

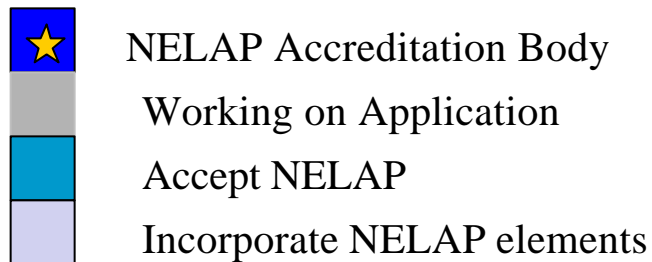
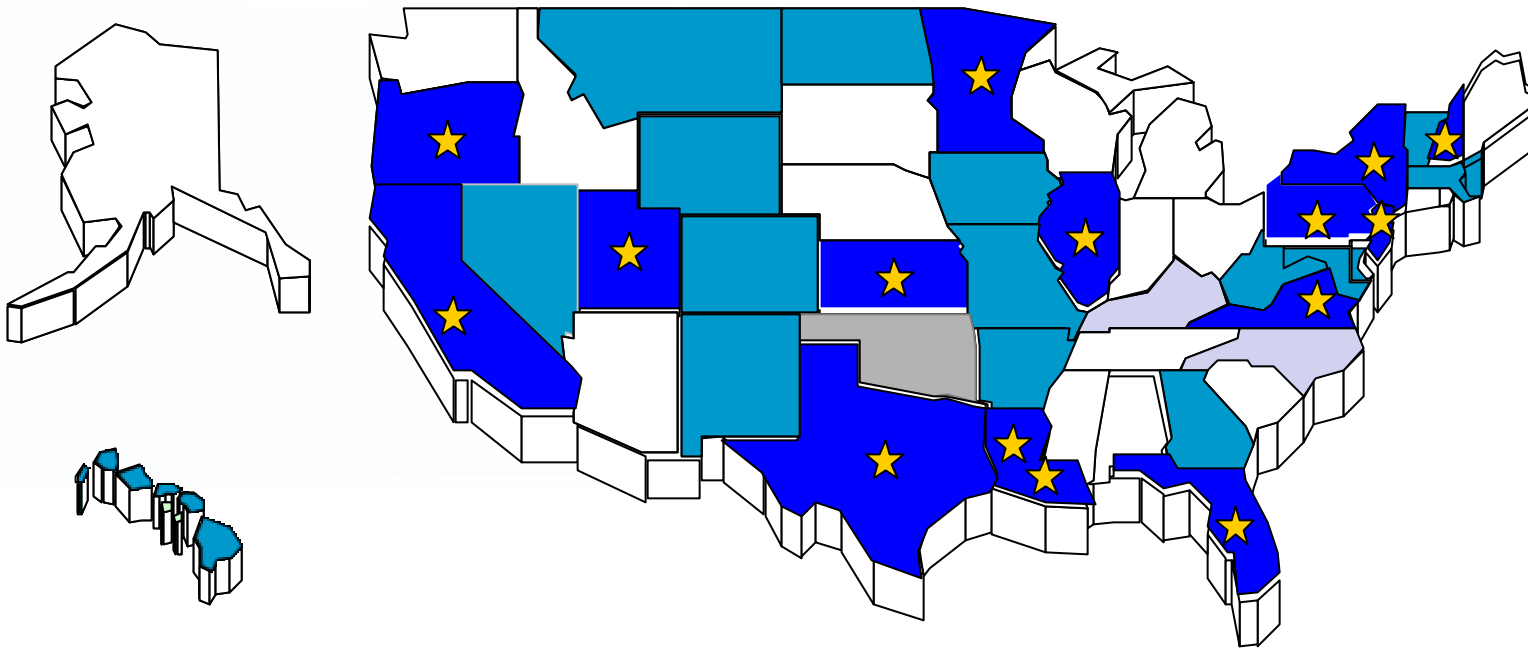


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Ask What You Can Do For TNI”
However,
“We’re From TNI and We’re Here to
Help You”*

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NELAP Accreditation Bodies





I Already Have an Effective Program

Why Rock the Boat?

- Improve laboratory quality
- Ensure data of “known and documented” quality
- Foster uniformity
- Build interstate cooperation
- Promote a national program





Why Should I Get Involved in TNI?

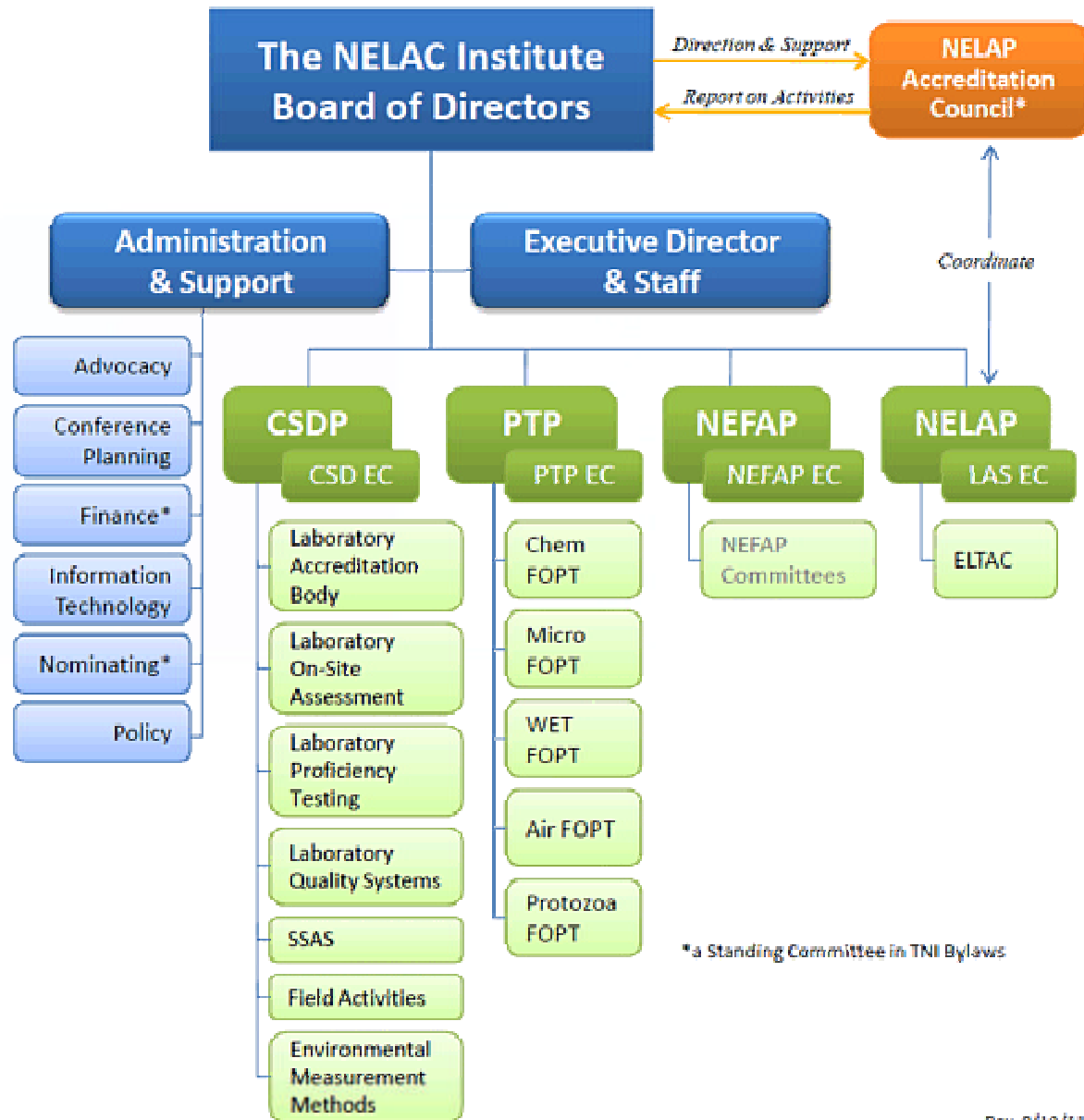
- Be a strong partner with an equal voice.
- Get a say in the evaluation of other accreditation bodies.
- Have a hand in developing new standards.
- Impact accreditation issues of national importance.
 - AB support and assistance
 - Consistency improvement
 - Role of NGABs and 3rd parties
- Control your own destiny.
- Be a part of the solution!



Getting Involved

- Join TNI
- Participate on TNI committees and boards to provide advice and share expertise.
 - Standards development
 - Standards interpretation
 - NELAP implementation
 - PT analytes and acceptance limits
- Vote and comment on standards.
- Come to meetings like this one.





*a Standing Committee in TNI Bylaws





How Can TNI Help You?

- Reach out to your constituents and stakeholders
- Provide education and training
 - <http://nelac-institute.org/eds-home.php>
- Advocate on your behalf
- Technical Assistance





How Can TNI Help You?

- Electronic tools and templates
 - LAMS
 - Method and analyte codes
 - Bulletin boards
 - Uniform application
 - PT tracking
 - Small Lab Handbook
 - Quality Manual Template





Small Laboratory Advocacy Group (SLAG)

- Open to TNI members and non-members
 - <http://www.nelac-institute.org/board/>
- Keith Chapman, City of Salem
 - kchapman@cityofsalem.net
- Seeks input from small laboratories and provides advice to TNI
- Raises concerns of small laboratories to high visibility in TNI





Educational Delivery System

- New EDS/training pages on TNI website
 - Educational opportunities
 - Application to provide training
- Training developed by TNI and others
 - “Live” training courses
 - Webinars
 - Webcasts





Recent Training

- Internal Audit, Management Reviews and Corrective Actions
- Corrective Action Process and Root Cause Analysis
- EPA Method Update Rule
- Environmental Laboratory Assessments - Basic Assessor Training
- How to Modify a Method Through an Alternate Test Procedure
- Standard Methods Part 1000: Compendium Use and Data Quality
- LOD and LOQ
- Being Audited for the Correct Use of Standard Methods
- Basic Chemistry and Operation of Currently Approved Wet Chemical Methods
- How to Manage an Effective Quality Management System





Laboratory Accreditation Management System (LAMS)

- Assist ABs with secondary accreditation
- Allow accredited labs to verify information about their lab
- Allow the public to find NELAP-accredited labs
- Allow vendors to find labs





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