

Summary of the TNI NELAP Board Meeting May 3, 2010

1. Roll call

The NELAP Board met at 12:30 PM CDT on May 3, 2010. Aaren Alger was absent and Steve Stubbs chaired the meeting. Those members in attendance are listed in Attachment 1.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the 4-19-10 meeting were reviewed and approved for posting.

3. Update on new applications

Lynn Bradley reported that MN's response to the technical review was acceptable and the onsite evaluation is scheduled for next week. The lab observation will be next week also.

4. AB recognition fees

Steve Stubbs stated that the discussion of invoicing date for the recognition fees and the fee SOP would be tabled for this meeting. Any AB that is in favor of changing the invoice date from July to an earlier date should email Aaren (cc to Carol) and let her know. Possible revision of the invoicing date and fee SOP will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Steve also advised the Board that Jerry Parr is considering recommending to the NELAP Board that the new standards be used for the next round of AB evaluations. This will require an extension of the current certificates in order to let the new standards come into effect. There is concern that EPA will not be in favor of delaying the start of the next round of evaluations. Carol reported that Jerry planned to discuss this with Brenda Bettencourt, EPA liaison to the NELAP Board.

5. DW FoPT

Aaren Alger had previously shared with the NELAP Board the following request from Eric Smith, Chair of the PT Board:

On March 4th, the PT Board unanimously voted to approve an update to the Drinking Water Accreditation FOPT Table. The focus of this update was to transfer analytes from the DW Experimental table to the DW Accreditation table, with the intent of retiring the current Experimental DW table once this new DW Accreditation FOPT Table update becomes effective. The effective date is tentatively set at July 1, 2010, but may require revision based on the timing of NELAP Board approval.....

The PT Board now requests that the NELAP Board review and approve the attached TNI DW FoPT 2010 table.

Questions and comments on the request included:

- Does this new table create de facto technology specific fields of proficiency testing?
- This is a subtle change but could be significant.
- Does the July 1 implementation date work?
- The PT Board needs to explain what the changes mean.

Jan Jensen and Steve Arms will email their concerns to Aaren so that she can get with Eric Smith to discuss before the next meeting.

6. Response to TNI Board memo- Action Plan

Steve Stubbs asked for comments on the draft action plan prepared in response to the TNI Board's memo to the NELAP Board. Lynn Bradley commented that the recommendations for the Evaluation Coordinator in Section II seemed reasonable to her and she would work to get these done.

Others commented that they had not had enough time to review the memo and would like to discuss at the next meeting. Steve asked everyone to review and email comments prior to the next meeting.

7. SIR process

Steve Stubbs asked if anyone had been able to access the online system for approval of SIRs. No one has been able to find it on the TNI website. Carol will get with Ilona to find out how to do this. A password may be needed.

Steve also suggested that when we get information on accessing the system, we should set a schedule for getting the backlogged SIRs approved. Steve asked for this item to be on the agenda for the next time.

8. Other

Irene Ronning asked if it was acceptable for a lab to have two primary ABs for the same parameter. The response was that there is nothing in the standard that prohibits it if the lab's home state is not an AB. It was noted that some labs have done this as a way of documenting consistency issues. The ABs agreed that they should collaborate on issuing accreditations in these cases.

Steve Stubbs noted that Texas has proposed rules to adopt the new TNI standards in July 2011 and to raise lab accreditation fees. Joe Aiello noted that New Jersey may not be able to implement the new standards in 2011 because all rulemaking has been frozen in NJ. FL has rulemaking in progress to adopt the new standards.

Steve Arms asked who had volunteered to work on the SW 846 work group with him. Volunteers were Joe Aiello and Scott Hoatson. Carol suggested that additional volunteers might be available from the LASC if needed.

9. Next meeting

The next conference call of the NELAP Board will be May 17, 2010. Potential agenda items include:

Approval of minutes

Update on new applications

Discussion and possible vote to change invoice date for AB fees and discussion of fee SOP

Discussion of action plan for TNI Board memo

SW 846 work group report

DW FoPT approval request

SIR process update

Attachment 1

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