

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
February 22, 2011

1. Call to order

Judy Duncan called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm CDT on January 6, 2011. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes for January 6, 2011. All present voted in favor. A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes for the February 2, 2011, meeting in Savannah. All present voted in favor.

3. Follow up with APHL

At the Advocacy Committee meeting in Savannah, it was agreed that a joint task force would be formed with representatives of TNI and APHL to pursue accreditation options for state environmental labs. Ken Jackson suggested that the task force include 3 representatives of APHL and 3 representatives of TNI, including An APHL staff member and an EPA representative. Ken will solicit volunteers and then select task force. He will report monthly to the Advocacy committee on progress.

Ken will attend the APHL meeting in June and will look for opportunities to give a report on task force activities. Michael Wichman is speaking at the plenary on lab accreditation. Lara Autry is also speaking at the conference.

4. Seattle meeting

Jerry Parr proposed that the Advocacy have several separate meeting with stakeholder groups in Seattle. Jerry proposed that Advocacy have their regular meeting and then as many as two additional meetings with special groups such as WEF, AWWA and NACWA. These meetings will be a good way to keep the relationships strong with these groups. We can decide in the June timeframe which groups to invite.

5. Newsletter

The next newsletter editor is Paula Hogg. The due date for articles is March 15. Publication target is April 15. The newsletter will include following articles:

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Featured Topics	Assigned to	Email	Due Date for Draft	Status
Re-cap of Savannah meeting	Carol B.	carbat@beecreek.net	Mar. 15	
PT expert committee status of response to NELAP AC concerns	Kirstin McCracken	kmccracken@stl-inc.com	Mar. 15	
Update on NEFAP	Marlene Moore	mmoore@advancedsys.com	Mar. 15	
Status of working draft standards for QS	Silky Labie	elcat-llc@comcast.net	Mar. 15	
Need committee volunteers	Judy Duncan	judy.duncan@deq.ok.gov	Mar. 15	
NEMC call for papers	Jerry Parr	jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org	Mar. 15	
AB task force (side bar –this means short)	Judy Duncan	judy.duncan@deq.ok.gov	Mar. 15	
Status of CITF (side bar)	Alfredo Sotomayor	Alfredo.Sotomayor@Wisconsin.gov		
Status of implementation of new standards by NELAP AC	Lynn Bradley	LmbTbird@aol.com	Mar. 15	
Member profile: Jim Weber	Kirstin McCracken	kmccracken@stl-inc.com	Mar. 15	
Announcement of New Directors	Jerry Parr	jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org	Mar. 15	
Working with EPA	Jerry Parr	jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org	Mar. 15	
New committee: EMM	Richard Burrows	Richard.Burrows@testamericainc.com	Mar. 15	
Roll out of educational delivery system	Ilona Taunton	tauntoni@msn.com	Mar. 15	

The next newsletter will be published July 15.

6. Kentucky legislation

Jerry provided the committee with information about proposed legislation to establish a laboratory accreditation program in Kentucky. Committee members expressed concern about the proposed legislation especially since it did not mandate the use of national standards. Jerry did not have any background on this bill and Carol Batterton offered to call Judy Morgan before the next meeting to see if she had any information.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be March 3, 2011, at 12 noon CST.

Attachment 1

#	LastName	FirstName	Stakeholder Group	Present	Term
1	Autry	Lara	Other	Y	1
2	Coats	Kevin	Other	N	2
3	Bradley	Lynn	Other	Y	1
4	Duncan	Judy	AB	Y	1
5	Jackson	Kenneth	Other	Y	2
6	Shields	Aurora	Lab	X	3
7	Wyatt	Susan	AB	X	1
8	English	Zonetta	Lab	Y	2
9	Perry	Michael	Lab	N	3
10	Hogg	Paula	Lab	N	1
11	Ward	Gary	Lab	Y	2
12	Wichman	Michael	Lab	Y	3
13	Turner	Elizabeth	Lab	Y	
14	Keith	Chapman	Small Lab Advocate	Y	
15	Parr	Jerry	ED	Y	
16	Batterton	Carol	PA	Y	
			ASSOCIATE MEMBERS		
	McCracken	Kirstin	Lab	N	
	Morgan	Judy	Lab	N	
	Steve	Arms	AB	Y	