

NADP Hybrid Spring Meeting 2026

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Summary

Sarah Benish from the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) Program Office provided updates on staffing changes, including Richard Tanabe's retirement on July 24th, promotions of Nichole Miller to assistant coordinator and Ella Osby to site operations supervisor, and ongoing recruitment for several positions including a Chem 3 in the PFAS lab and a health technologist. **Melissa Puchalski**, the outgoing executive chair, reviewed the 2026 executive priorities focusing on network modernization and building new partnerships, highlighting the new PFAS network and pilot mercury network as key achievements. **Richard Tanabe** presented an extensive update on the Sample Status Hub, demonstrating how this tool has modernized NADP operations through automated email distribution, equipment tracking, and real-time dashboards that provide management-level reporting on site issues. **Mike Bell** presented a data visualization tool developed in Power BI that allows site sponsors to analyze weekly sample data, invalid samples, and completion criteria across different networks and agencies, with plans to roll out this beta version to site operators for feedback. Committee chairs gave summaries and highlights from their individual meetings that occurred before Joint. **Richard Tanabe** put forth a motion to name the Passive Mercury Pilot Network if it becomes an official network. The motion passed and its name will be Mercury Passive Network (MPN). **Mike Bell** nominated Sarah Nelson to be the next

NADP secretary and the motion passed. **Noel Deyette** adjourned the meeting after the group thanked her for her excellent leadership of Network Operation Subcommittee (NOS) over the past year and half.

Motions

- In the event the passive mercury pilot network gains official network status, the network will be named: Mercury Passive Network (MPN). Passed.
- Mike Bell nominated Sarah Nelson as NADP secretary. Passed.

Welcome, Logistics, Introductions

Noel Deyette welcomed everyone to the spring Joint meeting. The meeting began with introductions from both in-person and virtual attendees, including representatives from US Geological Survey (USGS), US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), US Forest Service (USFS), state environmental departments, and other organizations, with participants sharing how long they've been involved with NADP and their current roles.

NADP program staff changes and network updates

Sarah Benish from the NADP Program Office provided Program Office updates.

Staffing Updates:

- Richard Tanabe will retire on July 24.
- Nichole Miller was promoted to Assistant Coordinator in April.
- Kat McKinnon will begin next Monday (June 15) as Quality Assurance (QA) Specialist.
- Ella Osby was promoted in May to Site Operations Supervisor.
- Nichole and Ella have assumed many of Richard's responsibilities, and staff were advised to direct questions to the appropriate person among Nichole, Ella, or Sarah.
- The Program Office is recruiting for a Chem 3 position in the PFAS lab.
- A Health Technologist position in the sample and supply shipping/receiving group was posted and closes June 14.
- Backfill positions are expected for:
 - Kat's former role
 - Ella's former role, once responsibilities are finalized
- The office is transitioning away from heavy reliance on Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) fellows, interns, and students due to funding limitations.

Building and Facilities Update

- NADP currently operates across two buildings within the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene system (Henry Mall/campus and East Madison location, Ag Drive)
- The proposed move to the Hill Farms building is currently on pause and is unlikely to move forward.

Budget Update

- The state fiscal year ends June 30 and NADP expects to finish the year on budget.
- Next Fiscal year is the final year of the 2% annual increase for 5 years approved Exec.
- Federal funding remains stable, with increasing PFAS-related funds supporting the program.

Quoting and Billing Process

- Sarah will now handle quotes for new and continuing sites.
- Richard developed a Google Sheets tool to simplify quote generation.

Compliance and Cybersecurity

- NADP was required to complete a federal cybersecurity questionnaire under a Presidential Memorandum. University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison issued a certification process for federal grants, and NADP responded to 20 questions related to data control and access.
- UW is currently reviewing the responses and will identify any security gaps.
- Additional compliance requirements may be needed in the future for collaborations with external institutions or subcontractors.

Sample Archive Process

- The sample archive request process has been updated and streamlined.
- Documentation is available on the website under Networks → Request for Archive Samples.
- Requests now use a survey, which feeds directly into a Google Sheet for tracking and quoting.
- The new process should improve workflow, billing, and visibility into request status.

Archive Activity

- All 2020 samples were donated to Beth Boyer at Penn State in April.
- Since January/February, two sample requests have been received.
- Both current requests are for stable isotope analysis.
- The new archive process is functioning well, with a few initial issues being worked through.

Closing Remarks

- Sarah expressed appreciation for operators, site landowners, and staff who support daily network operations
- She emphasized that these groups are essential to making NADP successful.

Executive Committee on the status of our 2026 priorities - Melissa Puchalski from US EPA summarized the Executive Committee updates:

Opening Remarks

- Melissa thanked Mike McHale, Jason Lynch, and Noel Deyette for organizing the meeting.
- She also thanked Nichole Miller and Richard Tanabe for helping the program office support the meeting.
- She acknowledged the significant turnover and loss of experienced leaders over the past year and a half but noted that the influx of new participants is encouraging.

Program Health and Continuity

- Despite recent challenges, Melissa expressed confidence that the program is still strong and will continue to succeed.
- She emphasized that the program's success depends on operators, labs, the program office, and everyone participating in the network.

Executive Committee Priorities

- **Network Modernization Efforts**

- Progress has been made on several modernization initiatives, including two-week Mercury Deposition Network (MDN) sampling change, changes to Atmospheric Mercury Network (AMNet), and using optical character recognition (OCR) software for field forms. These changes are intended to make the program run more smoothly and sustainably.
- Progress has been made to expand monitoring capabilities, including PFAS-NTN sub-network (PFN), and pilot mercury network.
- **Building new partnerships**
 - The Executive Committee has worked to strengthen relationships with existing partners.
 - Melissa noted that several PFAS manuscripts are in review stage, which she expects that publication will help further expand the PFAS network.
- **Tools and Communication Improvements**
 - Richard Tanabe and Mark Kuether developed weekly site reports to help agencies identify sites that may be falling behind or not returning samples.
 - Mike Bell has developed a site visualization tool, which is expected to improve operator engagement and help compare site performance and data quality across the network.
 - The Committee plans to continue improving communication tools and overall program support.

Closing Remarks

- Melissa emphasized the importance of member feedback in identifying ways to improve the program.
- She encouraged continued participation, volunteering, and engagement across the network.
- She closed by thanking the group for the opportunity to serve as Executive Chair.

Site Support Hub (Richard Tanabe)

Background and Purpose

- Richard shared a brief history of his involvement with NADP, noting he has been involved since about 2002 and attended his first meeting in 2008. He explained that NADP's modern networks depend on coordination across sites, funding agencies, laboratories, and the program office. In earlier years, many processes were handled manually, which created inefficiencies, errors, and challenges for growth.
- Richard described findings from a 2018 Central Analytical Lab / Program Office (CAL/PO) meeting review, which highlighted that the trouble ticket system did not support summary reporting and management-level reporting on site issues. Another concern was that spare parts inventory status was being tracked visually rather than through a structured system. These findings helped drive the development of new tools and workflows.

Development of Tracking Tools

- Richard created a **net equipment tracking Google Sheet** to manage equipment shipments, order tracking, and inventory, using a Google Apps Script as the underlying automation layer. Over time, functionality was expanded based on user needs.

Automation Improvements

- One major improvement is the automated email distribution. Previously, staff manually emailed operators when shipments were sent.

- Now, information entered into the Network Equipment tracking sheet triggers an automated nightly script that sends notifications to operators and includes relevant PDFs and installation instructions.
- Current Tools and Functions Include equipment tracking, site support hub, supply tracking, estimated running criteria, precip. site status, sample rec order tracking, sample status hub, quote requests, sample archive requests, and upcoming National Trend Network (NTN) supply tracking, and shipping tool.

Sample Status Hub / Dashboard

- The Sample Status Hub provides a centralized way to review weekly site activity.
- It includes real-time dashboards, site filtering, mapping, executive summaries, and funding distribution views.
- The dashboard pulls data from the Site Support Hub and displays site information, equipment types, site issues, sponsor/funding agency summaries, estimated running criteria.
- Richard noted that this tool helps users quickly understand site performance and whether sites are on track to meet network criteria.

Emergency and Shutdown Communication Tools

- Richard described two specialized communication tools built into the system.

Severe Weather Notifications

- A tool was developed to send alerts to operators based on forecasted severe weather.
- It supports hurricane notifications, winter storm notifications, region-based targeting, and exclusion of specific states or sites.
- The system automatically sends safety-focused messages and appropriate Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) as attachments.

Government Shutdown Communications

- A workflow was also developed to help communicate during possible or actual government shutdowns. The system uses survey-based intake and email logic to determine whether the site is affected, whether federal staff are impacted, and whether a site is federally funded but not federally staffed.
- It supports advance notice emails, shutdown notification emails, recovery/resumption emails, and partial shutdown scenarios.
- The system also supports internal tracking and list generation for labs and funding agencies.

Benefits of the System

- Richard emphasized several key benefits of the tools and workflows, which include reduced manual effort, improved site support and equipment turnaround, better data consistency, more uniform training and onboarding, and modernization of legacy operational processes.

Questions:

- **John Offenberger** asked, might you consider adding a similar notification functionality for wildfires or for other disasters? Richard said that could be added.

NTN Data Visualization (Mike Bell)

Purpose of the Tool

- Mike B. presented a new data visualization tool developed to help evaluate weekly sample performance, invalid or contaminated samples, site completion criteria, and trends in site performance over time.
- He emphasized that the tool is not intended to shame operators or sponsors, but rather to support learning, improve SOPs, and strengthen data quality.
- Mike B's motivation for development arose from a 2022 data gap in the map that occurred due to several sites in the Midwest not meeting completion criteria, which led him to focus more closely on-site sustainability, data quality, and how annual values are produced and used.
- He also noted increased interest from site operators in understanding why some sites were not making the map.

Tool Development and Format

- Mike B. initially created Excel-based graphics, which were later converted by Alison Webering (National Park Service) into a Power BI dashboard. The tool is designed to be interactive, easy to update with new NADP data, and exportable to PDF or PowerPoint for leadership and funding agency presentations.

Dashboard Features

- The dashboard includes several views and summaries, which includes a weekly sample value by ion, invalid sample tracking, completion criteria trends, network-wide summaries, agency-specific comparisons, and spatial maps of site performance.
- Users can examine concentration and deposition trends by ion, weekly precipitation context, invalid sample categories, year-over-year completion criteria performance, and invalid sample types highlighted (e.g. contaminated samples, lab errors, and incorrect precipitation amounts).
- The dashboard also allows users to compare individual sites, by agencies, trends, and deposition patterns.
- The tool can summarize data across all NPS NADP sites, broader agency groups, and network-wide site rankings
- Mike noted that this helps identify how sites compare spatially and across time.

Testing and Future Rollout

- The tool is currently in a beta stage. Mike B. plans to roll it out to site operators and National Park Service users in the near term. He requested feedback from site sponsors and operators.
- He also noted that if users prefer not to share certain data publicly, those access limitations can be built into the tool.
- Once the NTN version is finalized, Mike B. hopes to expand the tool to other networks.
- He also suggested that findings from the tool could prompt discussions about completion criteria, data processing steps, and potential modifications to improve data products.
- Mike B. shared an example from Sequoia Kings Canyon, where a winter storm and delayed site access may have affected a sample's classification.

Questions:

- How is the site operator going to interact with this tool? Mike B. explained by Relationship Building and User Engagement. He created the tool partly to give people something concrete to engage with and discuss.
- A second question was whether Mike's B. dashboard could help identify site-specific situations where current SOP protocols may not fit the conditions, such as a high-elevation Wyoming

site that has repeatedly failed to make the map. The concern was that requirements like a windshield may not fully account for windy or high-elevation environments, and the tool might help provide evidence to support possible protocol review or revision. Mike B. said he hopes the tool can be adapted to answer questions like this by comparing the site in question to other high-elevation sites. His idea was that if multiple sites are missing the same storm or showing the same pattern, the dashboard could help identify whether there is a broader issue and whether a different approach might be needed.

Subcommittee Reports and Motions

MELD (Connor Olson/Tim Sharac) – Tim gave the Mercury in the Environment and Links to Deposition (MELD) update. He reported that the mercury program is in good shape overall. MDN sites have declined slightly, but a two-week pilot sampling approach began in 2026 and is producing a 37% cost savings. AMNet remains steady at 7 sites, Mercury Litterfall Network (MLN) has 25 sites, and the Passive Mercury Pilot Network has grown to 16 sites. The program has also gained sites and equipment from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and National Ecological Observation Network (NEON) closures. Tim noted that the Passive Mercury Pilot Network completed its first full year and will see some protocol changes starting in 2026. He highlighted ongoing work related to the Minamata Convention, continued lab testing with MDN bottles, and OCR efforts that will streamline field form data input for MDN. Finally, he mentioned a new active/passive intercomparison project and ongoing dry deposition modeling work using GEOS-Chem.

TDep (Kristin Foley/Da Pan) – Kristin gave the Total Deposition Science Committee (TDep) update. TDep had a busy year with the launch of a webinar series, and recordings from the first two webinars are now available. A third webinar is planned for this fall, featuring a talk on using satellite observations to estimate trace gas fluxes. TDep is also excited about the Climate Engine app (https://climateengine.org/datasets/atmosphere/tdep_yearly_4000/) from DRI, which has strong potential for visualizing TDep data. TDep members are working on example use cases. TDep held our spring meeting on June 3rd with 45 virtual attendees. That meeting included a report from the Measurement Model Fusion Workgroup, and an updated TDep dataset using the new CMAQ version is expected later this year. That update will include 2020 and 2021 data and fused annual wet deposition. TDep also had breakout sessions on measurement-model fusion (led by Greg Beachley), Mike Bell's new NTN visualization tool (led by Mike B.), and on data gaps in total nitrogen deposition (led by Ryan Fulgham and Melissa Puchalski). A few themes came up repeatedly: improving the feedback loop between field data and models, reducing data gaps, expanding work on understudied species, and making better use of low-cost sensors.

CLAD (Kris Novak/Hazel Cathcart) – Both Kris and Hazel gave the Critical Loads of Atmospheric Deposition (CLAD) update. CLAD has been working to make meetings more efficient by combining Executive and Advisory Board meetings and merging working group meetings into a single monthly session. The group also wants to use those meetings for both updates and broader science sharing, and members were encouraged to join the standing meeting list if interested. At the June 4, 2026 CLAD meeting, Beck Dalton was welcomed as incoming secretary, Jeff Sorkin moved up to co-chair, Hazel

remained co-chair, and Kris stepped down from the role. The fall meeting minutes were approved. Updates were given on the National Critical Load Database, critical load uncertainty papers, related tools, and the Canadian deposition product, which is nearing publication. The meeting also included science talks on herbaceous species critical loads, regional critical loads using new vegetation maps, ozone tree critical levels, and the newly published Herb Handbook. The discussion afterward focused on improving engagement and continuing science-sharing opportunities.

AMSC (Eric Uram/Stacy Knapp) – Stacy gave the Aeroallergen Monitoring Science Committee (AMSC) update. AMSC was renewed as a science committee in 2025 and meets quarterly, with additional small groups working on issues as needed. The committee is not ready to become a formal network yet, mainly because funding is tight and growth has been slower than hoped. For now, AMSC is focused on strengthening existing pollen SLT networks, adding monitors when possible, sharing best practices, and improving data sharing and QA/QC through methods comparisons. Stacy highlighted several partner networks, including tribal, state, university, and vendor partners. She gave updates on sites in Maine, Oklahoma, Idaho, Wisconsin, Georgia, and Washington, noting ongoing expansion where funding allows. AMSC is also working to make pollen data available to the public in near real time while ensuring the data is accurate and trustworthy.

NOS (Noel Deyette): Noel gave the Network Operation Subcommittee (NOS) update and covered several major network and technical activities.

- Mike Bell reported on the MDN two-week pilot network, which is intended to reduce costs while maintaining data quality; early comparison results show strong agreement, but final analysis is still pending.
- Zac Najacht and Mark Kuether gave the Data Management Advisory Group (DMAG) update. They confirmed that the database, review apps, metadata, and web reports have been updated for the two-week MDN protocol. For the PFAS network, database/API work is being finalized. Errors in the NTN animated maps and MDN data are being corrected.
- Ella Osby gave the site liaison updates. She noted the January rollout for the Alpha Ammonia Monitoring Network (AMoN) samplers went well, with only minor issues that were addressed through additional operator training.
- Jeff Collette reported on the Sampler for Nitrogen and Phosphorous in Total (SNiPiT) project for total phosphorus. Ongoing issues include sample acidification affecting instrument results, over-acidification of low-volume samples, and likely phosphorus leaching from PVC samplers, causing elevated background levels. Delrin prototype sampler parts performed better in testing, but work is still ongoing.
- Melissa Puchalski provided Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET) updates. Recent CASTNET changes are related to US EPA reorganizations, site closures, and new/reopened sites. BLM was lost as a partner in 2025, resulting in closures of five CASTNET Wyoming sites. However, new or reopened sites include one in Florida, one with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and CDR 119 reopened in West Virginia. All filter pack data through 2025 have been loaded into US EPA's Air Quality System. Lastly, US EPA sites now have PurpleAir and QuantaAQ PM sensors.

- Noel gave the USGS update and reported that the current precipitation chemistry QA showed results similar to previous years. More co-located samples are available from the NY20 site. USGS has been expanding PFAS activity, which could support both the program office and future work. Mercury deposition network preparation was moved from the New York Water Science Center Laboratory to the M3 Research Laboratory for the most recent May shipment to improve blank results because the new lab is a trace element clean lab.
- Jason O'Brien reported on Canadian Air Precipitation Monitoring Network (CAPMoN). The Environment and Climate Change Canada's Science and Technology Branch underwent a reorganization, and CAPMoN is now in a new division. Operations and data analysis are now in separate sections. To reduce costs the number of sites has been reduced to 26 and precipitation sampling has changed from daily to weekly at most sites. The lab backlog is still being addressed, with completion estimated by 2028. CAPMoN is transitioning to an electronic sample history form. Field studies comparing daily vs. weekly filter pack sampling are being completed, and related data analysis and SOP updates are underway. New ozone analyzers have been received and are being deployed, and ozone calibrators will be replaced over this year and next.
- Eric Hebert gave the Environmental Engineering & Measurement Services, Inc (EEMS) field survey update and reported that a new, fully web-based database was created in 2024. The system allows users to view site visit schedules, records, and photos.
- Zac Najacht gave an update on sample receiving and data entry and reported that edits to the NTN field form are complete. Changes include removing manual precipitation entries, updating the bucket weighing section to exclude the lid and adding more radio buttons. The software ABBYY OCR is being tested to automatically create first-pass entries from scanned field forms. The plan is to implement the system around mid-June alongside the current manual process.
- Katie Blaydes gave an update on the network analytical and QA report and noted that validation of the segmented flow analyzer is expected by September, as the busy field season is underway. Nichole Miller reported that the Quality Assurance Plan has been updated to include PFAS and PFN items. Recent lab proficiency test results were good. Any recent non-conforming events were minor. The SOP review cycle has changed from 1 year to 3 years, and new SOPs are moving forward under that schedule.
- Christa Dahman and Martin Schafer reported that PFN become an official subnetwork on April 7, 2026. April data are expected to be finalized and posted to the website around August. The first proficiency test was conducted in May, with results expected in the coming months. Several special projects and manuscripts are in progress.
- Tim Sharac gave an update on the Passive Mercury Pilot Network and reported that the network has grown to 14 sites, and the first full year of monitoring data has been collected. Comparisons between Tekran and Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene samplers showed fairly comparable results, though WSLH measured slightly higher in Q2 than in Q4. Sarah Janssen (USGS) presented the passive vs. active mercury monitoring project plan. The study will compare 3-month passive samplers and 2-week active samplers. Analysis is expected in September and be finalized and published early next year.
- Noel reported that Greg Beachley was approved as the next NOS secretary.

DMAG (Mark Kuether) – Mark gave the update for the Data Management Advisory Group (DMAG). The work on updates to the NTN and MDN forms has gone smoothly and MDN is about to go live. NTN form has received good feedback from operators. OCR development is nearing completion, and the team plans to run a side-by-side trial comparing OCR with the traditional review process. The PFN network website is currently under construction and is expected to be available in July. The first PFN network data are expected to be available in July with data from April 2026. All data prior to April 2026 will be considered pilot data. Pilot data may be posted, but the format and timing are still being determined. PFN reports delivered through the website will use a stacked/vertical layout rather than the traditional MDN or NTN format. This design reflects the large number of analytes and the expectation that analytes may change relatively quickly over time. Corrections are being made to the NTN maps. The first updated maps will be the animated maps based on the revised rasters. These updates are expected to be completed before the fall meeting. Data Corrections are currently being reviewed. For zero-precipitation samples, some samples previously classified as dry are being reevaluated. About 450 samples from 2018 onward may be reclassified as wet samples. No changes will be made to data earlier than 2018. Any changes will be thoroughly documented and announced. MDN calculations for some web-published deposition calculations may not match hand-calculated values in certain cases. This issue is still under review, and updates will be provided as more is learned.

QAAG Update (Nichole Miller) – Nichole gave the Quality Assurance Advisory Group (QAAG) update and reported they focused mainly on improving rain gauge calibration accuracy during field audits. Based on field studies, the group decided to lower the lowest calibration point from 0.25 inches to 0.03 inches to better match real-world precipitation, and they also discussed whether calibration should be tested on partially full gauges. The 2025 Quality Assurance Report will be available later this year. Finalization was delayed while transitioning roles and hiring a QA specialist, but work will resume once Kat McKinnon starts next week. NADP's SOPs are now available online in list form. All PFAS SOPs have been added to the website and can be requested as needed. The SOP review cycle has been changed from 1 year to 3 years to reduce staff workload. Major issues can still trigger an off-cycle review if needed. The next external audit is scheduled for 2027. Planning for the audit team will begin in early 2027 and the team may visit Madison for an in-person or hybrid audit. QAAG leadership will transition to Kat as the new co-chair since Nichole is no longer in QA.

Open Discussion and Motions updates (Noel Deyette)

Naming the Passive Mercury Pilot Network if it becomes an official network (Richard Tanabe)

The discussion focused on the need to decide on a permanent name and acronym for the Passive Mercury Pilot Network in case it becomes an official network. The motivation was to avoid changing terminology later and to simplify tracking of sites, contact information and shipping information. Having a stable acronym was noted as especially helpful for staff. Several naming options were considered:

- Mercury Passive Network (MPN).
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- Other variations using "H" or alternate letter orderings (e.g. HPN).

- Short-form conversation names such as MERPAS were mentioned, but concerns were raised about whether that might conflict with existing terminology or copyright issues.
- Some participants preferred keeping the mercury networks aligned with the existing naming structure: MPN which is in line with MDN and MLN.
- Concerns were raised that MPN could be confused with MDN.
- Others noted that the website spells out the network name, so the acronym may matter more for internal communication than for public users.
- The group also discussed whether the naming should better reflect the relationship between wet and dry mercury monitoring networks.

Motion and Outcome

- A motion: In the event the passive mercury pilot network gains official network status, the network will be named: **Mercury Passive Network (MPN)**.
- The motion was seconded.
- The discussion suggested support for adopting the name now to avoid future confusion and update internal tools accordingly.
- Motion passed unanimously

2026 Fall Business meeting update (Jason Lynch) – Fall meeting will be virtual on the week of October 26.

Nomination of NADP Secretary (Mike Bell) – Mike B. acknowledged and thanked our current NADP Executive Committee. Melissa and Mike B. both had extended duties because of the switch of the spring and fall meeting. Starting tomorrow, Dave Felix will move to vice chair, Mike McHale to chair and Melissa to past chair.

Motion: Mike B. nominated Sarah Nelson, who is the Director of Research at the Appalachian Mountain Club, as NADP secretary. Mike B. asked for any other nominations. No additional names were put forward. Melissa seconded Sarah nomination. In the discussion, Mike B. noted that Sarah's been a long-time participant of the NADP community with an extensive history of acid rain research in Maine, and has recently worked closely with MELD, especially through the Dragonfly Mercury Project. She has experience tracking the impact of various air pollutants across the East and the Appalachian Mountains. Her research incorporates multiple stressors impacting these ecosystems from Georgia to Maine. She also received excellent reviews from the selection committee on her participation in the CASTNET SAB review. Motion passed unanimously.

Thank you to Noel: Jason and the group thanked Noel for the excellent leadership of NOS over the past year and a half.

Motion to Adjourn: Noel made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jason. Motion passed unanimously.