

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
November 2, 2017

1. Call to order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon CST, November 2, 2017. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from October 5, 2017, were reviewed. Lynn moved approval and Sharon seconded. All present voted in favor. Steve asked Carol to check to make sure all approved minutes were posted on the website.

3. Winter Meeting 2019

Jerry shared the follow up proposals he had received from the three finalists for the winter meeting 2019, Wichita, KS, Columbus, OH, and Milwaukee, WI. After reviewing the proposals, members felt that Milwaukee might be better equipped to handle adverse winter weather. Additionally, the date range of January 29-February 1, 2019, was more in keeping with our usual timeframe. A motion was made and seconded to recommend that Jerry continue to pursue negotiations with Milwaukee. Members noted that we should do some targeted outreach to Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa to advertise this meeting location.

4. Albuquerque Meeting 2018

Jerry reported on his visit to the hotel in Albuquerque and arrangements for the 2018 winter meeting. The hotel has a good layout. He was a little concerned about the availability of walk-able restaurants.

Trinity designed a Facebook page with ideas for extracurricular field trips in Albuquerque. Attendees will be given an invitation to join the page after they register for the conference. It was also suggested that we could design a link to the conference on a mobile app.

Jerry reported that 30-40 people had already registered and 205 room nights were already booked. There has been a good response from California.

5. Updates

Newsletter: Jerry reported that the newsletter would go out today or tomorrow.

MUR: Jerry reported that the new 600 series methods did not update the MDL's because EPA did not have inter-laboratory data. TNI has been communicating with other

organizations to approach EPA about a collaborative effort to provide them with some data. We expect to finalize a letter to EPA with this proposal next month.

“Handbook” training classes: Jerry reported that Silkie’s class on QC has been announced and 37 people have signed up already. He noted that all classes will be considered pilot projects at first. Trainers will have the option to write a handbook chapter, but there is concern about expense.

California program: Jerry indicated that things seem to be moving forward with the new program. Labs are buying a lot of standards, and the state is doing a lot of training.

6. Next meeting

The next teleconference meeting of the Advocacy Committee will be on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 12 Noon Central time.

Attachment 1

| | Name | Stakeholder Group | Present/Absent |
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| 1. | Lara Phelps | EPA (Other) | Present |
| 2. | Steve Arms | Other | Present |
| 3. | Lynn Bradley | Other | Present |
| 4. | Stephanie Drier | Lab | Absent |
| 5. | Martina McGarvey | AB | Present |
| 6. | Stacie Crandall | Lab | Present |
| 7. | Zonetta English | Lab | Present |
| 8. | Marlene Moore | Other and NEFAP | Absent |
| 9. | Elizabeth Turner | Small Lab Advocate | Absent |
| 10. | Janice Willey | Federal | Present |
| 11. | Trinity O’Neal | Lab | Absent |
| 12. | Robin Cook | Lab | Present |
| 13. | Sharon Mertens | Lab | Present |
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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 |
| | Teresa Coins | TNI Ambassador | 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 |
| | Staff | | |
| | Jerry Parr | TNI ED | Present |
| | Carol Batterton | TNI PA | Present |

