

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program's Responses to Comments

January 15, 2016 Draft of ELTAC By-Laws

Article	Sub-sections of the Article	Commenter	Representative	Summary	Response
IV	Section D Expectations	Helix Water	Cindy Ziernicki	There is no list of any representative's constituents so how could a representative ever prove they were able to reach out to them, when they are not identified in the bylaws?	ELAP has a list of all ELAP-accredited laboratories to share and assist with ELTAC representative's in effectively communicating with constituents.
IV	Section D Expectations	Helix Water	Cindy Ziernicki	It is difficult to prove the constituents were reached out to in certain communities, for instance...large municipal or large private labs or small municipal or small private labs.	
IV	Section D Expectations	Helix Water	Cindy Ziernicki	There is no definition of what constitutes a small vs large lab and no specific community list for most of these groups. Also is a small southern California representative responsible to reach out to northern Cal labs? If so, then why is it required in the bylaws that members be represented from N and S California?	ELTAC members are representatives of the collective laboratory community. It is the responsibility of individual ELTAC members to take ownership in their leadership roles to be the collective voice of the community they represent. All members of ELTAC must be able to effectively communicate with their constituents to be an effective member of ELTAC. If someone cannot meet this minimal requirement, then the individual fails to qualify for ELTAC representation.
IV	Section D Expectations	Helix Water	Cindy Ziernicki	It is unfair to put the burden of communication with the outgoing community on any representative of ELTAC.	<p>If a certain cross-section of ELAP-accredited laboratories is not adequately represented, then it behooves the cross-section of laboratory professionals to join an existing group/association, create and/or spear head a group/association to share ideas and discuss laboratory issues which includes needs, interests and activities.</p> <p>This critical capacity building should be a priority area of concern for ELTAC members and ELAP if a cross-section of ELAP-accredited laboratories is not adequately represented in ELTAC membership. In previous ELAP workshops, ELAP has offered assistance to any individuals wishing to engage in these potential absent leadership roles such as providing ELAP-accredited laboratory mailing lists to help manage and communicate with a laboratory cross-section.</p> <p>The language included in the draft By-Laws regarding northern and southern California representation is to ease travel costs and communication barriers for all the ELTAC members.</p>
N/A	N/A	Central Valley Clean Water Association	Debbie Webster	CVCWA is concerned that the only input formally presented in is the ELTAC group to provide technical expertise. CVCWA strongly recommends a stakeholder process also be formed to advise this process that is not technically bound or so formal.	<p>ELTAC meetings are conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Please see article II of the By-Laws.</p> <p>There are many different ways for the public to be involved in these meetings and let their voices be heard. Please see the link at the bottom of the page for ways to participate in ELTAC meetings.*</p>
N/A	N/A	Central Valley Clean Water Association	Debbie Webster	We also have some concerns with the nomination process. We are uncertain if appointments from the nominees will be the best moving forward.	Comment is unclear. However, the ELTAC appointments are made by the Deputy Director of the Division of Drinking Water and fair evaluation of the candidates will occur during the selection process as described in previous draft ELTAC By-Laws response to comments.
N/A	N/A	Central Valley Clean Water Association	Debbie Webster	Finally, CVCWA would like to have representation in this process. CVCWA represents over 60 POTWs in the Central Valley of various sizes.	Anyone meeting the minimum requirements can apply to be part of the ELTAC committee. We recommend that any party seeking representation nominate a candidate.

*http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/general/docs/citizenguide2011.pdf