# Summary of Accreditation Body Committee Meeting September 18, 2007

### 1. Roll Call and Introductions

Committee chair Jeff Flowers called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM on September 18, 2007. Members present included: Sharon Mertens, Jeff Goodwin, Steve Arms, Steve Stubbs, Lynn Bradley, and Linda Geddes.

### 2. Minutes

Minutes were presented. Lynn Bradley moved to accept and Linda Geddes seconded. Approval was unanimous by voice vote.

### 3. Discussion

Consensus Standards Review Board review and voting process was discussed. Advantages of secondary accreditation was reviewed as a means of involving more AB's in the process.

Need for dispute/appeals resolution process was reviewed. The reciprocity issue was discussed with reference to states adopting a mutual recognition process. It was recognized that states would have a difficult item adopting such a mechanism given the sovereign authority of States. The process that made the best path seemed to be a central "NELAP" that recognized the State which TNI through the NELAP board provides.

Finally the discussion centered on the immediate need for an Appeals Process.

## 4. Next Steps

Lynn Bradley is to report on the AIHA process of board review and acceptance.

Jeff Flowers is to meet with the LASC Chair and review the proposal to have ABC provide an SOP of appeals process/dispute resolution.