

ELTAC Meeting October 5, 2010 Draft Minutes – Al Verstuyft

Present Socorro, Andy, Dave, Al, Mark, one more; visitors Stephan(needs to get e-mail), William Lum (CDPH), Stephe Woods(asst. Div Chf to Gary), Gary, George, Fred, Jane; Absent – Ken’s Role Call

1. Attendance

ELTAC ATTENDEES LIST			Date: 10/05/10			
			Richmond	Scal	Phone	Absent
1	Socorro	Baldonado	ELTAC	x		
2	Cindy	Bamfield	ELTAC			x
3	Mark	Banuelos	ELTAC		x	
4	Robert	Bolton				x
6	Stefan	Cajina	CADPH	x		
7	Fred	Choske	ELAP	x		
8	Aida	Dente				x
9	Andrew	Eaton	ELTAC	x		
10	Gerry	Guibert	ELTAC			x
11	Jane	Jensen	ELAP	x		
12	David	Kimbrouth	LAWG			x
13	George	Kulasingam	ELAP	x		
14	Bruce	LaBelle				x
15	William	Lum	CADPH	x		
16	Houri	Mandjikian	LADWP		x	
17	Gilda	Neshvad	Positive Lab Services		x	
18	Joel	Ondo	ELAP	x		
19	Ken	Osborn	ELTAC	x		
20	Tony	Pirondini	ELTAC			x
21	Terry	Powers	ELTAC	x		
22	Bill	Ray		x		
23	Raimund	Roehl				x
24	Dave	Sandusky	ELTAC	x		
25	Pamela	Schemmer	ELTAC			x
26	Dave	Spath				x
27	Richard	Spinner	ELAP			x
28	Allen	Verstuyft	ELTAC	x		
29	Eileen	Wong	LADWP		x	
30	Stephan	woods	CADPH	x		
31	Gary	Yamamoto	CADPH	x		
32	Jean	Zacker				x

2. Minutes

Current Vacancies –

Dave Sandusky and Al Verstuyft terms expire in 2010. Dave will stay. Al will end his term. Discussion of representation: Large labs, CASA(waste water/water quality), small labs, municipal labs, metro drinking water, waste water lab, public health association, STMUD (drinking water), CDFA, WCB, DTSC, AWWA, Test America (ACIL), ARB(?)/BAAQMD and others. Looking for potential applications. Does there need to be organizational representation? No, independent applications may be submitted.

Missing a quorum only six; need seven.

3. Announcements, Current vacancies in ELAP. Vacancies on hold until budget is passed.

4. NELAC Updates – new TNI regs go into effect 2011. Training sessions were held and moving forward.

5. Updates – nothing new.

6. Draft Regulations – Two reg packages (program (ELTAC involved), increase revenue). Program draft regs are on website. Fee regs are not available until \$ agreed. ELAP cannot fill position because insufficient revenue. Fixing fees is an issue because fields of testing drives the fee. With consolidation of labs, there is loss of revenues. Takes more time to evaluate large labs instead of small labs. The AZ fee structure is fixed for fields of testing, and an additional fee for number of instruments. This may be a viable approach. Need to tie fee to time taken for evaluation. NY fee structure is complicated. Calculation of the fee for DW is based on regulated analytes. The instrument approach is easier than querying the LIMS and finding the applicable samples. Approach works best for NY labs where the large sample volume is instate. NY was sued and lost over fee structure. If one instrument is used for different fields of testing, then how is the calculation made. NY program is based on # of samples and analytes. NY system is cumbersome. Steve, Dave and someone? Will look at the comments.

7. ELAP Budget Issues:

Not sure the program impacts until budget is signed. Dept of Finances asked for data that may potentially result in budget cuts. There is some budget immunity. General funding is not an issue. George's budget authority is higher than revenues from fees by \$0.5 million, and could reduce the authority. Reducing authority looks good. Fee regs are intended to reduce \$0.5 million shortfall.

8. New ELTAC Appointments: Cindy Banfield is new ELTAC member expiring in 2014.

9. Officers/Elections – will be handled by e-mail since we do not have a quorum. K. Osborn will continue until 2012. Socorro, Vice-chair, works offsite and only comes for video conf.

By-laws require a minimum of three per year. There were only two meetings in 2010.

Arsenic interference from bromine EPA 200.8. Isobaric issue that can be used by collision cell. Cal Test uses collision cell for Se. EPA DW has been approved collision cell, specifically for As and Se. AWWA

meeting in Sac will be discussed. At NEMC in 8/10 EPA said they are close to approving for DW, whereas wastewater 40 CFR 136 is allowed, than 40 CFR 141/142 is more constrained per SDWA. DW samples with salinity are an issue with the isobaric approach.

PBMS was rejected by DW.

Method Update Rule (MUR) has been formally proposed 9/23/10. Assuming everything is adopted, what is ELAP doing to implement this MUR. When the 2007 MUR was published it took awhile. George will look to a retiree to update the ELAP regs to MUR. If labs want to adopted one of the methods that is not in the fields of test, then does the lab send a letter requesting the new method. ELAP wants to update certificate, visit the lab and evaluated. ELAP should have a standard protocol for updating methods. In toxics, there are many new methods that need to be updated. Need to work with current staff and possibly annuitants. Need to priorities with methods and labs. No longer will old standards methods be allowed. Need to have on-line because there will be two editions used. EPA agreed to cite by year of approval and not edition. This was supposed to happen in expedited DW rule and did not happen. There are still exceptions like phenols; distillation at pH 10. Twelve QA elements need to be in method. CDWA will have training at the Spring 2011 meeting.

10. Next Meeting – Ken is updating list. Feb 11 or 16, 2011.

Contact WSPA about representation.