

MINUTES FROM THE  
MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday March 19, 2015  
MSU – University Club, East Lansing

Membership Meeting – started at 1:20pm (17 attendees)

1. Future Meetings
  - a. May 14, 2015 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr Meeting (Accreditations/Quality)
  - b. September 10, 2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Meeting (Field)
  - c. November 12, 2015 – 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Meeting (Emerging Technologies)
2. Elections - Tim Fields will be sending out an email to see who is interested in serving in one of the MELA positions for the next 2 years.
3. Scholarship – Kimberly introduced one of the \$1,000 scholarship winners, Miranda Hengy a sophomore from Central Michigan University.
4. Presentation on 40 CFR Part 136 2015 Methods Update Rule, Federal Register 02/19/15 – Clean Water Act Methods Update Rule for the Analysis of Effluent - John Phillips gave the group an update on proposed changes, see attached handout and copy of slides.
5. Presentation – Given by Miranda Hengy, Central Michigan University, speaking on Examining the Connection between Microbial and Respiration and Biogeochemistry.
6. MDEQ – Carol Smith and George Krisztian – gave an update from the MDEQ
  - a. Overflow lab contract laboratories – Cy Baldwin will be retiring in the next few months, replacement will be Bridget Walsh. George will invite Bridget to a MELA meeting once she takes over the position.
  - b. OPMemo 2 comments and RLs supplied by MELA – MDEQ did receive them and is trying to set up a meeting with Patti Brandt to discuss the information.
  - c. Federal Register, Feb 19, 2015 MDL and Method changes – comments due by April 20, 2015. MDEQ lab is working on submitting comments, but needs approval from management prior to submitting.