The NELAC Institute

The New Organization
INELA Programs
Continuation & Transition

- INELA Standards Development Committees and their work transferred seamlessly to TNI.
- ANSI has been notified of the change in INELA bylaws to form TNI and necessary actions to document changes to the ANSI certification have been initiated.
NELAC Programs
Continuation & Transition

- Website, Database, Membership & Outreach and Special Committee activities transferred immediately to TNI.
- AARB continues to act as NELAP Program Director.
- PT Board working cooperatively with TNI PT Board and expects to transition soon.
- EPA Regional Evaluators Work Group recognized as advisory to NELAP program.
TNI Board confirmed Jerry Parr as Executive Director.

- Articles of Incorporation changed.
- Banking and other business processes changed or in process of change.
- Budget for 2007 approved including budget for Denver meeting.
- Financial Audit Committee preparing for audit.
MOU signed with NELAC Board for transition of programs.

MOU signed with A2LA to continue to function as PTOB during transition and enter into negotiations to become PTOB/PTPA for TNI.
Administration Programs
Continuation & Transition

- Formation of TNI committees almost completed.
- Nominating Committee formed and SOP approved.
- Vision Statement revised.
- TNI website launched and operational.
- NELAC website migration initiated.
Bylaws changes proposed for –
- Number of members on Financial Audit Committee.
- Replacing the term “Accrediting Authority” with “Accrediting Body.”

Changes to Standards Development Policy were proposed and accepted.

Concerns over composition of the PT Board have been discussed.
EPA Support

- Four Cooperative agreements
  - TNI: Standards Development and Technical Assistance
  - TNI: National Environmental Monitoring Conference
  - NSF: Standards Development
  - NFSTC: Self-sufficiency
NFSTC/NSF/TNI Cooperation

- Joint report to EPA Project Officer (Lara Autry) on December 15, 2006.
  - TNI will perform consensus standards development and technical assistance.
  - NFSTC will fund the Program Administrator position for the NELAP, LAS and PT, and Technical Assistance programs.
  - NFSTC will assist TNI with the national database.
  - NSF will provide program administration support to the TNI standards development process.
EPA support for national accreditation is more secure than it has ever been.

EPA’s help, while significant, is only a portion of the TNI revenue.

For the short term, TNI has adequate revenue to meet its projected needs.

A strategic planning effort to look at long-term funding options will occur in the spring of 2007.
TNI Core Programs

- Consensus Standards Development Board
- Laboratory Accreditation Committee
- National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) Board
- Proficiency Testing Board
- Technical Assistance
Other TNI Committees

- Advocacy
- Conference Planning
- Financial Audit
- National Database
- Nominating
- Policy
- Website
Hallelujah we have help!

Jerry Parr, Carol Batterton, Susan Johns & Jane Wilson all have assignments to assist committees and subcommittees.
Advocacy Committee – Aurora Shields

- Lara Autry
- Mark Carter
- Kevin Coats
- Judy Duncan
- Andy Eaton
- Zonetta English
- Barbara Finazzo
- Ken Jackson

- Marlene Moore
- Michael Perry
- Jim Pletl
- Gary Ward
- Michael Wichman
- Susan Wyatt
- Bob Wyeth
Advocacy Committee
Duties

- Establish relationships with -
  - Other organizations such as ACIL, AWWA, WEF, etc.
  - EPA Program Offices & Regions
- Develop presentations & papers to promote national accreditation and TNI.
- Provide outreach at national, regional & local meetings.
- Assist with publication of the member newsletter.
Consensus Standards Development Board – Ken Jackson

- JoAnn Boyd
- Bob Di Rienzo – Quality Systems
- Sharon Mertens – Accreditation Body
- Anand Mudami – Proficiency Testing
- Alfredo Sotomayor – On-Site Assessment
- Martin Tait – Field Activities
Consensus Standards Development Board Duties

- Guide the program in its primary mission for developing and maintaining standards.
- Define roles and responsibilities for Expert Committees.
- Authorize task forces and study groups.
- Annually review work of all committees.
- Ensure that the process for standards development and adoption conforms to TNI requirements.
Conference Planning Committee – Jerry Parr

- Lara Autry
- Carol Batterton
- Robert Benz
- Brooke Connor
- Judy Duncan
- Dave Speis
- Kay Parr
Financial Audit Committee – Sharon Mertens

- Tom McAninch
- Other players to be named
Laboratory Accreditation Committee – June Flowers

- Ann Marie Allen
- Lance Boynton
- JoAnn Boyd
- Lew Denny
- George Detsis
- Dan Dickinson
- Stacy Freeburg
- Terri Grimes
- Marvelyn Humphreys
- Dan Hickman
- Roger Kenton
- Jack McKenzie
- Judy Morgan
- Layla Perez
- Dale Piechocki
- Ilona Taunton
Laboratory Accreditation Committee Duties

- Working with the NELAP Board and the PT Board, develop the laboratory accreditation system.
- Design and provide oversight of the national database of accredited laboratories.
National Database Committee – Dan Hickman

- David Caldwell
- Gary Dechant
- Tim Fitzpatrick
- Rachel Gehrett
- John Kuhn
- Judy Morgan
- Keith Ward
NELAP Board – Dan Hickman

- Steve Arms
- Bill Hall
- George Kulasingham
- Ken Jackson
- Jack McKenzie
- Dave Mendenhall
- Mike Miller
- Richard Sheibley
- Scott Siders
- Steve Stubbs
- Karen Varnado
- Louis Wales
NELAP Board Duties

- Final authority for implementation of the program for accreditation of labs –
  - Review & approve Accrediting Bodies to become NELAP recognized.
  - Review NELAP ABs to assure conformance.
  - Recommend PT accreditor to TNI Bd.
  - Adopt acceptance limits developed by PT Bd.
  - Adopt the Laboratory Accreditation System for use in the Program.
- Receive complaints & direct to proper body.
- Ensure consistent application of the standard by NELAP ABs.
Nominating Committee – Aurora Shields

- Barbara Finazzo
- Jeff Flowers
Non-NELAP State Committee
– Ann Marie Allen

This Committee has not yet formed but it will provide a platform for Non-NELAP states to work together within TNI.
Policy Committee – Alfredo Sotomayor

- JoAnn Boyd
- RaeAnn Haynes
- Silky Labie
- Carol Schrenkel
- Steve Stubbs
- Bob Wyeth
Policy Committee Duties

- Serve as a resource for development of policies.
- Review policies from all programs for conformity with respect to style and consistency with one another and the overall mission of TNI.
- Develop general policies for TNI.
- Review and evaluate requests for policies received from the membership and others and provide a recommendation to the Board.

- After review for organizational impact, the TNI Bd will confirm all policies for final adoption & use.
Proficiency Testing Board – Carl Kircher

- Gary Dechant
- Steve Gibson
- RaeAnn Haynes
- Bill Ingersoll
- Michelle Karapondo
- Kirsten McCracken
- Richard Sheibley
- Matt Sica
- Eric Smith
- Curtis Wood
PT Board Duties

- Provide assistance to the Board on the selection of PTOB/PTPA(s).
- Monitor PTOB/PTPA(s) to assure that they are following TNI requirements.
- Facilitate an annual caucus on proficiency testing.
- Review & evaluate PT data to determine appropriateness of PT test study limits.
- Provide recommendations to the NELAP Bd as to acceptance limits.
Technical Assistance Committee
– Barbara Escobar

- James Broderick
- David Caldwell
- Brooke Connor
- Jack Farrell
- Ray Frederici
- Bill Hall
- Betsy Rich
- Ilona Taunton
Technical Assistance Committee Duties

- Develop tools & templates to assist labs and accrediting bodies with implementing accreditation programs.
- Ensure training programs relevant to the needs of the stakeholder community are provided.
- Develop a mentoring program to assist both laboratories and accrediting bodies with implementing accreditation programs.
Assessor Forum – Jack Farrell

- Bob Di Rienzo
- Barbara Escobar
- Larry Jackson
- Carl Kircher
- Silky Labie
- Dane Wren
Laboratory Support Committee – Brooke Connor

- Steve Arms
- Mike Bader
- John Gumpper
- Malcolm Howell
- Bennett Osborne
- Carol Schrenkel
- Len Shantz
- Ilona Taunton
- Leslie Wentland
Website Committee – Art Clark

- Brooke Connor
- Bob Di Rienzo
- Maria Friedman
- Dan Hickman
- Irene Ronning
- Rip Starr
- Pam Varner
- Keith Ward
- John Applewhite – Webmaster (Ex-Officio)
SUMMARY

- Lots of things have been happening since Kansas.
- We are well on our way to achieving self sufficiency.
- Opportunities for input and participation abound if you will step up and be part of the excitement.