

ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 17, 2015

MINUTES

Members Present

Matthew Rexing
Mary Tyer
Brian Sitko
Barbara Escobar
Randy Gottler
*Terri Garcia
Elizabeth Baker
Christina Hoppes
*Garry Brussels
*Anupa Jain
Cynthia Garcia (Amy
Baker)
Laura McCasland

Members Absent

Elizabeth Proffitt
Jim Williams
Robert Vertefeuille
Michael Dew
Rick Amalfi
Evelyn Dawson
Kurt Novy

Guests Present

Craig Pearson
Amy Cerwinski
Nancy Powell
Jenny Cahoon
Brad Cahoon
Gary Shipley
*Mike McGovern
Heather King
*Dawn Weyer

SLS Staff

Steve Baker
Prabha Acharya
Imelda Guevara
Isaac Robert
Mary Graham

ADEQ Staff

* by phone

CALL TO ORDER

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Barbara Escobar called the meeting to order.

Steve Baker welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He informed that Mary Graham had taken over Frank Martinez's position; she had worked for 4 years with the State Lab Chemistry running 500 series methods; she gained experience with 200.7 and 200.8 methods, while she was employed with Xenco.

Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gary Shipley's name was entered twice in the "Guest Present" column; the minutes from June 10, 2015 meeting was approved after the correction was made.

ADEQ UPDATE

There was no representation from ADEQ; Steve informed that Julie is no longer with the QA Unit, she has moved over to the DW Unit; currently there is no one working in the QA Unit and that he would call Julie to find out the situation there.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Draft MUR 2015- Update:

Barbara gave an update: the EPA website had posted all the comments they had received on the draft MUR; there were quite a lot; EPA was going to wait until all the comments had been received before they would respond to the individual comments.

TNI Update:

Barbara gave an update: the LOD/LOQ module is almost complete; there are so many steps before they become official; she will find out the exact status after checking the TNI website; it is probably a working standard now, still taking comments. They are almost finished with the calibration module which requires RSE for multi-point calibration curves; there is no requirement for the acceptable range, the labs would have to come up with the acceptability; the lab community especially smaller labs are not happy with this requirement, because it is something new for them. The next topic of interest is in-line/on-line methods; ELAB group is really pushing that. Next meeting is at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in January 2016 and in July it will be at the Orange County, which is a combined TNI and NEMC which covers more technical topics. Steve added that he has so far participated in 3 conference calls to discuss in-line methods; the 2nd one was a national call; EPA had no idea that the field methods were not being monitored, they have to realize the QC that are required in fixed labs would not work for field methods.

Jason Joyce from the Town of Florence Water/Wastewater facility introduced himself; lab was being built there.

ALA UPDATE:

There was nothing to report.

MALA Update:

There was nothing to report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rules:

Steve: ADEQ/ADHS haven't heard back regarding the rule making; Newer SM methods and SW 846 methods will be included in the new rules; e-application and new billing system is almost done; it will be tested for a month and should be ready by October; there will be a credit card fee added to the bill..

Training:

Matt Rexing gave an update: AZ Water/Metrohm Workshop will be presented on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 0800-4:30 in the ADHS Conference Room. it will be an advanced analytical seminar on the required testing for reuse; Shane Snyder of University of Arizona has agreed to present; it will be an all-day seminar; instrumentation demo will be in the afternoon.

The next SW/GW workshop will be held in Phoenix in March, 2016.

DMRQA:

There was nothing to report.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:

The date for the next meeting was set for December 10, 2015.