

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
October 5, 2023 1 pm Eastern

1. Call to Order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm Eastern, Thursday, October 5, 2023.
Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

2. Approval of Minutes

In the absence of a quorum, minutes were not approved. Steve noted that a sentence in the first item was left over from the August minutes and should be deleted before eventual approval.

3. Newsletter Update

Sharon reported by email that most articles have been submitted and that the few remaining ones are expected before the weekend is over.

Article Topic	Proposed Author(s)	Author Contact Info
Bad Data White Paper w/ link to document	Jerry Parr	Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org
Conference Session on Ensuring Reliable Data	Jerry Parr	Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org
Member Spotlight – Dorothy Love (retiring soon) to include audio clip of Pacettes from Mentor Session (if possible)	Zoneta English (William Daystrom to provide audio clip)	zoneta.english@louisvillemsd.org William.daystrom@nelac-institute.org
Article on Mentor Session and Assessment Forum (possible)	Judy Morgan Dorothy Love	Judy.morgan@pacelabs.com Dorothy.love@et.eurofinsus.com
Sidebar: Assessment Forum talk on History of Accreditation (with link to presentation set up as a free on-demand training course)	Jerry Parr Ilona Taunton	Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org Ilona.Taunton@nelac-institute.org
Development of PFAS FoPT for drinking water with mention of future wastewater FoPT to come	Stacie Crandall	scrandall@hrsd.com
General article on standards revision, upcoming opportunities for input (4 remaining modules for V1 plus V2, V3 and V4)	Paul Junio	Paul.junio@pacelabs.com
Summary of EPA Program Updates from Thursday morning session at conference	Jerry Parr	Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org
NEFAP Sampling Enclave	Ilona/Tracy Szerszen	Ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org tszerszen@pilabs.com
Possibility: Article on Digital Badge Credential Launch	Lynn Bradley Ken Brown	Lynn.bradley@nelac-institute.org kbrown@escondido.org
Annual Board Election Article	Sharon Mertens	smertens@mmsd.com
Preview Article for Columbus conference	Jerry Parr	Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org
Article (or info) on Columbus activity highlights	Volunteer provider	
Recap of Minneapolis conference	Jerry Parr (with Lara?)	Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org
Call for Abstracts for NEMC 2024	Jerry Parr	Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org

	Earl Hansen	Papaearl41@hotmail.com
Possible Article on PFAS developments (if warranted)	TBD (Jerry if methods are approved by publication date, otherwise for spring newsletter)	?
Reflections from the Chair	Alfredo Sotomayor	asotomayor@mmsd.com

4. White Paper Review

Jerry proposes to make slight modifications to the white paper, *Having a Strong Quality Management System Prevents Faulty Results*, by removing “accreditation” and instead referring to having a quality management system in place. These minor changes will make possible endorsement of the white paper by the Environmental Monitoring Coalition. During review, several other minor edits were noted and made, and one additional example will be added, since the document will need to repeat the approval process after revisions are complete.

Additionally, a cover letter for sending this white paper and an earlier one, *Laboratory Accreditation Makes a Difference*, to state contacts was reviewed.

5. Conference Planning

Jerry asked for feedback on an idea to give 25-year awards to the original NELAP ABs. Participants supported the concept. ABs that applied and were recognized later will be given similar awards at the appropriate time in the future.

6. Workplan Review

Steve had asked that everyone look over the plans before the October meeting and bring any ideas forward. With only three committee members present, further discussion of both plans was postponed until the November meeting.

7. New Business

There were no new business items.

8. Next Meeting

The next Advocacy Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 1 pm Eastern**. An agenda and any needed documents will be provided prior to the meeting.

Attachment 1

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