

## **TNI PT Board Meeting Summary July 17, 2008**

### 1. Roll call and approval of minutes.

Chairman Carl Kircher called the TNI PT Board to order on June 17, 2008, at 12 Noon CDT. All Board members were present. Associate member Chuck Wibby, was also present. Jerry Parr acted as Program Administrator for Carol Batterton. Minutes from the June 18, 2008 meeting were approved for posting on the TNI website after a motion from Gary Dechant and a second by Curtis Wood.

### 2. Micro FoPT Tables

The editorial changes suggested by Jerry Parr for the Micro FoPT tables were approved by a roll call vote of the Board after a motion by Curtis Wood and a second by Matt Sica. All members voted for the motion except Kirstin McCracken who abstained. The tables will be posted on the TNI website by July 21.

### 3. DMR QA meeting with EPA staff

Jerry has set up a meeting with Patrick Yellin of EPA for Monday, August 11, from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Jerry indicated Patrick is planning other meetings that week, one with PT Providers and one with the DMRQA Coordinators. After discussion, the Board agreed the following individuals would be invited to the meeting: RaeAnn Haynes, Carl Kircher, Kirstin McCracken, Jim Pletl, and Aurora Shields. In addition, an invitation will be sent to all PT providers. The purpose of the meeting is to explore options for the relative roles of TNI and EPA with respect to the DMRQA program. The agenda would include a brief overview of TNI and the TNI PT program to be provided by RaeAnn, a brief review of the DMRQA program by Patrick, and then an open discussion of how TNI and EPA can best work together on this program.

### 4. Agenda for TNI Meeting on August 12

After discussion, the Board agreed on the following agenda for the public meeting of the Board on August 12:

- 1:30 Introductions
- 1:45 General PT Board Activities
- 2:15 Experimental Analytes (Open Forum)
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 Whole Effluent Toxicity FoPT Subcommittee
- 4:00 Microbiology FoPT Subcommittee
- 4:30 Air and Emissions FoPT Subcommittee

5:00 Adjourn

5. Current Terms expirations for PT Board members were discussed and agreed on as follows:

Carl Kircher (AB)	2009
Curtis Wood (Other)	2009
Eric Smith (Lab.)	2008
Gary Dechant (Other)	2008
Kirstin McCracken (Lab.)	2009
Matt Sica (AB)	2010
Michelle Karapondo (Other)	2010
RaeAnn Haynes (AB)	2008
Steve Gibson (AB)	2010
Svetlana Izosimova (Lab.)	2010

This schedule now conforms to the TNI Bylaws for rotating and staggering terms plus keeping the balance of stakeholder interests.

6. Progress on re-evaluation of A2LA as PTOB

Carl reported the process was progressing as planned.

7. Experimental PTs

This topic was selected for in-depth discussion at the August meeting. Curtis Wood and Eric Smith will prepare a short presentation providing background and the options under consideration. The presentation is to be neutral in terms of a recommending solution.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting of the PT Board is the public meeting on Tuesday, August 12 from 1:30 to 5:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Carl Kircher and second by Gary Dechant at 1:25 pm.