

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting July 2, 2019

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CDT, July 2, 2019. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June 6, 2019, were approved unanimously in response to a motion by Sharon, seconded by Zonetta.

3. Updates

- Scott Siders has agreed to write an article for the APHL publication, Bridges. He will prepare the article for the January 2020 issue, with a deadline of December 2019 for article submission.
- The Advocacy documents page is now up on the TNI website.
- Jacksonville meeting – Martina asked if the NELAP ABs will be receiving the questions ahead of time for the lunch meeting on Wednesday regarding use of NGABs. There was agreement that they should. Carol will send out an invitation including the questions. Lynn and Steve will be cc'd.
- Newport meeting update – Jerry has been working on scheduling a session for California labs. He reviewed the draft conference at a glance along with a draft agenda for a session with California labs. Jerry proposed a half day session on Tuesday which would include an overview/update from Christine Sotelo on California ELAP. The full day on Wednesday would include a breakdown of the quality management requirements into 20 topic sessions of 20 minutes each with discussion about implementation. Members suggested that the program be re-worked so that it is a TNI 2016 standard implementation program that would be of interest to more than just the California labs. Members also suggested that actual assessors be asked to do the presentations. Jerry will re-work the draft for further discussion at the Jacksonville Advocacy meeting.

4. Value of Accreditation Paper

Jerry and Carol presented the revised Value of Accreditation white paper along with the proposal for a lab scorecard that Jerry has drafted. Comments on the scorecard concept included:

- Some are not in favor of the scorecard because it could be perceived as too subjective
- There may be some easy metrics we could use such as % assessments on time, % AB evaluations on time, % repeat findings. Alfredo used to do a similar type report for the On-site Committee. ABs could report metrics quarterly. Most ABs probably track these numbers already. TX, FL, and MN also have previously compiled lists of their top ten findings.
- We need input from labs on whether they feel their assessment added value to their program. After correcting deficiencies, were they a better lab?

After discussion, members agreed to leave the revised white paper open for further revision after receiving input at the Jacksonville meeting. Stephanie suggested that a link could be included to the paper on the conference welcome email to generate comments.

5. Other

A member asked if a certificate of completion is available for participation at the conference. Jerry reported that certificates have been generated in the past on request. He will look into setting up a way for an attendee to print their own certificate on demand at check-in.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting would normally be on August 1, 2019 at 12 Noon Central time. Since the committee will be meeting the following week in Jacksonville, Steve cancelled the August 1 meeting. The Advocacy committee will meet in Jacksonville on Friday, August 9, 2019, at 9:00 am.

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	Absent
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.	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	Present
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Paul Junio	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lily Sanchez	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Silky Labie	Other	Absent
	Elizabeth Turner	Lab	Absent
	Stephanie Drier	AB	Present
	Erin Consuego	Lab	Absent
	Staff		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Carol Batterton	TNI PA	Present