

Proficiency Testing Expert Committee

Meeting Summary February 11, 2022

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, February 11, 2022, at 11:00 AM ET. Chair Kirstin Daigle led the meeting. The call was being recorded for the sole purpose of preparation of meeting minutes. The recording will be deleted immediately upon creation of said minutes.

Roll Call

Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Laboratory)	Absent
Susan Jackson, SC DHEC (Laboratory)	Present
Reggie Morgan, Hampton Roads San. Distr. (Laboratory)	Absent
Rachel Brewster, Advanced Analytical Solutions (PT Provider)	Present
Amy Pollard, Occidental Chemical (Laboratory)	Absent
Kirstin Daigle, Pace Analytical (Chair; Laboratory)	Present
Sennett Kim, A2LA (AB)	Absent
Ryan Pangelinan, State of Oregon (AB)	Present
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Present
Amy DeMarco, NYSDOH (PT Provider)	Present
Jim Todaro, Alpha Analytical (Lab)	Absent
Marie Wu, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Lab)	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Present

A quorum was not present as the meeting began, and the meeting proceeded as an informational meeting only.

Associate Committee Members: Nicole Cairns, Brian Stringer and Tim Miller were also present.

The agenda is presented in Attachment 1 and was approved by the Committee.

There are no January minutes as the meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with Committee leadership. The next meeting of the PTEC was held during the TNI Winter meeting in San Antonio. The meeting summary from San Antonio is presented below and additional discussion by meeting participants is presented in the next section of these minutes.



Winter Meeting/San Antonio

- **Summary of PTEC Meeting**

Kirstin reported that one element of the Winter meeting was a meeting to present and discuss the issue concerning reporting of uncertainty with PT results. Radiochemistry Committee members discussed the use of, and reporting practices utilized in radiochemistry analyses and reporting. Essentially all radiochemistry results (including PT results) include a measure of uncertainty. The TNI Standard has a requirement for other disciplines to also determine but do not generally report uncertainty. Also, PTPs have no means to evaluate the data when provided and ABs state that if it is reported it must be evaluated and “scored” by PTPs.

After considerable discussion, it was determined that the PTPEC and the Radiochemistry Committee would work to modify the FoPT tables to both capture the data and determine what evaluations and/or criteria might be used to determine acceptability.

During the separately convened PTEC meeting, which reportedly had excellent attendance, the intentions of the Committee regarding potential changes to EL V1M1, V2M2, V3 and V4 were presented for public comment. Participation was active and comments were solicited and collected by the Committee and these comments will be addressed as the PTEC develops its DS. A major issue for all interest categories was the difficulties with Method Codes (complex, inconsistent, repetitive, applied different by different ABs, etc.) This was the “number one” concern of many of the participants. Kirstin advised that it was possible that during the TNI Summer meeting (NEMC), a special session regarding “Method Codes” may be on the agenda.

2022 Membership Status

As of the Winter meeting and consistent with TNI procedures, a total of five current members could rotate off the committee. Two of these members have been offered and may elect a second 3-year term. At least three members therefore will be rotating off the committee. We were also advised of an additional resignation based on an employment change. This suggests four new full voting members are required to return the Committee to maximum capacity. Kirstin and Bob have solicited interest from Associate members and a public announcement was also made in the TNI Newsletter. To date a number of interested parties have responded. Prior to the March meeting, the candidate list will be finalized, and candidate information will be distributed for balloting in March during a “closed session.”

Establish Draft Standard Working Groups

Kirstin suggested that the PTEC follow the model of other Expert Committee and establish work groups (2-4 members) to work on modifications to various sections of the Volume and/or module under review. These work groups (consisting of members and/or

associates) would then bring their recommendation back to the full PTEC for consideration. Numerous individuals on the call volunteered to serve on a work group. Kirstin and Bob will work to fully organize this effort.

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New/Old Business

Bob mentioned that upon cancellation of the regular January PTEC meeting, that we need to consider changing the meeting date and/or time. This issue was tabled until March.

Having completed all agenda items, the PTEC meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM ET. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2022, at 11:00 AM ET.

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda- Revised

02/11/22

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST

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1. Roll Call
2. Winter Meeting / San Antonio Highlights
 - Summary of PTEC Public Meeting 01.20.2022
3. 2022 Committee Membership Status
4. Establish Draft Standard Working Groups
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