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

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**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        |