

Proficiency Testing Expert Committee

Meeting Summary July 9, 2021

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, July 9, 2021, 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. The agenda is presented in Attachment 1. No other changes and/or additions were proposed for the agenda which was approved by the committee.

Roll Call

Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Laboratory)	Absent
Patrick Garrity, KYDOW (AB)	Absent
Craig Huff, ERA (Vice-Chair; PT Provider)	Present
Susan Jackson, SC DHEC (Laboratory)	Present
Tim Miller, Phenova (PT Provider)	Present
Reggie Morgan, Hampton Roads San. Distr. (Laboratory)	Present
Rachel Bailey, Advanced Analytical Solutions (PT Provider)	Present
Amy Pollard, Occidental Chemical (Laboratory)	Absent
Kirstin Daigle, Pace Analytical (Chair; Laboratory)	Present
Sennett Kim, A2LA (AB)	Present
Ryan Pangelinan, State of Oregon (AB)	Absent
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	Absent

Associate Committee Members: Nicole Cairns, Audrey Cornell, Danielle Pearman, and Brian Stringer were also present. With a quorum present the meeting proceeded.

Review and Approve June 2021 Minutes

The June 4, 2021, minutes were reviewed. After minor corrections, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Tim Miller ~~was made~~ and seconded by Reggie Morgan. The motion was unanimously approved, and the minutes are presented below. The minutes will be forwarded to William for posting on the TNI website.



NEMC/TNI Meeting Reminders (important dates, registration options)

Kirstin reminded the committee that the PTEC is not scheduled for an in-person or virtual committee meeting for the Summer 2021 NEMC/TNI Meeting. She shared that the PTEC is meeting virtually from 9AM-12PM EST on Thursday, July 11th and members of the committee registered for the conference were encouraged to attend this session. For committee members that were not registered, it was noted that others in attendance will provide a debrief of the meeting during the August PTEC Committee call.

The PTEC Committee members planning to attend the in-person session include Kirstin and Reggie.

Establish Workgroups for each PT Standard Volume

Kirstin opened this topic with the suggestion that the committee establish workgroups to begin/continue work on the PT Standard Volumes and asked for committee member suggestions for how to approach this task. Specifically, what has been the approach that has worked best before?

Nicole shared that for development of the ~~2106~~2016 Standard, workgroups were used mostly for comment review on the voting draft standard. Otherwise, each volume was reviewed by committee in its entirety. Discussion ensued and it was agreed there are many different ways to proceed and smaller workgroups may help move through the material faster. Tim noted that it was important for each volume to be reviewed in relation to all other volumes to avoid inconsistencies in content. Kirstin asked the group if it was generally agreed that revisions to the volumes are needed. Nicole replied yes for Volume 1 and Volume 3, but maybe not for Volumes 2 and 4.

Based on the discussion, the committee decided to establish a workgroup to begin the review and compare Volumes 1 and 3, since these volumes complement each other. After requesting volunteers, the workgroup will be comprised of Kirstin, Craig, Tim, Nicole, Susan. It was generally agreed that this review will take two months.

Kirstin mentioned that volunteers were needed to reach out to other TNI groups per the suggestions captured from prior meetings and recorded in the Comments-Review of PT Standards workbook. The two items for which outreach is needed are related to the correction between V3 and V1 of the PT for the reporting of uncertainty for radiochemistry, and whether clarification is needed for qualitative/quantitative supplemental PT used as remedial PT for misidentified analytes, the latter related to SIR 7.

For uncertainty with radiochemistry, it was agreed that the PTEC needs input from the radiochemistry expert committee. Kirstin volunteered to contact the radiochemistry expert committee chair since she was previously assigned this task. Regarding the topic of supplemental PTs, Kirstin shared with the committee the notes from Comments-Review of PT Standards workbook, and it was agreed that the

committee needed to review this item more closely before outreach to other TNI groups. Nicole commented that both topics would require input from the Accreditation Council (AC). Tim asked if this item included PCB scoring. The group answered no, but generally agreed the issues are related to the overall application of supplemental PT.

The committee decided to make review of the supplemental PT question an agenda topic for the August meeting along with a re-review of historical SIR. Nicole confirmed that the PTEC previously completed the review of historical SIR and recalled that the committee had made comments for future standard revisions.

New Business

Craig Huff asked Kirstin to send the most recent version Comments-Review of PT Standards worksheet to the PTEC. Kirstin confirmed she would send the requested information to the PTEC via email.

No other new or old business was presented to the committee for consideration.

Having completed all agenda items, the PTEC meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM ET. The next meeting of the PTEC was scheduled for 11:00 AM ET on August ~~13~~⁶, 2021. Due to the dates of the In-Person and Virtual TNI/NEMC meeting, the meeting was rescheduled for the second Friday of the month (i.e., August 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM ET) instead of the usual 1st Friday meeting date.

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda- Revised

07/09/21

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST

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1. Roll Call
2. Review and approve minutes from previous meetings:
 - TNI_PTEC_06.04.21_draft
3. NEMC/TNI Meeting Reminders (important dates, registration options)
4. Establish Workgroups for each PT Standard Volume
5. New Business