

# Michigan Water Environment Association

## Laboratory Practices Committee

July 19, 2007 meeting at the MWEA Office, Bath, MI

Attendees: John Parmentier, Chairperson; Gary DeKock, Jesse Smith, Mary Lenardson, Marilyn Betts, Bob Avery, Julia Pieper, Dave Johnson, Jon Mink, Amy Vail and Gretchen Hathaway.

Introductions: Due to our current membership attendance/outreach efforts, we had some returning members and new attendees.

Procedure Discussion: Bacteriological Analysis (Coliform, fecal coliform, etc...). Gretchen Hathaway, Whatman Technical Sales Representative, gave a presentation on the different kinds of bacterial testing that are performed on water and wastewater. Some specific questions from the membership were discussed and Gretchen will be contacting them for further assistance. This presentation will be on the MWEA LPC web page as soon as available.

Membership Drive/Outreach: Adding speaker presentations about the subjects of interest to our members is our new feature and we will have the presentations when our agenda has space around our other projects. We will continue to contact past members and reach out to facilities and labs that have not previously been represented. Discussion included a new members function, continuing to have meetings at different lab locations to allow for tours, contacting the certification committee to make sure we are including/inviting those with MWEA/CWEA Lab Certifications, etc...

General Discussion: Subjects were the EPA method flexibility rule, alternate test procedures, lab thermometers and how Michigan doesn't allow mercury shipping, MDL's: tracking false positives and negatives, and MDL vs. PQL.

Starting at the September LPC meeting, we will begin planning for our 2008 Spring Seminar. Anyone with ideas about a Key Note Speaker, content and speakers should bring them to the meetings or send them to John.

Those members who attended the 2007 MWEA Annual Conference gave a summary of their experiences. The MWEA Executive Board would like our input on potential speakers for the 2008 Annual Conference.

Mary volunteered to take minutes for the committee and John asked everyone to think about volunteering to be Vice Chairperson with the plan to become the next Chairperson.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is Thursday, August 23, 2007 at the MWEA Office.

Submitted by Mary B. Lenardson, July 31, 2007.