

LABORATORY ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 23rd, 2010 meeting of the Laboratory Association of NH

List of attendees is attached

The meeting was opened at 0930 by Chair John Lyons.

Treasurer report: We have \$5900 in the checking account. The December meeting was a break-even event (\$4300 in, \$4100 out) with lots of vendors, lots of sponsorships. Invoices for 2010 dues will be sent out after we vote on dues today.

The executive board put forth a proposal to reduce the membership fees (our own little stimulus package). There was also a proposal to USE the funds, for example to send people to TNI meetings. Steve K. had gone in the past as a sponsored rep. and found it useful. In the past, LANH paid for airfare and hotel. The next TNI meeting will be in Washington, D.C. in August. Don mentioned that it is good to get a perspective other than Bill Hall's. Other ideas for our money could be to save it as a nest egg for speakers at other meeting or to use it for outreach, like a scholarship. The idea of joining TNI as a group was also mentioned, but it was thought to be expensive. It was noted that we would need to put forth explicit expectations for the sponsored person. Bill Hall noted that there are still lots of controversial issues out there at the TNI meetings with changes to standards. He said that it is good to join committees and many meet by teleconference, making it easy to join.

Steve K. made a motion to keep the dues the same for 2010, Kathy R. seconded, all voted in favor.

It was noted that we would need to have an application process for who would be our sponsored person.

Becky made a motion to spend a maximum of \$2000 for sponsorship of an attendee at the August TNI meeting, JoAnne seconded. All voted in favor.

We would wait on the idea of a scholarship until seeing how our cash flow works out this year.

The executive board put forth a proposal to change the fiscal year to a calendar year in the bylaws.

Kathy made a motion to make this change along with dues being due by January 31st starting in 2011, Kathy seconded, all voted in favor.

Elections: The positions of Chair and Secretary were due for re-election. There were no other nominees for either position so John was unanimously voted in as Chair again and Stephanie was unanimously voted in as Secretary again.

Upcoming events: The annual meeting is scheduled for June 15th at the Portsmouth Sheraton

We took suggestions for this and under meeting:

Marleen Moore again (all day)

Mass Spec by Restek (maybe outside of a regular meeting)

If we stay in one room, we need topics that appeal to everybody

Look at the TNI web-site/Jack Ferrell, Analytical Excellence for slides/topics/speakers that could be ready-to-go

Safety? (maybe at a Concord meeting)

Green, energy efficiency, construction

Waste (Bob Bishop)

Internal Audits (Marleen), Quality Control

Updates from Bill Hall: Knatalie is doing assessor training and will be out with Bill soon. Bill is hoping to get the Technical Committee back up and running. The hot-button issue when doing assessments has been limits and acceptance criteria for methods without fixed limits. Reminder that there's a March 25th training in Chelmsford. You don't have to run a quick-response PT when you have a failure, if you stay on the 6-month schedule and pass the next one then you're OK.

Chip Mackey spoke about a municipal drinking water lab advisory group that is looking into training/voluntary certification for DW operators. We'll be getting an e-mail if any body is interested in helping with this.

Paul Susca gave an update on private well testing.

Gail Dailey gave an update on Electronic Data Transfer.

Respectfully submitted by:

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