

TNI PT Board Meeting Summary November 15, 2007

1. Roll call and approval of minutes.

Chairman Carl Kircher called the TNI PT Board to order on November 15, 2007, at 12:00 PM CDT. The following members were present: Bill Ingersoll, Kirstin McCracken, Richard Sheibley, Steve Gibson, and Svetlana Isozamova. Associate members Randy Querry, Dan Tholen, Tom Coyner, Chuck Wibby, and Mike Haller were present. Program administrator Carol Batterton was also present.

The minutes from the October 18, 2007 meeting were approved for posting on the TNI website.

2. PT Provider Meeting

Carl Kircher reported that A2LA will hold a meeting of PT providers on November 28, 2007. Carl will attend to represent the TNI PT Board. Randy Querry of A2LA indicated that they expected 12-15 attendees. The meeting will focus on two main topics. First, the PT provider database and second, addressing comments on the ongoing monitoring of PT providers. The PT providers asked that information on the agenda and discussion topics be sent out ahead of time so that they could be prepared to discuss the issues raised.

3. Report from Microbiology FoPT Subcommittee

Chuck Wibby reported that the Micro FoPT subcommittee is going through the current PT requirements and proposing revisions that will make the PT tables more reflective of the current micro requirements. The subcommittee has finished with the qualitative methods with the exception of the issue of changing the requirement to passing 10 out of 10. They have requested data from PT providers before making that recommendation. They are currently looking at requirements for enumeration methods.

4. ISO 17043

Carl Kircher and Dan Tholen reported that there was a draft of ISO 13043 out for comments. There will be a consultative draft in June which would be a good time for TNI comments.

5. Appeal of PT Board Decisions

Carl stated that the PT Board needs to develop a process for appeal of PT Board decisions. The draft SOP for standards interpretation may cover some of the issues that come before the PT board, but not all. Since the NELAP Board is also developing an appeals process, the board decided to wait and review that process before developing one for the PT Board.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the TNI PT Board will be held on December 20, 2007 at 12 Noon Central time. Agenda topics include:

- Planning for the PT Caucus at Newport (possible items – timetables for future revisions to PT standard and report from PT providers.

The SOP for PT Caucus will be used as a guide.