

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting  
June 2, 2022 1 pm Eastern

1. Call to Order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm Eastern, June 2, 2022. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the May 5 minutes will be delayed until the July meeting.

3. Updates

Update on LCGC Article

A revised response to the article discussed in May, "Laboratory Accreditation is Not a Cloak of Infallibility" (LC/GC North America, March 2022, Volume 18, Issue 3, Pages: 30–32), will be distributed with these minutes. The committee will discuss the revision at its July meeting.

Mentor Initiative

Another mentor request application has been submitted, and Jerry is searching for an appropriate mentor.

Conference Issues

Jerry reported that registration is about 100 so far (two months in advance) and that a Microbiology course has been added for Friday morning. The Advocacy meeting normally scheduled for the last day of conference will instead be held by teleconference the following week, August 12 at 1 pm Eastern.

4. Five-Year Reviews

Advocacy Documents SOP 1-122

Without a quorum present, approval of the revised document with the changes recommended at the April meeting will again be attempted in July.

A brief discussion occurred about whether and how to address incorrect or misrepresentative information about TNI that might be shared in social media discussions. While not "official" or "formal" and not even representing TNI, all interested parties would benefit from having correct information provided. The suggestion was that whoever notices such information should gently provide the correction in the same social media thread.

Presentations POL 1-115

A revision of this policy is being distributed with these minutes and will be discussed at the July meeting. Presentations will be included in TNI's document control system but held by the Executive Director and shared as appropriate only on request. Modifications of presentations would require approval and be given an updated version number.

A participant suggested that a notice under Advocacy Documents (on the TNI button of the home page) should advise that persons wishing to give presentations promoting TNI and its programs to contact the Executive Director, to access these for use. Presentations made at conference or by committees for programmatic outreach are exempted from this policy.

## 5. New SOPs for Review

### Mentor Steering Committee SOP 1-127

Almost a year ago, a version of this SOP that was used in establishing the Mentor Initiative was presented to Advocacy but returned for revision. The document has now been revised to reflect the activity as it currently exists and is being distributed with these minutes for committee review in July.

### Ambassador SOP 1-126

This new SOP has been distributed and briefly mentioned at the most recent Ambassadors teleconference as well as the May meeting of Advocacy, but has not been reviewed in detail by the committee. This draft SOP also accompanies these minutes.

A suggestion was made that the Ambassadors should refer to the certification program profiles, and notify the TNI's Administrative Support of any changes are known. Jerry noted that the Administrative Support staff normally verify and/or update the links to the various state profiles on an annual basis. Another suggestion was to add a way to request a TNI Ambassador to the Program Profiles page (<https://nelac-institute.org/content/abdb.php>).

## 6. New Business

There was no new business. Steve thanked everyone for their attendance, and adjourned the meeting.

## 7. Next Meeting

The next teleconference meeting is July 7, 2022, at 1:00 pm Eastern. The agenda and documents will be sent in advance of the meeting.

Also, please note that the August meeting will be held on Friday, August 12, at 1 pm Eastern, and that Advocacy Committee will not meet during conference week.

**Attachment 1**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Stakeholder Group</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
1.	Steve Arms, Chair	Other	Present
2.	Stacie Crandall	Lab	Present
3.	Zonetta English	Lab	Absent
4.	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Absent
5.	Janice Willey	Federal	Absent
6.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Absent
7.	Robin Cook	Lab	Absent
8.	Sharon Mertens, Vice Chair	Lab	Present
9.	Teresa Coins	Lab	Absent
10.	Josh Wyeth	PT provider	Present
11.	William Lipps	Other	Present
	<b>Associate Members</b>		
	Kirstin Daigle	Lab	Absent
	Judy Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	JoAnn Boyd	Lab and FAC	Absent
	Keith Chapman	Other	Absent
	Kim Chamberlain	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Devon Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Paul Junio	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Lily Sanchez	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Silky Labie	Other	Absent
	Elizabeth Turner	Lab	Absent
	Stephanie Drier	AB	Absent
	Erin Consuegra	Lab	Absent
	Aurora Shields	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Carol Batterton	Other	Present
	Celeste Crowley	Other	Absent
	Lara Phelps	EPA (Other)	Absent
	Mike Delaney	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Susie Arredondo	Mentor Subcommittee Chair	Absent
	Kathleen Young	Lab	Present
	<b>Staff</b>		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Lynn Bradley	TNI PA	Present