

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
July 2, 2020

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, July 2, 2020. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Updates

- **Summer meeting** – Jerry informed the committee that the summer meeting will be virtual and spread out from August 3 to August 21 with presentations daily from 10 am ET to 4 pm ET in order to be reasonably convenient for all time zones. There will be 4 tracks with 40-50 presentations each. Registration fees will be \$100 per track or \$300 for all. Carol will send registration links out to the committee.
- **Mentoring subcommittee** – Steve reported that the Mentoring Subcommittee met last week. The group has developed a questionnaire to help assess a laboratory's needs for mentoring. The questionnaire will be converted to survey monkey for lab who wish to respond.
- **TNI Ambassadors** – Steve reported that the Ambassadors quarterly meeting scheduled yesterday had to be cancelled due to conflicts. Since several of the Ambassadors were on this call, he asked for them to report on activities in their state.
 - Devon Morgan reported that there was not much going on in Nevada right now. There may be future staff changes which could impact the state's interest in becoming a NELAP AB.
 - Bob Pullano reported that South Carolina was using TNI quality system checklists and other resource documents but was not interested in becoming a NELAP AB at this time. Due to the pandemic, they have reduced the number of onsite audits.
 - Paul Junio reported that there's not much going on in Wisconsin. There have been no onsite audits and the laboratory advisory committee has only met one time on Zoom.
 - Aurora Shields reported that there's nothing new from Missouri. They are locked and the laboratory committee is doing conference calls.
 - Zonetta English reported that Kentucky uses a lot of TNI's resources and that things have gotten back to normal after leadership changes.

Jerry suggested that we might want to consider a "State of the States" session at the winter meeting in San Antonio. If we don't have a face to face meeting, it would a virtual session. Questions to ask the states could be "Where do they want to be in 10 years?" and "How do they use TNI resources (or not)?" Jerry noted that we may need to delay the winter meeting. If we do meet face to face, we should allow two hours for committee meetings.

4. Value of Accreditation white paper

Steve reviewed the latest revisions of the white paper. Additional changes/corrections suggested included:

- Add something to indicate the importance of sampling to data quality along with mention of NEFAP. Jerry suggested a text box at the end of the Discussion section.
- Make formatting consistent.
- Reduce the number of quotes from panelists, eliminate bullets and use italics.

- Add statement to beginning of the conclusions “Laboratory accreditation to the TNI standard does make a difference”
- Reformat the bullet on changing the standard into table or some other format.

Carol will make revisions and circulate again. Sharon moved that final approval be done by email. Zonetta seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will September 3, 2020, 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	Present
5.	Stacie Crandall	Lab	Present
6.	Zonetta English	Lab	Present
7.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Present
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
	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	Present
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	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	Present
	Nan Thomey	Lab (other)	Absent
	Aurora Shields	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Staff		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present