

**SUMMARY OF THE
TNI LABORATORY PROFICIENCY TESTING EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING**

JULY 13, 2018

The Committee met by teleconference on Friday, July 13, 2018, at 11:00 am EST. Chair Nicole Cairns led the meeting.

1 – Roll call

Fred Anderson, Advanced Analytical Solutions (PT Provider)	Present
Jim Brownfield, ESC (Laboratory)	Present
Nicole Cairns, NYSDOH (Chair; Laboratory)	Present
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Absent
Patrick Garrity, KYDOW (AB)	Absent
Craig Huff, ERA (PT Provider)	Present
Susan Jackson, SC DHEC (AB)	Present
Tim Miller, Phenova (PT Provider)	Present
Reggie Morgan, Hampton Roads San. Distr. (Lab)	Present
Ken Jackson, Program Administrator	Present

Associate Committee Members present: Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar, FLDEP; Audrey Cornell, ERA; Amanda Grande, Phenova; Shawn Kassner, Neptune; Brian Stringer, ERA

2 – Previous Minutes

It was moved by Fred and seconded by Susan to approve the minutes of June 1, 2018. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

3 – Committee Membership

It was moved by Nicole and Seconded by Jim to appoint Craig as vice-chair. All were in favor. On discussion it was agreed another laboratory member could be appointed to the committee without adversely impacting the balance. Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra) had repeatedly expressed interest and was a regular Associate Committee Member on the conference calls. Nicole said she would schedule a Committee Members-only call to consider Chandra's application.

4 – PowerPoint presentation for the New Orleans conference

Nicole shared her draft of the proposed slides for the presentation on the 2016 standard (V1M1). Discussion centered on the impact on microbiology laboratories that were in the habit of reporting greater-than (>) values on MPN methods, but the 2016 standard would not allow this. It was suggested municipal laboratories would be most affected, because unlike contract laboratories, municipal laboratories are not accustomed to having to dilute the samples. Tim and Craig offered to help with slides explaining MPN ranges and proper dilution schemes. Also discussed and edited were slides on PT frequency, which is expected to generate discussion.

5 – 2009 - 2016 Standard Comparison Table

As discussed during the previous month's call, Chandra, Tim, Jim, and Fred had reviewed the table and had provided minor edits. With these edits in place, it was moved by Fred and seconded by Tim to accept the review. All were in favor.

6 – Standards Interpretation Request (SIR) Reviews

Pursuant to the previous month's call, two items on the SIR spreadsheet were discussed further.

Item 8: The table indicated a document had been written that discussed evaluation of less-than (<) reporting in the 2003 standard. Nicole would ask Jerry if that was so. Nicole had checked that the SIR was not relevant to the 2009 standard, and it had already been established it was not relevant to the 2016 standard.

Item 9: This concerned the RSD of the validation method vs. the assigned value of verification, which are two different things. The SIR was applicable to all the standards, and Nicole had corrected the section references in 2009 and 2016. She added there was an error in the section designation of assigned value criteria; it had been incorrectly defined as homogeneity criteria.

Time did not allow further discussion of SIRS, so this would continue during the next conference call

7 – Next Meeting

The August committee meeting would be at the New Orleans meeting, so the next conference call was scheduled for September 7, 2018.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm EDT.