

## **Summary of the NELAP Accreditation Council Meeting**

**April 20, 2015**

### **1. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes**

The NELAP Accreditation Council (AC) met at 1:30 pm EST on Monday, April 20, 2015. The minutes from March 16 and April 6, 2015, were approved. Those members in attendance are listed in Attachment 1. The required two-thirds quorum for business regarding accreditation matters was not present.

### **2. Action Items Pending**

Aaren to re-draft language about "home state" for insertion into the Mutual Recognition Policy 3-100.

### **3. Possible Logo for Accreditation to TNI Standard**

Alfredo Sotomayor joined the Council for additional discussion about potentially using one single logo for the non-governmental AB and the NELAP AB accreditations, reflecting "accreditation to the TNI Standard." Alfredo first discussed this with the AC on March 2, and apparent agreement was reached but without a full quorum present, there was no formal vote taken. The Council discussed the matter again on March 16, with different members present, and several objections to a single logo were presented.

Alfredo returned at this meeting to address those concerns, but the individuals with serious objections were not present. One of them, however, was able to call in for a short period of time and it became obvious that there will not be unanimous agreement on the use of a single logo for all accreditations to the TNI Standard.

There is no requirement that laboratories use a logo, but they are permitted the use of the specified logo if they wish, even though all data reports need to include the laboratory's accreditation number and its scope of accreditation. A suggestion was made that the Council see the choices of logos being offered for consideration, but with stated outright opposition to a single logo under any circumstances, Alfredo explained that the TNI Non-governmental AB Recognition Committee (TNRC) was the group requesting a single logo, and that without the Council's agreement, the non-governmental ABs will likely proceed to create and adopt a unique logo for that group's use, to signify accreditation to the TNI Standard.

Alfredo thanked the group for their time, and departed the call.

### **4. Executive Session**

The Council went into executive session for the remainder of the meeting.

### **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the AC will take place on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 1:30 pm Eastern. An agenda and teleconference information will be sent out before the meeting.

NOTE: We still need a volunteer AB to lead the Summer 2015 Assessor Call – either July or August. Please consider if your AB will be able to do this.

**Attachment 1**

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