

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting  
July 1, 2021

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, July 1, 2021. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June 3, 2021 were reviewed. Robin moved approval and Sharon seconded. All present voted in favor.

3. Updates

- Registration is open for the summer meeting and the number of registrations is picking up. Advocacy will meet virtually on August 12 from 9am-12pm Eastern time. The agenda for this meeting will include:
  - Introductions
  - Summary of recent and future activities
  - Review of highlights of the week and identification of potential action items
  - Newsletter topics and planning
  - Review of conference planning for upcoming 2022 San Antonio meeting
  - Workplan review (if time)
- The State of National Accreditation letter was sent to Dr. John Griggs who chairs the Environmental Methods Forum at EPA. His response was favorable, and he was interested in meeting with TNI at a later date. He did note that his group was mainly interested in method development, and we should consider sharing our report with others. Jerry noted that we need to share the letter with the TNI Board and put the report on the website. Suggestions for sharing the letter to other organizations outside of TNI included ACIL, APHL, WEF, AWWA, DoD, and NACWA. We should also share the information at regional meetings.
- Jerry provided his draft PowerPoint for the State of National Accreditation presentation at the EMS for review. Lynn had previously provided edits by email. It was also noted that the Link on Slide # 6 does not work. Steve indicated he would provide additional edits by email.

4. Review and Approval of Revised Charter

Carol and Steve presented a revised draft charter which reflects the addition of TNI's oversight of the mentoring initiative as item # 9. The revised charter also reflected deletion of the paragraph on decision-making which is now part of SOP 1-101 for all committees. Members agreed to delete the success measure under # 3 that required Advocacy to maintain a presentations library. The Executive Director performs that function currently and Advocacy is not involved. Robin moved that the charter be approved with the indicated changes and Lynn seconded. All present approved.

5. Workplan Tasks

There was limited time was left for discussion of this item. It will be included in next month's agenda.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is August 12, 2021, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm CDT. This meeting will be part of the second week of the Environmental Measurement Symposium and will be virtual.

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	Present
6.	Zonetta English	Lab	Present
7.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Absent
8.	Janice Willey	Federal	Absent
9.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Present
10.	Robin Cook	Lab	Present
11.	Sharon Mertens	Lab	Present
12.	Teresa Coins	Lab	Absent
13.	Josh Wyeth	PT provider	Absent
	<b>Associate Members</b>		
	Kirstin Daigle	Lab	Absent
	Judy Morgan	Lab	Absent
	JoAnn Boyd	Lab and FAC	Absent
	Keith Chapman	Other	Present
	Andrea Teal	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Devon Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Paul Junio	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lily Sanchez	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Silky Labie	Other	Absent
	Elizabeth Turner	Lab	Absent
	Stephanie Drier	AB	Absent
	Erin Consuegra	Lab	Absent
	Nan Thomey	Lab (other)	Absent
	Aurora Shields	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	William Lipps	Other	Absent
	Celeste Crowley	Other	Present
	<b>Staff</b>		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present