Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting October 1, 2009

1. Call to order

Judy Duncan called the meeting to order at 12 Noon CST. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes from the 9-4-09 meeting were reviewed and approved for posting on the TNI website.

3. Next newsletter

Carl Craig, editor for the next newsletter, reported on the status. He will send out a reminder of the upcoming deadline this week. Since this will be the last newsletter of the year, the committee changed the due dates as follows:

Articles are due October 6. Estimated publication date is November 1.

3. Discussion of survey

Jerry sent out worksheet 13 listing the comments received from Judy Morgan's survey. Jerry and Susan Wyatt will organize comments in the worksheets. The committee will then split up into small groups to analyze the comments and topics.

4. Letter to the Forum on Environmental Measurement (FEM)

As recommended by the Advocacy Committee, the TNI Board has sent a letter FEM requesting that TNI and EPA enter into an MOU. This will not be reported in the newsletter until after we hear back from EPA. If we hear in time, it could be featured for the January meeting. We also may mention it briefly in bulleted list about activities of TNI committees for October newsletter article. Related item; one reason EPA should work with TNI is that TNI has requested this cooperation. Such cooperation is open to other organizations that request it as well.

5. 2010 Newsletter schedule

The committee developed the following schedule for the 2010 newsletter:

Article	Publication	Major Topic	Editor
Deadline	Date		
March 6	April 1	Recap winter meeting	Judy
June 6	July 1	Highlight summer meeting	Aurora
October 6	November 1	Recap summer meeting; Highlight	Michael
		winter meeting	

6. PT issues

Jerry will prepare a brief summary of PT issues and will work with others to prepare a one page Executive Summary that summarizes:

- ELAB efforts
- PT Subcommittee report
- SLAG efforts

7. Committee terms

TNI is required by SOP to publish a list of committee vacancies by Oct. 1 of each year. Judy will send an email requesting members to indicate whether they want to continue to serve.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be November 5, 2009, at 12 Noon CDT. The agenda will include

- Discussion of the survey comments
- Outreach to EPA Regions
- Review of committee vacancies

Attachment 1

#	LastName	FirstName	Stakeholder Group	Present	Term				
1	Autry	Lara	Other	Y	1				
2	Coats	Kevin	Other	N	2				
3	Conlon	Pat	Other	N	3				
4	Craig	Carl	Other	Y	2				
6	Moore	Marlene	Other	N	1				
7	Duncan	Judy	AB	Y	1				
8	Jackson	Kenneth	Other	Y	2				
9	Shields	Aurora	AB	Y	3				
10	Wyatt	Susan	AB	Y	1				
11	Eaton	Andy	Lab	N	1				
12	English	Zonetta	Lab	N	2				
13	Perry	Michael	Lab	Y	3				
14	Pletl	Jim	Lab	N	1				
15	Ward	Gary	Lab	N	2				
16	Wichman	Michael	Lab	N	3				
17	Schantz	Leonard	Small Lab Advocate	N					
18	Parr	Jerry	ED	Y					
19	Batterton	Carol	PA	N					
	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS								
	McCracken	Kirstin	Lab	N					
	Morgan	Judy	Lab	Y					