

**MINUTES OF
THE NELAC INSTITUTE'S
PROFICIENCY TESTING EXPERT COMMITTEE
June 28, 2011**

Agenda Item 1: Standing Committee Operations

The Proficiency Testing (PT) Expert Committee of The NELAC Institute (TNI) met by conference call on June 28, 2011. Committee Chairperson Kirstin McCracken led the call. This was a supplemental call to review options for PT reporting.

Call to Order: The teleconference was called to order at 1:34 PM ET.

The following committee members were present for this call:

Kirstin McCracken
Scott Hoatson
Shawn Kassner
Roger Kenton
Joe Pardue
Jim Webber
Amy Doupe
Steve Arpie

The following associate members were present for this call:

Nicole Cairns
Keith Ward

Agenda Item 1: PT Scoring

The committee discussed the proposals presented by Jerry Parr, State of Oregon and by Kirstin McCracken. Kirstin asked for input from the labs and the ABs on which proposal was the best option.

Labs: Roger: Best option is TNI 2009 Standard but Jerry's proposal provides options to laboratories. Amy: Prefers the PTRL reporting presented by Kirstin. Nicole also preferred PTRL reporting because it allows flexibility. Roger prefers to not set the "value" to which a non-detect must be reported.

ABs: Scott noted that some labs require labs to report to PTRL. Scott was also concerned that the committee is reneging on its commitment to LOQ. Roger responded that LOQ is the preferred option but that implementation is more difficult than anticipated.

After much discussion of the pros and cons for each proposal those present on the call decided the option that might work for the majority would be to proceed with PTRL reporting but not require calibration to the PTRL and allow labs to report estimated values in PT without qualification. Kirstin will summarize the proposal in the WDS for review by the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM

Attachment A

**ACTION ITEMS
TNI PROFICIENCY TESTING COMMITTEE**

Item	Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Date Complete
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Attachment B

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