

TNI PT Program Executive Committee Meeting Summary

August 25, 2023

1. Roll call, approval of minutes and overview:

Chair, Stacie Crandall, called the TNI PT Program Executive Committee (PTPEC) meeting to order at 11:36pm Eastern on August 25, 2023. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were eight (8) members present. Associate members present: Amy DeMarco, Maria Friedman, and Reggie Morgan.

The July meeting was canceled.

There were no changes made to the Agenda.

2. Summer Meeting - Minneapolis

- PTPAs both gave updates. There have not been any complaints and the PT Program appears stable. There were no unusual failure rates. Stacie will work with ANAB and A2LA to possibly modify the reports next summer.
- There may still be a need for training on how the PT Program works. Kirstin Daigle may be interested in helping with this training. Perhaps a pilot training could be done at the winter meeting and then record the training. Carl and Amy would be willing to help also.
- The status of adding PFAS to the DW table was discussed. There was some discussion on footnotes where people questioned the need for some or the wording. Dan Hautman and Matt Sica will join the next Chemistry FoPT meeting to discuss footnotes. Footnote 15 was the main issue.
- There was some after meeting discussion with Kirstin Daigle about possible limits being established for non-potable water PFAS PTs.

3. Subcommittee Updates

Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee

Amy DeMarco (Chair) reported that the Subcommittee has not met since July and will be meeting again in September. The footnote discussion will be the main topic for the September meeting.

There was a discussion on whether the word “must” could be used in FoPT tables. Carl noted that Patrick noted that PTPAs do look at the tables during assessments. Amy asked for Dan Hautman’s contact information and Stacie will send it.

Andy recommended that the Subcommittee consider having someone from DoD involved in the development of the PFAS limits.

WET FoPT Subcommittee

Stacie heard from Craig Huff (Chair.) that there is one more PT Provider they are waiting to get data from. It should be turned in by Friday.

PTP SOP Subcommittee –

Susan Jackson reported SOP 4-107 should be completed during their September meeting and it should be ready for the PTPEC to review and vote on in September. Work is still progressing on SOP 4-101. Stacie will send SOP 4-101 to Nicole to see if her original comments have been addressed.

4. New Business

Stacie would like to consider changing the meeting schedule for the Committee. She thinks Fridays are difficult for people. This will be further discussed in September after Stacie gets a chance to check with Ilona on alternate meeting times that may be available.

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 a teleconference on September 22, 2023 at 11:00am Eastern.
(Addition: The September meeting was canceled.)

The Committee is planning to change their meeting day to the fourth Wednesday of the month at 11am Eastern starting in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 pm Eastern.

Attachment A
Participants
TNI
Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee

Members	Rep	Affiliation	Contact Information
Stacie Crandall (2025*) (Chair) Present	Lab	HRSD	scrandall@hrsd.com
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Carl Kircher (2024) Present	AB	Florida Department of Health	Carl.Kircher@flhealth.gov
Andy Valkenburg (2024) Present	Other	QASE Inc.	cvalkenbur@aol.com
Tim Miller (2024*) Present	Other	Phenova	timm@phenova.com
Eric Smith (2024*) Absent	Other		eric.smith72@comcast.net
Jennifer Best Absent	Other	USEPA	karapondo.michella@epa.gov
Jack Denby Present	LAB	HRSD	jdenby@hrsd.com
Rachel Ellis (2022*) Present	AB	New Jersey DEP	Rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov
Patrick Selig (2024*) Present	AB	ANAB	pselig@anab.org
Prasanth Ramakrishnan (2024*) Absent	AB	ISA	pramakrishnan@iasonline.org

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.
19	Review possible issues surrounding one vendor for Radiochemistry PTs.	3/24/23	

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. 2/23: A few more changes are needed. Resubmitted to PT SOP Subcommittee.

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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. 3/24/23: Examples have been added by Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee and resubmitted to the PT SOP Subcommittee. 6/23/23: Make sure SOP 4-101 includes procedures for how data is received.
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. 3/24/23: Paper completed and sent to Advocacy Committee.

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459	ARA: PFAS on DW table		Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee	12/1/20	May 2021			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. 3/24/23: Requesting more data from labs and requested PT Data from William.
460	Develop PT Program metrics			2/18/21	5/21/21			Update 8/17/22: Developed partially as Charter was updated. Need to formalize.

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461	Finish update to Radiochemistry FoPT Table	- DW Rad FoPT		2/18/21			4/28/23	2/18/21: Table submitted to PTPEC. PTPEC waiting for SOP 4-101 to be complete before reviewing table. 4/21/22: Table footnotes need to be updated before PTPEC can vote. Shawn will make these updates. 11/22/22: Updates complete and approved by Committee. Being sent to NELAP AC and PT Providers for comment before effective date approved. 3/24/23: Vote for effective date. 4/28/23: Effective date changed to 11/1/23. Closed
462	Feasibility: Radiochemistry Uncertainty to PT Evaluations			2/18/21	2/22			Jan 2022: Discussed in San Antonio. Radiochemistry Expert Committee to submit recommendation. 7/21/22: Recommendation sent to PTPEC for review. 10/28/22: Recommendations to be reviewed in November. 11/22/22: Radiochemistry Expert Committee recommendation to be sent to ERA for comment.
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				
470	Determine timing for update of FoPT limits.			7/21/22				Determine after completion of SOP 4-101?
471	Advocacy White Paper			1/11/23			4/28/23	

