

Non-Governmental Accreditation Body Working Group  
 TNI Non-Governmental Accreditation Body Recognition Committee  
 January 25, 2016

1. Roll Call

Alfredo Sotomayor called the Non-Governmental Accreditation Body (NGAB) Working Group and the TNRC meeting to order at on January 25, 2016, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The following members were present:

**Non-Governmental Accreditation Body (NGAB) Working Group:**

Name	Stakeholder Group	Present
Alfredo Sotomayor, Chair	TNI Board member	√
Kristin Brown	NELAP AB	√
Jim Todaro	Laboratory	<b>Absent</b>
Cheryl Morton (Geneva Bowman)	Non-governmental accreditation body	√
Steve Arms	Chair, TNI Advocacy Committee	√
Dave Speis	Chair, TNI Finance Committee	√
Carol Batterton	TNI staff support	√
Jerry Parr	TNI Executive Director	√

**TNI Non-governmental Accreditation Body Recognition Committee (TNRC):**

Name	Stakeholder group	Present
Kim Watson	Accredited FSMO, NEFAP EC	√
Judy Morgan	Laboratory, LASEC Chair	√
Daniel Lashbrook	Laboratory	√
Yumi Creason	State Accreditation Body	<b>Absent</b>
Marlene Moore	Other, NEFAP Recognition Comm.	√
Ilona Taunton	Evaluation Coordinator and lead Evaluator	√

Alfredo asked members to review minutes of the previous meeting and send any corrections to Carol.

2. Update on NGAB activities

Alfredo delivered the attached presentation on the status of recognition of NGABs to accredit laboratories to the TNI standard.

Questions and comments from the presentation included:

Can NGABs accredit for drinking water?

No, states have to be primary, but NGAB could do an accreditation and the state can affirm it.

Can the umbrella under which the NELAP AC and potentially the TNRC are located be called “Laboratory Accreditation Program”? This may resolve concerns about wording and naming.

We should look at a way to address concerns without introducing new and confusing nomenclature.

After discussion, Jerry suggested that for now we recommend leaving the TNRC in its current location reporting to the TNI Board. We can then continue to work to resolve organizational issues with the NELAP AC.

Dan Hickman reported that he is working on adjustments to LAMS so that NGABs can enter their accredited labs. It was suggested that we could also put FSMOs in the database. Dan needs more information on what we would like to see in LAMS for NGABs.

## 5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NGAB Working Group and TNRC will be scheduled for approximately 2 weeks from now.