

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting  
November 7, 2019

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, November 7, 2019. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1. Josh's Wyeth's application for full membership was not voted on due to lack of a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 3, 2019 were reviewed. The minutes were not voted on due to lack of a quorum.

3. Updates

- Newsletter – Sharon reported that all articles except one had been received. She has forwarded all to Jerry and he has sent them to Jan for formatting. Robin indicated that she would not have time to complete her article for this edition.
- Newport meeting – Jerry reported that the schedule is set, and Kay is finalizing the preliminary brochure. It should be out next week. We have 50 attendees registered so far. Steve gave an overview of the special session on “How TNI accreditation Improved My Lab” and indicated that he would be contacting the panelists with details soon.
- ELAB – Jerry reported that EPA has disbanded ELAB. Several of the organizations that had participated in ELAB are considering continuing to meet and work on projects important to laboratories and accreditation, much like ELAB did.
- Carol gave an overview of the strategic planning meeting and potential objectives for Advocacy. She indicated that a draft plan would be available for the December TNI Board meeting.

4. California rules

Jerry reported that California ELAB had published their rules for the laboratory accreditation program. The rules included language related to “principal analyst” which seems onerous and unnecessary. He drafted a comment letter for the committee to review and indicated that the Quality Systems Committee will also draft a letter. A public hearing on the rules has been set for December 18 in Sacramento and Christine Sotelo has asked Jerry to attend.

5. Small Lab Advocate

Steve asked Robin for an update on the Small Lab Advocate activities and asked Robin if she needed help or support with anything. Robin indicated that she is waiting for Elizabeth Turner to give her the admin information for the SLA LinkedIn page so that she can begin monitoring and updating. She also needs the names and contact info for all the Expert Committee chairs in case she needs help answering questions. Paul will get that for her. The committee decided that we can present Robin's workplan at the Newport meeting during annual reports. Prior to Newport, Robin will focus on getting the LinkedIn and Facebook pages up and active. She will ask Trinity to help her with Facebook.

6. Other

Jerry indicated that he has been fielding questions from a trade association about phthalate testing for costume jewelry and the application of TNI standards to this testing. He doesn't believe the TNI standards apply and will write a letter to that effect.

#### 7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 5, 2019, at 12 Noon Central time.

## Attachment 1

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Stakeholder Group</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
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	Absent
7.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Absent
8.	Janice Willey	Federal	Absent
9.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Absent
10.	Robin Cook	Lab	Present
11.	Sharon Mertens	Lab	Present
12.	Teresa Coins	Lab	Absent
13.	Ron Coss	Lab	Absent
	<b>Associate Members</b>		
	Kirstin Daigle	Lab	Absent
	Judy Morgan	Lab	Absent
	JoAnn Boyd	Lab and FAC	Absent
	Celeste Crowley	AB	Present
	Keith Chapman	Other	Absent
	Andrea Teal	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Devon Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Present
	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	Absent
	<b>Staff</b>		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present