



Wisconsin Public Health LabNetwork

WALHDAB Lab Section Meeting

Minutes

WPHA/WALHDAB Annual Conference
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI
July 9, 2009
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Public Health Laboratories Present

- Eau Claire City-County Health Department – Courtenay Johnson
- Fond du Lac County Health Department – Gloria Smedema
- Public Health Madison-Dane County – Kirsti Sorsa
- City of Racine Health Department – Julie Kinzelman

Partners Present

- Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene – Jan Klawitter
- Wisconsin Department of Health – Chuck Warzecha

Agenda Topics/Discussion Items:

1. Section Governance – WALHDAB Section Guidelines require a Section Chair and suggests having a Vice-Chair. Our Nominees are Courtenay Johnson from Eau Claire for Chair and Kirsti Sorsa of Madison-Dane County for Vice Chair. You can vote for these nominees or nominate yourself or someone else at the WebSurvey*.
2. Next Face-to-Face meeting –
 - a. We'd like to hold a meeting in late Sept. or early Oct.. We discussed whether we should meet in Madison, the Dells or one of the local lab locations. The group agreed it would be helpful if we rotate the meetings around between the different local lab locations so we can all see what each other is doing.
 - b. Julie volunteered the Racine lab for this next meeting. You can vote on date options (and alternate locations) in the WebSurvey*.
3. APHL Funding and Travel Budgets – We still have APHL funding for mileage reimbursement through April 2010.
4. Contributions of Local PH Labs document – Many of you sent items for inclusion in the Contributions of Local PH Labs document that we displayed at the Lab network booth at the conference. I've attached the document to this email. If you didn't send anything before and would like to include some information, please feel free to send me your item and we'll add it. Also if you have a better electronic

version of your health dept. logo than what's in the document, please send that along to. A BIG THANKS to Julie for pulling together the assorted emails to create this cohesive document.

5. Lab breakout session suggestions for 2010 conference – The group briefly discussed having the Lab Section submit a breakout session abstract for the 2010 WPHA/WALHDAB conference (which will be in Middleton). The topic suggested is: Blue-green algae detection methods and implications for local health departments. This could cover both inland lakes and the shallow waters in Lake Michigan.
6. LAB Section web page on WALHDAB web site – Jan emailed Eric Ostermann asking how the Lab Section would go about getting a web page on the WALHDAB web site. Stay tuned.
7. Future Agenda topics/items:
 - a. Lab updates (5-10 minutes each on what's happening in your lab)
 - b. Strategic planning for the section now that it's part of WALHDAB (mission, vision, goals)
 - c. Training ideas
 - d. Discussion of a capabilities/experts list that you can give to your local media
 - e. Discussions of reciprocity options between local labs
 - f. Invitation to UW-Oshkosh lab to attend the meeting and talk about their lab services. Several local health departments contract with the UW-Oshkosh lab to provide water-testing services.

Recorder: Jan Klawitter, State Lab of Hygiene

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Post-Meeting Updates:

1. *WebSurvey was established by Jan (State Lab of Hygiene) and distributed to members:
<https://websurvey.wisc.edu/survey/TakeSurvey.asp?AI=1&SurveyID=53Knl5L03773Kl5>
2. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair – Survey results indicated Courtenay Johnson would serve as Chair and Kirsti Sorsa Vice-Chair of the Wisconsin LabNetwork.
3. Next Meeting Date, Time, Place was decided via survey results to be:
 - a. Meeting Date/Time: October 5, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 - b. Meeting Place/Location: Racine Lab – Room 209, Racine City Hall, 730 Washington Ave., Racine
4. Website Update – As of September 16, 2009 Courtenay Johnson was contacted by Sarah Beversdorf regarding submitting WALHDAB-Lab Section items to be included on the WALHDAB website.