

# **TNI PT Program Executive Committee Meeting Summary**

**February 24, 2023**

## 1. Roll call, approval of minutes and overview:

Chair, Stacie Crandall, called the TNI PT Program Executive Committee (PTPEC) meeting to order at 1pm Eastern on December 8, 2022. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were seven (7) members present. Associate members present: Tom Dziedzic, Reggie Morgan, Jennifer Best, and Craig Huff.

### Membership:

- Michella's term is ending. Jennifer Best will be filling in an application.
- Tom Dziedzic will check with his boss and do before the next meeting.
- Scott Haas – recruit someone from the field side. Jack will apply.

Meeting Time: Is it 11am Eastern or 11:30am Eastern? Meetings will be at 11:30am Eastern.

The December meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Tim to approve the December 8, 2022, minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Andy and there was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The January meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Tim to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes as written with addition to the word “on” in 9b. The motion was seconded by Rachel and there was no further discussion. The motion was approved. Carl abstained.

## 2. San Antonio Meeting

Advocacy would like to see PTPEC get more involved in the community. They think many people don't know exactly how the system work. Stacie would like provide training on process of managing FoPT tables (SOP 4-107 - FoPT Table Management). This would happen in Minneapolis. She would like someone to help her with the presentation. Craig has a presentation someone could give on the detail side, but he won't be at that meeting. She will be looking for volunteers at the next meeting. Ilona will look at using a new microphone system to record it for posting on the website after the meeting.

### Technology Discussion

Other committees are talking about what technology is. Paul Junio will be chairing a group to develop a definition for technology with members from various committees.

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Needs to happen.

### 3. DMR-QA Comments

Stacie shared the comment document prepared and sent. A copy can be found in Attachment C.

There was a question about how the Wastewater comment relates to permits. There are currently more tests in the permits than are part of the DMR-QA reporting program. For example, Stacie's permits include a lot of organics.

### 4. Subcommittee Updates

Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee - Amy DeMarco (Chair). Stacie reviewed her update. First meeting was 2/2/23. Reference video recording. Data request sent to William for PFAS for 29 compounds. Ilona will work with Jerry to get this. Ilona got approval to give the examples by video instead of in attachments.

WET FoPT Subcommittee – Craig Huff, Chair. Requesting data for WET. They would like to rush that through. They need data that is just about 5 years old. William manages the data collection. Ilona will be copied to involve Jerry in the assignment.

PTP SOP Subcommittee – Eric Smith, Chair. No update.

### 5. SOP 4-107

Given comments in San Antonio, this SOP is being sent back to the SOP Subcommittee to make a few more updates.

- Remove SSAS from Purpose.
- Spell out CAS, WETT
- Update Sponsor to new language - See 17000:2022.

### 6. Radiochemistry FoPT Table

- It was commented that failure rates could go up significantly. The spreadsheet Craig shared shows an increase.
- The new calculation method removed the bias.
- Uranium Mass is not just a radiochemistry.

- Ilona will reach out to Terry Romanko (Chair, Radiochemistry Expert Committee) and Bob Shannon for help to write the notification for the new limits. Provide some background since the procedure for determining them has changes.
- PTRL need to be checked. The PTRLs don't look consistent with TNI policy. Tim Miller will look at this and get back to the Committee. C & D factors changed and this should affect PTRL.
- Stacie and Carl compared numbers between the table he has and what Stacie has. It appears there is consistency, but Craig thinks there are changes. He will send the spreadsheet to Tim, Terry Romanko and Carl who will get back to the rest of the Committee.

#### 7. New Business.

- Stacie received a message about the availability of Radiochemistry PTs. There is only one provider. They are not able to get PTs within 7 months of each other. She will look into this and it will be discussed next meeting.
- TNI Internal Audit – Stacie and Ilona will get started on this as soon as the internal audit website is updated with the checklists.
- The DRAFT Advocacy paper will be added to the next agenda.

#### 8. Action Items

The action items can be found in Attachment C. Attachment B includes a list of reminders.

#### 9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a teleconference on March 24, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm Eastern.

**Attachment A**  
**Participants**  
**TNI**  
**Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Stacie Crandall (2025*) (Chair) <b>Present</b>	Lab	HRSD	<a href="mailto:scrandall@hrsd.com">scrandall@hrsd.com</a>
Ilona Taunton, Program Administrator <b>Present</b>		TNI	<a href="mailto:tauntoni@msn.com">tauntoni@msn.com</a>
Susan Jackson (2025*) (Vice-Chair) <b>Absent</b>	Lab	South Carolina DHEC	<a href="mailto:jacksosb@dhec.sc.gov">jacksosb@dhec.sc.gov</a>
Carl Kircher (2024) <b>Present</b>	AB	Florida Department of Health	<a href="mailto:Carl.Kircher@flhealth.gov">Carl.Kircher@flhealth.gov</a>
Andy Valkenburg (2024) <b>Present – by phone only</b>	Other	QASE Inc.	<a href="mailto:cvalkenbur@aol.com">cvalkenbur@aol.com</a>
Tim Miller (2024*) <b>Present</b>	Other	Phenova	<a href="mailto:timm@phenova.com">timm@phenova.com</a>
Eric Smith (2024*) <b>Absent</b>	Other		<a href="mailto:eric.smith72@comcast.net">eric.smith72@comcast.net</a>
Michella Karapondo (2022) <b>Absent</b>	Other	USEPA	<a href="mailto:karapondo.michella@epa.gov">karapondo.michella@epa.gov</a>
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Scott Haas (2023) <b>Present until 12:56pm Eastern</b>	FSMO/ LAB	Environmental Testing, Inc.	<a href="mailto:shaas@etilab.com">shaas@etilab.com</a>
Rachel Ellis (2022*) <b>Present</b>	AB	New Jersey DEP	<a href="mailto:Rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov">Rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov</a>
Patrick Selig (2024*) <b>Present</b>	AB	ANAB	<a href="mailto:pselig@anab.org">pselig@anab.org</a>
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**Attachment B**

**Backburner / Reminders – TNI PT Executive Committee**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Meeting Reference</b>	<b>Comments</b>
7	Add the Field PT Subcommittee to the limit update SOP during its next update.	3/4/10	In Progress
11	Evaluate how labs are accredited for analytes that co-elute.	5-19-11	See meeting reference for details.
13	Charter needs to be reviewed/updated in November.	Ongoing	
18	Shawn noted that PTPEC should have some specific measurements. This should be passed along to the PTP SOP Subcommittee. Nicole noted that we need to determine which items to measure.	6-29-17	To be added to 2021 goals.

Attachment C: PTPEC Committee Action Item Summary – 2023

Item	Task Description	Document Number	TNI Contact	Task Added	Start Date	Due Date	Complete Date	Comments
431	Discuss with IT Committee the need for LAMS updates to be communicated to the PTPEC.			10/31/19				2/17/21: Shawn to discuss with Mei Beth and Jerry.
437	Reach out to Sennet Kim and ANAB to confirm there is still an issue related to SCM FoPT table metals footnotes for fixed limits.			3/26/20	3/26/20			2/17/21: On-going Shawn working with William to access data. 4/21/22: Shawn to follow-up. Sennet has left A2LA. 8/17/22: Shawn thinks this is still an issue. Need to look at this during evaluations. Fred said Nick Slawson is taking over as PT contact for A2LA.
455	Update SOP 4-107: FoPT Table Management	SOP 4-107	PTP SOP Subcommittee	2/19/21			4/21/22	2/18/21: Need procedures to make non-ARA changes to the table? 3/16/21: Received initial Policy Committee comments to review. 4/21/22: PTPEC approved. Sent to Policy Committee. 8/12/22: Policy sent comments to PTPEC. Add to agenda. 10/28/22: Sent to PTP SOP Subcommittee. To be discussed in December.

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456	Update SOP 4-101: Recommendation, Evaluation, and Calculation of Acceptance Criteria and Applicable Concentration Ranges for Proficiency Tests	SOP 4-101	PTP SOP Subcommittee	2/18/21	2/18/21			2/18/21: Combined workgroup established to complete SOP. 3/18/21: workgroup met and SOP Subcommittee will send final DRAFT to Chemistry FOPT Subcommittee for examples. Update 8/17/22: Examples requested from Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee that has not met. PTPEC needs to talk about when the next limit updates will occur.
458	Improve communication with non-TNI AB stakeholders.			2/18/21	8/1/22			8/1/22: Discussed at Crystal City meeting. Need to help Advocacy update the White Paper to help reach out to other states. Ambassador program. Also need to include more non-NELAP ABs in the Executive and Expert committees. Outreach needed. 10/28/22: Workgroup formed to update paper.

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459	ARA: PFAS on DW table		Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee	12/1/20				12/1/20: ARA sent to Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee 2/18/21: Shawn has requested data. Subcommittee will start working on this after data is received. 5/21/21: Data has been received. There may not be enough. Need to determine next steps. Update 8/17/22: Survey of labs is complete, and data needs to be looked at. Amy DeMarco will be new Subcommittee Chair. 12/1/22: The Subcommittee will start working in February 2023. 2/24/23: The Subcommittee has started meeting. Will work on 29 compounds on ARA.
460	Develop PT Program metrics			2/18/21	5/21/21			Update 8/17/22: Developed partially as Charter was updated. Need to formalize.





