

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

**NOVEMBER 2, 2018**

The Committee met by teleconference on Friday, November 2, 2018, at 11:00 am EST. Chair Nicole Cairns led the meeting.

**1 – Roll call**

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

Associate Committee Members present: Stacie Crandall, Hampton Roads San. Distr.; Amanda Grande, Phenova; Sean Kassner, Neptune

**2 – Previous Minutes**

Nicole asked for the following changes to the minutes of October 5, 2018. In Section 3, the wording was changed to say Volume 1 and 2 were adopted, and implementation of Volumes 3 and 4 was awaited. In Section 4, paragraph 4, the sentence: “The example was of a numeric value below the PTRL with benzene not spiked and a laboratory reporting 5.2, with a PTRL of 7.0 and a laboratory LOQ of 10.0.” was modified to replace “reporting” with “obtaining a value”. With these changes in place, it was moved by Tim and seconded by Jim to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

**3 – Online Committee Membership Training - status**

Bob Wyeth had asked committee chairs to report which members had completed their training. Of those on the call, Chandra, Jim, Reggie, Tim, Patrick, and Nicole confirmed they had done so.

**4 – Status of 2016 TNI Standard implementation**

Nicole reported discussions on implementation of Volumes 3 and 4 had commenced with a conference call between the PTPEC and PT providers. They also needed to hear from the PTPAs and ABs on future calls.

**5 – New AB Membership**

Nicole said Fred and Rachel would be rotating off the committee at the end of the year, and an application had been obtained from Matt Sica, who would be in the AB category. Fred had indicated he may have an applicant from his organization. Membership would be considered during the

December call, when the Committee Chair position would also need to be discussed. Nicole asked members to consider if they wanted to be chair, but she indicated her willingness to serve another term if no one else was interested in the position.

## **6 – Standard Interpretation Request (SIR) Reviews**

Consideration of the table of SIRs was continued from the September call.

Item 8. It was added that it is applicable to 2003.

Item 10. Tim had added new detail in the references to the sections.

Item 11. Tim had again added more detail to the references. For the 2003 standard, clarification was added on the length of time allowed to report for DMRQA samples. This was fixed in the 2009 standard, and in 2016 the time-frame was not specified.

Item 12. The second question (failed study) was not really addressed in the 2009 standard. It was not an issue in 2003. In the 2016 standard it was addressed in V1 Clause 5.2.3, but revocation is not mentioned. However, 2016 V2 says it is a cause for revocation, and each AB has its policies on whether to revoke. It was not applicable to 2016, because the issue was not addressed.

Items 14, 18, and 19 required no further changes.

Item 6. This was applicable to all three standards, but in 2016 it was not really addressed. It was agreed to state: “No. The difference between a supplemental PT needed for quantitative vs. qualitative failures was not fully addressed for analyte groups.” This item was added to the Parking Lot for the next standards revision.

Item 7. It was added that this was applicable to 2003 and 2016 (it would have passed in 2009, and was therefore not applicable). For 2016, reference was made to clauses 4.3.5 and 4.3.7 a). The following was added to the column Applicable to 2016: “Yes. Section 5.9.3.1 of V3 states that a value for an analyte with an assigned value above the PTRL will be scored as not acceptable”.

This left just 4 items that would be considered during the next conference call.

## **7 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm EST.