



The NELAC Institute

The New Organization





INELA Programs Continuation & Transition

- INELA Standards Development Committees and their work transferred seamlessly to TNI.
- ANSI has been notified of the change in INELA bylaws to form TNI and necessary actions to document changes to the ANSI certification have been initiated.





NELAC Programs

Continuation & Transition

- Website, Database, Membership & Outreach and Special Committee activities transferred immediately to TNI.
- AARB continues to act as NELAP Program Director.
- PT Board working cooperatively with TNI PT Board and expects to transition soon.
- EPA Regional Evaluators Work Group recognized as advisory to NELAP program.





Administration Programs Continuation & Transition

- TNI Board confirmed Jerry Parr as Executive Director.
- Articles of Incorporation changed.
- Banking and other business processes changed or in process of change.
- Budget for 2007 approved including budget for Denver meeting.
- Financial Audit Committee preparing for audit.





Administration Programs Continuation & Transition

- MOU signed with NELAC Board for transition of programs.
- MOU signed with A2LA to continue to function as PTOB during transition and enter into negotiations to become PTOB/PTPA for TNI.





Administration Programs Continuation & Transition

- Formation of TNI committees almost completed.
- Nominating Committee formed and SOP approved.
- Vision Statement revised.
- TNI website launched and operational.
- NELAC website migration initiated.





Administration Programs Continuation & Transition

- Bylaws changes proposed for –
 - Number of members on Financial Audit Committee.
 - Replacing the term “Accrediting Authority” with “Accrediting Body.”
- Changes to Standards Development Policy were proposed and accepted.
- Concerns over composition of the PT Board have been discussed.





EPA Support

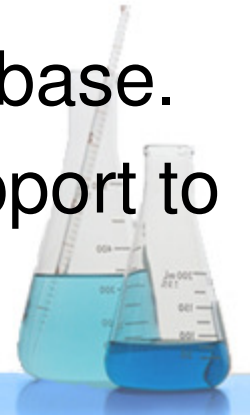
- Four Cooperative agreements
 - TNI: Standards Development and Technical Assistance
 - TNI: National Environmental Monitoring Conference
 - NSF: Standards Development
 - NFSTC: Self-sufficiency





NFSTC/NSF/TNI Cooperation

- Joint report to EPA Project Officer (Lara Autry) on December 15, 2006.
 - TNI will perform consensus standards development and technical assistance.
 - NFSTC will fund the Program Administrator position for the NELAP, LAS and PT, and Technical Assistance programs.
 - NFSTC will assist TNI with the national database.
 - NSF will provide program administration support to the TNI standards development process.





Summary of EPA Support

- EPA support for national accreditation is more secure than it has ever been.
- EPA's help, while significant, is only a portion of the TNI revenue.
- For the short term, TNI has adequate revenue to meet its projected needs.
- A strategic planning effort to look at long-term funding options will occur in the spring of 2007.





TNI Core Programs

- Consensus Standards Development Board
- Laboratory Accreditation Committee
- National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) Board
- Proficiency Testing Board
- Technical Assistance





Other TNI Committees

- Advocacy
- Conference Planning
- Financial Audit
- National Database
- Nominating
- Policy
- Website





Program Management

- Hallelujah we have help!
- Jerry Parr, Carol Batterton, Susan Johns & Jane Wilson all have assignments to assist committees and subcommittees.





Advocacy Committee – Aurora Shields

- Lara Autry
- Mark Carter
- Kevin Coats
- Judy Duncan
- Andy Eaton
- Zonetta English
- Barbara Finazzo
- Ken Jackson
- Marlene Moore
- Michael Perry
- Jim Pletl
- Gary Ward
- Michael Wichman
- Susan Wyatt
- Bob Wyeth





Advocacy Committee Duties

- Establish relationships with -
 - Other organizations such as ACIL, AWWA, WEF, etc.
 - EPA Program Offices & Regions
- Develop presentations & papers to promote national accreditation and TNI.
- Provide outreach at national, regional & local meetings.
- Assist with publication of the member newsletter.





Consensus Standards Development Board – Ken Jackson

- JoAnn Boyd
- Bob Di Rienzo – Quality Systems
- Sharon Mertens – Accreditation Body
- Anand Mudami – Proficiency Testing
- Alfredo Sotomayor – On-Site Assessment
- Martin Tait – Field Activities





Consensus Standards Development Board Duties

- Guide the program in its primary mission for developing and maintaining standards.
- Define roles and responsibilities for Expert Committees.
- Authorize task forces and study groups.
- Annually review work of all committees.
- Ensure that the process for standards development and adoption conforms to TNI requirements.





Conference Planning Committee – Jerry Parr

- Lara Autry
- Carol Batterton
- Robert Benz
- Brooke Connor
- Judy Duncan
- Dave Speis
- Kay Parr





Financial Audit Committee – Sharon Mertens

- Tom McAninch
- Other players to be named





Laboratory Accreditation Committee – June Flowers

- Ann Marie Allen
- Lance Boynton
- JoAnn Boyd
- Lew Denny
- George Detsis
- Dan Dickinson
- Stacy Freeburg
- Terri Grimes
- Marvelyn
Humphreys
- Dan Hickman
- Roger Kenton
- Jack McKenzie
- Judy Morgan
- Layla Perez
- Dale Piechocki
- Ilona Taunton





Laboratory Accreditation Committee Duties

- Working with the NELAP Board and the PT Board, develop the laboratory accreditation system.
- Design and provide oversight of the national database of accredited laboratories.





National Database Committee – Dan Hickman

- David Caldwell
- Gary Dechant
- Tim Fitzpatrick
- Rachel Gehrett
- John Kuhn
- Judy Morgan
- Keith Ward





NELAP Board – Dan Hickman

- Steve Arms
- Bill Hall
- George
Kulasingham
- Ken Jackson
- Jack McKenzie
- Dave Mendenhall
- Mike Miller
- Richard Sheibley
- Scott Siders
- Steve Stubbs
- Karen Varnado
- Louis Wales





NELAP Board Duties

- Final authority for implementation of the program for accreditation of labs –
 - Review & approve Accrediting Bodies to become NELAP recognized.
 - Review NELAP ABs to assure conformance.
 - Recommend PT accreditor to TNI Bd.
 - Adopt acceptance limits developed by PT Bd.
 - Adopt the Laboratory Accreditation System for use in the Program.
- Receive complaints & direct to proper body.
- Ensure consistent application of the standard by NELAP ABs.





Nominating Committee – Aurora Shields

- Barbara Finazzo
- Jeff Flowers





Non-NELAP State Committee – Ann Marie Allen

This Committee has not yet formed but it will provide a platform for Non-NELAP states to work together within TNI.





Policy Committee – Alfredo Sotomayor

- JoAnn Boyd
- RaeAnn Haynes
- Silky Labie
- Carol Schrenkel
- Steve Stubbs
- Bob Wyeth





Policy Committee Duties

- Serve as a resource for development of policies.
- Review policies from all programs for conformity with respect to style and consistency with one another and the overall mission of TNI.
- Develop general policies for TNI.
- Review and evaluate requests for policies received from the membership and others and provide a recommendation to the Board.
- After review for organizational impact, the TNI Bd will confirm all policies for final adoption & use.





Proficiency Testing Board – Carl Kircher

- Gary Dechant
- Steve Gibson
- RaeAnn Haynes
- Bill Ingersoll
- Michelle Karapondo
- Kirsten McCracken
- Richard Sheibley
- Matt Sica
- Eric Smith
- Curtis Wood





PT Board Duties

- Provide assistance to the Board on the selection of PTOB/PTPA(s).
- Monitor PTOB/PTPA(s) to assure that they are following TNI requirements.
- Facilitate an annual caucus on proficiency testing.
- Review & evaluate PT data to determine appropriateness of PT test study limits.
- Provide recommendations to the NELAP Bd as to acceptance limits.





Technical Assistance Committee – Barbara Escobar

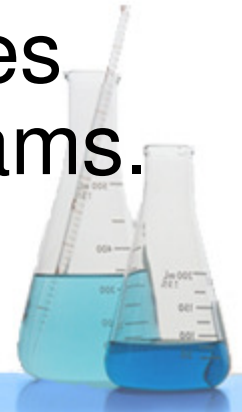
- James Broderick
- David Caldwell
- Brooke Connor
- Jack Farrell
- Ray Frederici
- Bill Hall
- Betsy Rich
- Ilona Taunton





Technical Assistance Committee Duties

- Develop tools & templates to assist labs and accrediting bodies with implementing accreditation programs.
- Ensure training programs relevant to the needs of the stakeholder community are provided.
- Develop a mentoring program to assist both laboratories and accrediting bodies with implementing accreditation programs.





Assessor Forum – Jack Farrell

- Bob Di Rienzo
- Barbara Escobar
- Larry Jackson
- Carl Kircher
- Silky Labie
- Dane Wren





Laboratory Support Committee – Brooke Connor

- Steve Arms
- Mike Bader
- John Gumpfer
- Malcolm Howell
- Bennett Osborne
- Carol Schrenkel
- Len Shantz
- Iona Taunton
- Leslie Wentland





Website Committee – Art Clark

- Brooke Connor
- Bob Di Rienzo
- Maria Friedman
- Dan Hickman
- Irene Ronning
- Rip Starr
- Pam Varner
- Keith Ward
- John Applewhite –
Webmaster (Ex-
Officio)





SUMMARY

- Lots of things have been happening since Kansas.
- We are well on our way to achieving self sufficiency.
- Opportunities for input and participation abound if you will step up and be part of the excitement.

