

**Training Committee
Meeting Summary
December 19, 2023**

1. Roll Call:

Elizabeth Turner, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm Eastern on December 19, 2023, by teleconference. The meeting was attended by 7 Voting Committee members and 2 Associate Members (see Attachment A).

The December 1st minutes were distributed by email. A motion was made by Joe to approve the December 1, 2023, minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth. There was no further discussion and motion was unanimously approved.

2. Meeting Date/Time

Friday's have become a problem for meetings and the Committee is looking for a new meeting time. Thursday looks like a better option. The Committee will begin meeting the second Thursday of the month from 1:30 – 2:30pm Eastern.

3. Credentialing Committee

Jerry noted that the Committee finished the Handbook. The Committee is now focused on the Columbus meeting. They are hoping to share some exam questions at the meeting to see how people do – a trial run.

4. Winter Meeting – Columbus, OH

The Assessment Forum is at the same time as the Training meeting. The Training Committee planned to talk about how to include the Mentor Session and Assessor Forum in the Training Committee scope of responsibilities.

Jack noted that the Assessment Forum does not always focus on training related items.

Jerry and Ilona looked at the conference schedule to see if the Training meeting could be moved. Ilona reached out to the Radiochemistry Committee to see if they could meet in the morning so the Training Committee could meet in the afternoon. They were able to make this change, so Training will meet at 1pm Eastern on Tuesday at the conference.

The Committee will add a discussion about adding Mentor Session and Assessor Forum to the agenda and the Charter will be looked at.

Ilna, Calista and Elizabeth will meet at the end of the month to prepare DRAFT slides for 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 plans. These slides will be reviewed at the January meeting. They are due to Jerry on January 16th.

Early bird registration for the conference ends on December 29th. There is a \$75 late fee for registration. The hotel rate is available through December 29th.

5. New Catalog Format for the Website

Jerry shared the template prepared for the SOP and it was totally unusable for someone in the IT world. He took the information from the Word document and exported it into a spreadsheet. All courses are included. He added an Other field to include some of the miscellaneous items that are not relevant to all classes. Examples include exams and agendas. There is good progress being made to get the new online catalog operational.

6. SOPs 128 (Content of TNI Training Classes) and SOP 129 (Development of Tests and Examinations)

Jerry worked on both SOPs in response to an integrity issue that related to test taking.

SOP 1-128

Jerry suggested adding Section 5.5, but after further review it was determined no update was needed to this SOP. The header does need to be corrected – it should not be SOP 1-110.

SOP 1-129

A new section and appendix/attachment were added.

A new Attendee Statement of Understanding was added and this text was added to 5.2.5:

TNI reserves the right to cancel examination results when, in the sole opinion of TNI, an individual violates the Attendee Statement of Understanding.

It was asked whether the exam needs to have another statement, but this will be left up to instructor to decide.

There will be a box to agree to the statement at the time of registration or they won't be able to finish registration. Jerry noted that there are examples of using this type of feature in other TNI activities.

Joe suggested that the person needs to enter initials instead of check mark. Jerry will check with William to see if he can do this.

Formatting needs to be updated. It should be Attachment A or Appendix A to be consistent.

A motion was made by Jack to approve the revisions to SOP 1-129 as described above. The motion was seconded by Salima and there was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Calista joined the meeting.

The SOP will get a new revision number and date. The changes were significant.

7. Training Opportunities Workgroup

The Workgroup will be meeting right after this meeting. Wording is being developed for the RFP that should go out in January.

8. Action Items

See Attachment B.

Jerry will look into use of initials when agreeing to testing requirements instead of a check box and report back in January.

9. New Business

None.

10. Next Meeting and Close

The next teleconference meeting will be January 11, 2023 at 11:30 am Eastern.

Elizabeth adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm Eastern (motion Jack, second Salima – unanimously approved).

Attachment A

**Participants
TNI Training Committee**

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Attachment B: Training Committee Action Item Summary

	Task Description	Document Number	TNI Contact	Committee Contact	Start Date	Complete Date	Communication	Notes
5	Develop Marketing Plan			TBD	3/12/21			The Sept and Oct 2020 meetings both discussed the need to evaluate marketing because a number of ABs are not aware of the classes available. 11/13/20: Committee decided not to form this Workgroup at this time. 3/12/21 – Committee started talking about marketing. 5/21/21: Work on social media presence.
9	Prepare TNI handout for assessment opening meetings or to send prior to the assessment. It can include a brief segment where the assessors show the lab where to find information related to training courses offered, SIRs, PT tables and other information on the TNI website that new labs may not know how to access.		Jerry	Jerry	2/12/21			11/20/20: DRAFT to be discussed at next meeting. 1/15/21: Jerry is working on this. 2/12/21: Jerry is working on tri-fold brochure. 3/12/21: Combine with #6 – are talking points for ABs needed?

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13	Prepare webcast to help with Training Application process.		Ilona		4/1/21			PowerPoint completed. Need to record and post. On Hold until updates are made to Catalog that may impact information trainees need to provide.
14	Reach out to vendors for possible training opportunities.		Jerry		3/12/21 HOLD			Discussed: 3/12/21 Placed on Hold – 5/21/21
16	Develop FAQ for potential Trainers.		Jerry		4/9/21		Complete.	Jerry and Ilona worked on this and Jerry has sent to William for posting.
20	Update EDS site to eliminate GLP category once SOP 1-110 complete.		Ilona/Jerry		10/27/23			10/27/23: Jerry is working on this with William. 12/19/23: This will happen with the online training catalog is implemented. See #21. CLOSE
21	Develop Training Catalog			Elizabeth Turner	TBD			4-8-22: Elizabeth to lead this effort. 6-24-22: Shared template. Need to work with Training Opportunities Workgroup to make course descriptions more consistent. 2/17/23: SOP 1-128 will need to be finalized. 6/23/23: Continue work on SOP. 8/3/23: Review comments from 8/3/23 meeting and incorporate into SOP as

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								needed. Update and Committee vote needed. 9/28/23 – Calista, Elizabeth and Ilona assigned to review comments and finalize SOP for a vote in October. 10/27/23 – Reviewed and will be sent out for email vote. 12/19/23: SOP 1-128 was approved by the Board and implementation is being worked on.
22	Prepare SOP for developing tests.	SOP 1-129	Ilona/Jerry	Marlene Mark Jerry	2/2023			Added 10/14/22. 2/17/23: Marlene and Mark will start work on this to present at March meeting. 8/3/23: Marlene, Mark and Jerry's work on this SOP was presented. Incorporate comments and begin working on final SOP. Jerry will represent Credentialing Committee input. 9/28/23: Jerry presented a DRAFT of the SOP. Updates are being made and a final DRAFT will be submitted to the Committee for vote in October. 10/27/23: Reviewed and being sent by email for final vote. Finalized. See update below.
24	Help develop SOP 1-128 (Content of TNI Training Courses)	SOP 1-128		Calista Ilona Elizabeth			Complete CLOSED	Added 11/22/22. See item 21 above.

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25	Trainer Evaluation – Charter				TBD			3/17/23: Started discussion. Will start work on this topic in Fall 2023. 12/27/23: Question whether this is still needed. Survey is done at the end of the class.
26	Follow-up on LASEC proposal to have mentor and assessor forums be managed by the Training Committee.			Calista Ilona Jerry	TBD			On hold. LASEC is not sure they want to do this anymore. 12/1/23: Will begin managing it after the Winter Forum. 12/19/23: Will be part of Winter meeting agenda.
27	Update SOP 1-129 Rev 1	SOP 1-129	Jerry	Ilona	12/1/23			12/1/23: Needed to be updated with integrity related features. The Committee approved the changes, but it needs to go to Policy since it was a revision and just editing. 12/19/23: Still in progress. Jerry will look into use of initials instead of a check box and report back in January.
28	Pick a new meeting schedule.			Calista	12/1/23	12/19/23		New meeting scheduled – 2 nd Thursday at 1:30pm Eastern.
29	Develop new course Survey process. Old system is no longer working.		Ilona		Placed on Columbus, OH agenda.			