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**New England Water Works Association
Laboratory Operations Committee
2025 Annual Report**

Committee Mission:

Enhance the laboratory profession through education, communication and diverse partnerships cross the drinking water quality community; establish growth and development opportunities for drinking water laboratory professionals through education and training; provide outreach to the public health community.

Accomplishments/Activities and New Initiatives during the Past year (Sept 2024-2025):

- Return of highly successful Laboratory Symposium. Event sold out with 48 in attendance. When federal government speakers could not attend the team worked together and backfilled with knowledgeable guest speakers. The event evaluations were all positive.
- Elected Trina Picardi as the new Committee Chair
- Conducted monthly meetings with typical attendance of at least 7 members

Plans for 2026:

- The Laboratory Ops Symposium will be held on Wednesday 3/11/26
- Planning for new class – In Person, length TBD
Make a class to target operators but will still have value for current lab techs. Looking to use agenda of “Hands on Laboratory Practices” class with more intentional marketing to bring more people to class.
Covering laboratory basics and troubleshooting. Will have hands-on blocks.

2024-2025 Committee Meeting Dates/Locations

- The committee has been meeting monthly by Zoom
- The committee met in April 2025 at the NEWWA Spring Conference



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Committee Member Roster

Trina Picardi – Chair as of December 5, 2024

Linda Cook, Weston & Sampson

Hugo J Deascentis, Instructor, Community College of Rhode Island

Stephanie Disla, MWRA

Johnathan Decker, Haverhill Water Department

Paul Fyfe, Granite State Analytical

Dave Gotshall, MWRA

Sage Grace, MASSDEP

Kimberly LeBeau, MWRA

John Lyons, Granite State Analytical Services

Krystyna McNally, Retired

Isa Perez, Springfield Water and Sewer Commission

Sophie Ricard, Concord General Services, Water Department

Robert Rostkowski, MDC

Ryan Shairs, Salem & Beverly Water Supply Board

Melissa Simoncini, Concord Public Works

Alicia Tarr, Salem & Beverly Water Supply Board

Hannah Lee – **Staff Liaison**

Other committee Related Efforts/Notes:

- Continued to solicit nominations of drinking water quality public health labs worthy of receiving the George C. Whipple Award



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Succession Planning – Need to pursue a Vice-Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Picardi, Chair