

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
October 3, 2019

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, October 3, 2019. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1. Steve introduced Josh Wyeth from Phenova, who has applied for membership on the Advocacy Committee. Josh is joining the call today as an associate. Steve indicated that the committee will vote on Josh's application for full membership at the next meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September 5, 2019 were reviewed. Lynn moved approval and Teresa seconded. All present voted in favor.

3. Newsletter

The committee assigned articles and authors for the next newsletter previously. Sharon Mertens is the editor. She will write a short article on the Minnesota private water well testing initiative to add to the newsletter as a sidebar. The committee decided that the article due date will be October 28 with a mid-November publication date.

4. Newport, CA, winter meeting

Jerry reported that the agenda for Newport has been finalized. All seven speakers for the Tuesday afternoon panel, "How Accreditation Improved my Laboratory" have been confirmed. He expects to launch registration next week. Jerry also noted that California's proposed rule is expected to be out next week and final in December, so the timing of this conference is good.

5. Highlights from Jacksonville

The Advocacy Committee reviewed the list of highlights from the Jacksonville meeting. Items noted for further action included:

- Small Lab Advocate: We should go forward with the Advocacy charter revisions for the Small Lab Advocate position. Jerry will put this as an agenda item for the TNI Board meeting.
- Mentoring: We should explore options for a mentoring program like what California has done. Jerry will include that topic in the TNI strategic planning meeting.
- Method validation project: William has identified IT issues with the method validation project and the electronic data deliverables. Jerry is working with William to resolve this so the project can go forward.
- PT data: The committee will wait until after the Newport meeting to pursue further analysis of Curtis Wood's PT data as related to the value of accreditation project.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 7, 2019 at 12 Noon Central time.

Attachment 1

	Name	Stakeholder Group	Present/Absent
1.	Lara Phelps	EPA (Other)	Present
2.	Steve Arms	Other	Present
3.	Lynn Bradley	Other	Present
4	Martina McGarvey	AB	Present
5.	Stacie Crandall	Lab	Present
6.	Zonetta English	Lab	Absent
7.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Absent
8.	Janice Willey	Federal	Absent
9.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Absent
10.	Robin Cook	Lab	Absent
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	Present
	Lily Sanchez	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Silky Labie	Other	Absent
	Elizabeth Turner	Lab	Absent
	Stephanie Drier	AB	Absent
	Erin Consuego	Lab	Absent
	Josh Wyeth	PT Provider	Present
	Staff		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present