

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
May 2, 2019

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, May 2, 2019. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from March 7, 2019, and April 4, 2019, were reviewed, but not approved due to lack of a quorum at the beginning of the meeting.

3. Updates

- Jerry reminded everyone that registration was open for Jacksonville and early registration fees were in place until June 10. He noted that he had prepared a draft agenda for the program. He asked about the panel discussion that Advocacy is planning with the NELAP AC and NGABs and asked how exactly we wanted to do that. He suggested that we invite Christine Sotelo to share her project involving MOU's with NGABs to work in California. Jerry suggested that we do this meeting over lunch rather than in an open forum. It was agreed to hold this meeting on Wednesday at lunch.
- Jerry reviewed the proposal that CA ELTAC had submitted to Christine Sotelo's staff which suggested a quality management plan that cut out most of the TNI standard. Jerry drafted a letter to Christine on behalf of TNI pointing out the downsides to this proposal. TNI received a favorable response from the CA ELAP. Jerry also reported that he would attend the rule adoption hearing in Sacramento in June.
- Lynn volunteered to scribe the June meeting while Carol is gone.
- Carol reported that Stacie has indicated that she will not have time to prepare an article for the APHL magazine. After discussion, members agreed that we should ask Scott Siders if he would be willing to prepare an article based on his presentation about best practices for managing environmental laboratories. Carol will contact Scott.

4. Small Laboratory Advocate

Carol presented draft language for amending the Advocacy charter to reflect the activities of the Small Lab Advocate (SLA). Steve suggested that we should put this on the Advocacy agenda in Jacksonville for discussion. Jerry will also put this on the TNI Board meeting agenda for additional input. It was agreed that after we get input and finalize the charter language, Robin can develop a work plan for the SLA.

5. Value of Accreditation position paper

Steve introduced a draft of the Value of Accreditation position paper. There was discussion about the format of the paper, whether it should be a position paper or a white paper. Some believed that the content is more like a white paper. Carol will research white paper templates and re-format the paper for further discussion.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 12 Noon Central time.

Attachment 1

	Name	Stakeholder Group	Present/Absent
1.	Lara Phelps	EPA (Other)	Absent
2.	Steve Arms	Other	Present
3.	Lynn Bradley	Other	Present
4.	Martina McGarvey	AB	Absent
5.	Stacie Crandall	Lab	Absent
6.	Zonetta English	Lab	Absent
7.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Absent
8.	Janice Willey	Federal	Present
9.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Absent
10.	Robin Cook	Lab	Present
11.	Sharon Mertens	Lab	Present
12.	Teresa Coins	Lab	Present
13.	Ron Coss	Lab	Absent
	Associate Members		
	Kirstin Daigle	Lab	Absent
	Judy Morgan	Lab	Absent
	JoAnn Boyd	Lab and FAC	Absent
	Celeste Crowley	AB	Absent
	Keith Chapman	Other	Absent
	Andrea Teal	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Devon Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Paul Junio	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lily Sanchez	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Silky Labie	Other	Absent
	Elizabeth Turner	Lab	Absent
	Stephanie Drier	AB	Absent
	Erin Consuego	Lab	Absent
	Staff		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present