

Summary of the TNI Credentials Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2024 1:00 pm Eastern

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Ken welcomed everyone to this meeting, which was rescheduled because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent (see Attachment 2). The minutes from the October 23 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by David, seconded by Joann.

2. Update on the QMS Digital Badge Launch and Training Session

Jerry still plans to launch the twelve Digital Badges for Quality Manager Specialist categories at conference in Jacksonville.

The workshop on Thursday, February 6, after conference in Jacksonville, is definite now. Jerry will set up an email communication or possibly a short meeting for the presenters.

Lynn will work with Ken offline to create his presentation for the Wednesday morning Credentials session at conference, and a draft should be ready before the January committee meeting.

3. Resume Review of Technical Specialist KSA Document

Review of the KSA document resumed at §5.0. This brief introductory section is the introduction to the Chemistry KSAs, and itemizes what will be covered in general terms. A note in §5.0 makes clear that, while college coursework is necessary, the actual KSAs needed by a TS will primarily come from on-the-job training.

Then §5.1 addresses the generic competencies needed for inorganic non-metals, both sample preparation and sample analysis. Inorganic non-metals is the first of the chemistry analytical disciplines that will go into the KSA document. Then subsections of 5.1 specify in detail the KSAs that go into those competencies.

In response to a question, Jerry described his vision that a digital badge component for Technical Specialists will be for individual techniques (the twelve items listed in §5.1), with the “full credential” encompassing the entire analytical discipline. As with the Quality Manager credential, a collection of all badges related to an analytical discipline (such as inorganic non-metals) may be converted into the full credential.

Discussion led to some clarification and edits of the draft. Major topics were:

- Considerable discussion took place about data packages, but the consensus was that those are too variable among labs and regulatory programs (such as CLP) to attempt to address as part of any analytical discipline.
- It is important to emphasize, for those who would just jump to the “inorganic non-metals” specifics, that all of the items (KSAs) in sections 3 and 4 apply to each analytical discipline of chemistry.
- Attachment 1 is a list of Analytes in the Inorganic Non-Metals Category, as taken from the LAMS database.

Review will restart at §5.1.2 for the January meeting.

Review will resume at §5.0 for the next meeting.

4. New Business

There was no new business. Ken thanked everyone for their contributions and participation during this meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 1 pm Eastern**. The agenda, a Teams meeting link, and any necessary documents will be sent in advance.

The Jacksonville conference session for the Credentials Committee is set for Wednesday morning, February 5, at 8 am Eastern.

Attachment 1

Credentials Committee Roster

NAME		EMAIL	AFFILIATION	STAKE-HOLDER CATEGORY	Present?
Paul	Banfer	paul.banfer@eisc.net	EISC	Other	No
Kenneth	Brown	Kenneth.brown@escondido.gov	City of Escondido	Lab	Yes
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Steve	Drielak	drielak-associates@usa.net	Drielak & Associates	Other	No
Stacey	Fry	Stacey.fry@cannabis.ca.gov	CA Dept. of Cannabis Control	Other	No
Salima	Haniff	Salima.haniff@bvlabs.com	Bureau Veritas Labs	Lab	No
Harold	Longbaugh	Harold.Longbaugh@houston.tx.gov	City of Houston	Lab	Yes
Theresa	Johnson	Theresa.Johnson@mccampbell.com	McC Campbell Analytical, Inc.	Lab	Yes
Melanie	Roshu	melanie.roshu@gmail.com	Matrix Sciences International, Inc.	Lab	No
Joann	Slavin	joann.slavin@health.ny.gov	NY DOH	AB	Yes
David	Smith	david.smith@antylia.com	Environmental Express	Other	Yes
Alfredo	Sotomayor	asotomayor@mmsd.com	Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District	Lab	Yes
Elizabeth	Turner	Elizabeth.turner@pacelabs.com	Pace Labs, Inc.	Lab	Yes
Associate Members:					
Jerry	Thao	Jerry.thao@pacelabs.com	Pace Labs, Inc.	Lab	No
Staff:					
Jerry	Parr	Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org	TNI Executive Director		Yes
Lynn	Bradley	Lynn.bradley@nelac-institute.org	TNI Program Administrator		Yes

Attachment 2

Agenda, December 4, 2024

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes (October minutes attached)
- Update on the QM Digital Badge Launch and Training Session
- Resume Review of Technical Specialist KSA Document (start at §5.0)
- New Business, if any
- Adjourn