

ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 04, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present

Matthew Rexing
Garry Brussels
*Kurt Novy
Brian Sitko
Laura McCasland
Robert Vertefeuille
Cynthia Garcia
Barbara Escobar
*Michael Dew
Randy Gottler
Elizabeth Proffitt
Rick Amalfi
Anupa Jain
*Terri Garcia
*Christina Hoppes

Members Absent

Elizabeth Baker
Jim Williams
Mary Tyer
Evelyn Dawson

Guests Present

*Leanne Nieu Kirk
Kerri Keller
Gail Adams
Kim Caggiano
Amy Cerwinski
Tanner Henry
Gary Shipley
*Dawn Weyer
*Mike McGovern

SLS Staff

Prabha Acharya
Steve Baker
Isaac Robert
Galan Larson
Frank Martinez

ADEQ Staff

Becky Soter

* by phone

CALL TO ORDER

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Matt Rexing called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. He said he would be the Chairperson for the next few minutes.

Steve Baker welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from September 11, 2014 were approved as written.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR PERSON

Matt Rexing stated that the bylaws specify the nomination for Chair and Vice Chair will be taken in advance and the Chairperson will be selected based on the highest votes and Vice Chairperson with the second highest number of votes. The nominees were Barbara Escobar, Brian Sitko and Robert Vertefeuille; Barbara was chosen as the Chairperson and Brian Sitko was chosen as the Vice Chairperson.

ADEQ UPDATE

There was nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Any Changes to the By-laws?

The By-laws were reviewed line by line and the changes were made based on the discussion. The changes would be incorporated into the By-laws and be voted to make it official at the next meeting. Some of the significant changes were the term of membership of four years was removed, Chairman was changed to Chairperson, Special meetings can be called in by the voting members and not less than 10 members was stricken out.

Minutes are required to be taken for the public notification and one can appoint an officer as a secretary to take notes and prepare minutes when required.

ALA UPDATE:

None

MALA Update:

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rules:

Steve: permission to update the rules has been received; there are two parts involved; updating of the methods to keep the primacy and doing the five year review of the rules. Rules subcommittee will be formed; ADHS is currently updating the rules and the changes made to the rules will be discussed with the subcommittee after the June meeting and later in the fall the Rules would be submitted to the GRRC. Major changes would be the updating of methods and to use the 22nd edition of Standard Methods; the on-line editions would be allowed if they match the approval dates from the 22nd edition; the 22nd edition would be used for the micro methods as well. The following items would be made clearer; 1) compliance test done in the field at the time of sampling must be completed within 15 minutes and 2) the 15 minute rule will be exempted for a) chlorine dioxide and chlorite b) ultra-low range chlorine methods because those methods take longer than 15 minutes to complete; there will be no fee increase unless the legislators take away the reserve funds from the Licensure budget; if the labs pay fees by credit card then they would be charged the CC fees as well. There will be a change in another area, Installment Payment of Fees which is being abused a lot; some labs are in perpetually late payment status; The late payment fees would be increased from \$50 to \$100 and if the labs are misusing the installment payment of fees, then the privileges would be removed and they would have to pay all the fees owed right away.

Training:

Matt Rexing gave an update: SW/GW workshop was held in Pima county which was a big success; it was a good facility; flowing river as well as a monitoring well sampling was demonstrated; attendees were from all over the state; maybe the workshop could be alternated between Tucson and Phoenix; Steve also gave a presentation; Phoenix does not have a facility to demo a monitoring well.

Steve added that chlorine dioxide and chlorite workshop would be held in March of 2015; 5 hospitals would be required to test their discharges because of the boosters applied to their system to fight legionella in their pipes; drinking water systems' surveys would be completed by next summer and wastewater system workshops will begin in the Fall; one area that would be revisited would in-line turbidity; calibration and the verification of the instrument would be required.

Matt added that in the past general micro and chemistry, reporting of wet chemistry results workshops was held which were well received.

DMRQA:

Becky gave an update: Andy Koester has taken Marnie's position. His email is koester.andy@azdeq.gov. EPA will be sending the Study Packets to both majors and minors via email. If you haven't provided the email address to ADEQ please do so. Both majors and Minors are supposed to participate. Andy or Marnie can be contacted for any questions.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2015; the meeting was adjourned.