stacie Crandall	Lab	Present
3.	Zonetta English	Lab	Absent
4.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Present
5.	Janice Willey	Federal	Absent
6.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Absent
7.	Robin Cook	Lab	Present
8.	Sharon Mertens, Vice Chair	Lab	Absent
9.	Teresa Coins	Lab	Absent
10.	Josh Wyeth	PT provider	Present
11.	William Lipps	Other	Present
	Associate Members		
	Kirstin Daigle	Lab	Absent
	Judy Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	JoAnn Boyd	Lab and FAC	Absent
	Keith Chapman	Other	Absent
	Kim Chamberlain	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Devon Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Paul Junio	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Lily Sanchez	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Silky Labie	Other	Absent
	Elizabeth Turner	Lab	Absent
	Stephanie Drier	AB	Absent
	Erin Consuegra	Lab	Absent
	Aurora Shields	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Carol Batterton	Other	Present
	Celeste Crowley	Other	Present
	Lara Phelps	EPA (Other)	Absent
	Mike Delaney	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Susie Arredondo	Mentor Subcommittee Chair	Absent
	Kathleen Young	Lab	Present
	Staff		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Lynn Bradley	TNI PA	Present