

Summary of the TNI Credentials Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 26, 2023 1:00 pm Eastern

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Ken welcomed to the meeting. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1. Scott moved and Elizabeth seconded that the June 28 minutes be approved; the vote was unanimously in favor.

2. Election of New Members

Three new member applications were received since the June meeting, and two of those were available for committee member vote at this meeting -- Theresa Johnson of McCampbell Analytical and Salima Haniff of Bureau Veritas Labs. Ken asked Theresa to introduce herself, but Salima was absent. Steve moved and Harold seconded that both applications be approved, and the vote was unanimously in favor. Jerry Thao's application will be held in reserve until further notice, but she will remain as an associate member. Welcome to the Credentials Committee!

3. Updates

Software – Jerry sought to discuss the process proposed for testing for the QC Specialist badge. This badge is the most complicated one, as there will be five different badges, one for each of the technical modules (asbestos, chemistry, microbiology, radiochemistry and aquatic toxicity), but all of those badges must include the QC information in §5.9 of the Quality Systems module (V1M2) as well. William proposed that each of the QC badges have two separate tests, which may be taken in any order – one for the V1M2 requirements and another for the technical module requirements (V1 modules 3,4,5,6 and 7). After discussing a number of details, participants determined that the applicant must pass both tests, and that there will be the standard fee for the V1M2 portion (\$95), then \$45 for any one technical module test. Additionally, applicants may choose to take additional tests for other technical modules for a cost of \$45 each, and earn additional QC Specialist badges, if desired.

Exam Questions – Jerry continues his diligent efforts to compile existing course questions and create new questions. Alfredo has contributed measurement traceability questions and is working on sample handling ones, while Scott has provided additional corrective action questions. Jerry has arranged for three trainers (Silky Labie, Marlene Moore and Tony Francis) to review all questions and answers before they are offered to committee members for "beta testing".

4. Review of the Handbook

In the section about re-certification of the current draft Handbook, and thus in the draft presentation prepared for conference, renewal applicants are allowed to claim (with verification) up to 10 hours for being a committee member (at 0.1 hour/meeting) and up to 6 hours for being a committee officer (2 hours/year). In response to a question raised from review of the presentation, participants agreed that the maximum number of hours should be reversed, to be 10 hours for committee officer and 6 hours for committee member, as officers have a much higher workload for committee efforts than do most members. This will also require that the number of hours per year for officers be increased. Participants also noted that individuals should not be allowed to claim meeting hours and officer roles for the same committee(s).

Additionally, section 4.0 of the draft Handbook needs to be revised to clarify that the professional development hours are for re-certification of the Certified Professional credential.

At this point, time was expired. Review of the draft Handbook will continue at the August meeting, after conference.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Credentials Committee will be at conference in Minneapolis, MN, on Thursday, August 3, at 3:15 pm Central.

The next video/teleconference will be on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 1 pm Eastern. The agenda, a Teams meeting link, and any necessary documents will be sent in advance.

Attachment 1

Competency Task Force Roster

NAME		EMAIL	AFFILIATION	STAKE-HOLDER CATEGORY	Present?
Paul	Banfer	paul.banfer@eisc.net	EISC	Other	No
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Steve	Drielak	drielak-associates@usa.net	Drielak & Associates	Other	Yes
Amanda	Dutko	adutko@fairway-laboratories.com	Fairway Laboratories	Lab	No
Stacey	Fry	sfry456@aol.com	CA Dept. of Cannabis Control	Other	No
Salima	Haniff	Salima.haniff@bvlabs.com	Bureau Veritas Labs	Lab	No
Harold	Longbaugh	Harold.Longbaugh@houstontx.gov	City of Houston	Lab	Yes
Theresa	Johnson	Theresa.Johnson@mccampbell.com	McCampbell Analytical, Inc.	Lab	Yes
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Scott	Siders	siders6six@yahoo.com	Retired	Other	Yes
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Elizabeth	Turner	Elizabeth.turner@pacelabs.com	Pace Labs, Inc.	Lab	Yes
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