

TNI PT Program Executive Committee Meeting Summary

June 23, 2022

1. Roll call, approval of minutes and overview:

Chair, Fred Anderson, called the TNI PT Program Executive Committee (PTPEC) meeting to order at 1pm EDT on June 23, 2022 by teleconference. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were five (5) members present. Associate members present: Amy DeMarco, Nicole Cairns, Sheri Heldstab, Tim Miller, Paul Junio, Jennifer Best and Tom Dzedzic. The Committee met for informational purposes and no official business was done.

The April 21st meeting minutes were reviewed, but there were not enough members on the call to vote. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

2. Chair Update

- None.

3. Current Business

Radiochemistry Table

Still need to fix the footnotes. Shawn said he will send to Fred so they can be distributed to group for vote and then on to the NELAP AC for comment.

Radiochemistry Uncertainty

PTPEC is waiting for information from the Radiochemistry Expert Committee. Ilona thought they had completed information to send but will check with Terry Romanko to see if it has been sent.

Method Codes

Ilona let the Committee know that there will be a special meeting in Crystal City to discuss method codes. There are labs that are losing accreditation because of method code issues. A PTPEC representative is needed at this meeting. Fred volunteered to do this.

Jennifer Best commented that work is progressing again in updating and streamlining codes in the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) to match what labs. There may be some resources in EPA that would like to work with TNI. Jennifer's group thinks this is very important. More support from states will help. She will see if the EPA contact working on this can come to the Crystal City meeting. They can explain SDWIS and see if there is opportunity to work together.

Tim asked about the process to get a TNI code into LAMS.

Ilona noted that the Microbiology Expert Committee did a lot of work on method codes a few years ago and that this information should be looked at prior to the meeting.

Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee

Amy DeMarco may consider taking on the leadership role of this Subcommittee. Carl has offered to continue to help on the technical side and continue to develop limits for the Subcommittee to review.

Amy noted that the Subcommittee completed the PFAS survey, and the Subcommittee needs to meet to discuss the results so the PFAS ARA can be addressed.

Advocacy – PT White Paper

Fred will get a copy of the white paper and send it out to the Committee to work on during a future meeting.

Paul Junio noted that there are TNI Ambassadors for non-TNI states. Ask if ambassadors can help with this. Paul will forward information/contacts to Fred and Ilona. Can we reach out to non-AB states to become associate members? Paul reminded people that associates need to be TNI members.

PTPA Evaluation

Ilona provided a copy of a proposed update to the PTPA evaluation SOP. The changes are focused on adding remote evaluations procedures. The Committee should review these and be prepared to vote on this SOP during the next meeting.

4. New Business.

None

5. Action Items

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

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be by teleconference on July 21 , 2022 at 1pm Eastern.

Fred adjourned the meeting at 2:33pm EDT.

Attachment A
Participants
TNI
Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee

Members	Rep	Affiliation	Contact Information
Shawn Kassner (2023*) Present	Lab	Pace	shawn.kassner@pacelabs.com
Ilona Taunton, Program Administrator Present		TNI	tauntoni@msn.com
Carl Kircher (2024) Absent	AB	Florida Department of Health	Carl.Kircher@flhealth.gov
Andy Valkenburg (2024) Present - Late	Other	QASE Inc.	cvalkenbur@aol.com
Jennifer Duhon (2022) Absent	Other	Millipore Sigma	jennifer.duhon@sial.com
Tim Miller Present	Other	Phenova	tim@phenova.com
Michella Karapondo (2022) Absent	Other	USEPA	karapondo.michella@epa.gov
Fred Anderson (2023) (CHAIR) Present	Other	Advanced Analytical Solutions, LLC	Fred@advancedqc.com
Jennifer Bordwell (2023) Present	Lab	Upper Occoquan Service Authority	jennifer.bordwell@uosa.org
Scott Haas (2023) Absent	FSMO/ LAB	Environmental Testing, Inc.	shaas@etilab.com
Rachel Ellis (2022*) Absent	AB	New Jersey DEP	rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov
Patrick Selig (2024*) Absent	AB	ANAB	pselig@anab.org
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Attachment B

Backburner / Reminders – TNI PT Executive Committee

	Item	Meeting Reference	Comments
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 – 2021

Item	Task Description	Document Number	TNI Contact	Task Added	Start Date	Due Date	Complete Date	Comments
295	PTPA Checklist needs to be updated to 2016 Standard.		Ilona		TBD	April 2021		2/17/21: Ilona has a DRAFT for SASS. Shawn and Ilona need to develop PTPA's from 2016 Standard. 5/20/21: Ilona sent Shawn a DRAFT PTPA checklist.
349	FoPT Table Subcommittee: - Review LAMS table vs FoPT table. - WET FoPT table format needs to be finalized.			4/20/17	4/20/17			2/17/21: Changes have been corrected for all tables except WET. The WET FoPT subcommittee will take this on as part of the development of the new table. The review of LAMS was completed.
368	Forward Jerry's question to Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee. (Analyte code change for the non-polar extractable materials.)			8/24/17	8/24/17			2/17/21: SMK to discuss this issue with the PTPEC as to the impact and process of database changes. 2/18/21: Shawn had communication with Jerry and Dan. HEM and HEM-Silica Gel changes made to FoPT table.
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.
432	DW FoPT Table – Lines 17-26 need to be reviewed with LAMS Administrator. PTPEC is going to use what was originally in the table instead of what is currently in LAMS.			10/31/19				2/17/21: Shawn will follow-up with Dan to complete.

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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.
445	Send PCB survey to Ilona so she can arrange to have it sent out.		Shawn Ilona	6/18/20	6/18/20			9-17-20: Shawn is working on this and will get to Ilona when complete.
454	Form WET FoPT Subcommittee		Shawn	2/18/21				2/18/21: Shawn will ask Rami for membership recommendations. 3/18/21: Shawn to talk to Rami about chairing Subcommittee.
455	Update SOP 4-107: FoPT Table Management	SOP 4-107	PTP SOP Subcommittee	2/19/21				2/18/21: Need procedures to make non-ARA changes to the table? 3/16/21: Received initial Policy Committee comments to review.
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.
457	FoPT table updates sent by email	- DW FoPT - NPW FoPT - SCM FoPT - DW Rad FoPT		2/18/21	2/18/21		5/31/21	2/18/21: Shawn will check-in with PTPAs, NELAP AC, and PT Providers about implementation timing so PTPEC can set an effective date. 5/31/21: FoPT tables posted on the TNI website.
458	Improve communication with non-TNI AB stakeholders.			2/18/21				

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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.
460	Develop PT Program metrics			2/18/21	5/21/21			
461	Finish update to Radiochemistry FoPT Table	- DW Rad FoPT		2/18/21				2/18/21: Table submitted to PTPEC. PTPEC waiting for SOP 4-101 to be complete before reviewing table.
462	Feasibility: Radiochemistry Uncertainty to PT Evaluations			2/18/21				
463	Feasibility: Technology Based PTs			2/18/21				
464	Feasibility: Add Prep Methods on FoPT tables			2/18/21				
465	Feasibility: Air and Emissions PTs			2/18/21				
466	Meet with SSAS Expert Committee to better define PTPEC's.							Does PTPEC vote on tables as they get updated? 6/21/21: Discussed on 6/17/21 with Committee. Meet with Jerry on 6/21/21. PTPEC no longer provides administration or maintenance for SSAS. Need to update PTPEC definition. Still works with audit sample provider accreditors.
467	Update Charter			4/22/21	5/21/21			10/21/21: Charter completed and sent to Policy for review.

