

## **TNI Board Meeting**

February 1, 2007

Denver, CO

### **1. Call to order.**

The TNI Board met in Denver, CO, during the Forum on Laboratory Accreditation. Present at the meeting were Dave Speis, Judy Duncan, Aurora Shields, Sharon Mertens, Alfredo Sotomayor, Eddie Clemons, Ilona Taunton, Steve Arms, Richard Sheibley, Ken Jackson, Dave Mendenhall, Brooke Connor, Kevin Coats, Jerry Parr, Susan Johns, Jane Wilson, and Carol Batterton.

### **2. Review of advocacy group meetings.**

Steve Arms stated that the meeting with ACIL was positive. ACIL representatives did express concern about excess documentation requirements for small labs, and ongoing problems with PTs. They would like to see PTs once a year.

Richard Sheibley stated that the meeting AWWA representatives included discussion on the benefits of accreditation and what AWWA saw as barriers with NELAC.

Aurora Shields stated that the meeting with WEF and NACWA resulted in a commitment by TNI to develop a performance standard based on a quality system for wastewater utility labs. That will require a new committee that focuses on the new standard.

### **3. Other issues for the Board to consider.**

We need a system to keep track of what the committees are working on. Every committee needs to submit a bulleted list of their projects. This list will be used to further develop the roles and expectations of the committees during the strategic planning meeting.

In the closing session, we should emphasize the positive energy that has been evident at the Denver meeting.

The current committees need to be considered interim until the committee operating policy can be developed and we have a process for selecting member and establishing terms.

Jerry will send out an announcement that nominations for the new Board will be open until February 9. The Nominating committee will select and present a slate of officers for the membership to vote on.

TNI needs to begin developing an MOU with EPA's Office of Water for continued coordination of drinking water state primacy evaluations and TNI accreditation evaluations. The Board will take the lead on that.

The states of Colorado and Nevada are interested in becoming accreditation bodies, but cannot collect fees to support their programs. They have inquired about having TNI collect their fees and then TNI returns the funds to the states as a grant to run their programs.

**4. Next meeting.**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2007.