



**THE  
NATIONAL  
BOARD**  
OF BOILER AND  
PRESSURE VESSEL  
INSPECTORS

**NATIONAL BOARD  
TASKGROUP  
NR**

**MINUTES**

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Meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
San Antonio, TX

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair, P. Edwards called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM

**2. Introduction of Members and Visitors**

Introductions took place amongst all members and an attendance sheet was circulated ([Attachment Page 1](#)).

**3. Announcements**

- The National Board will be hosting a reception for all committee members and visitors on Wednesday evening at 5:30pm at the Agave Bar on the Riverwalk.
- Breakfast will be provided on Thursday morning to NBIC Committee members and visitors.

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

Addition of the following items was made and the resulting revised Agenda was motioned and unanimously approved.

- New Item 19-11 created and added to Agenda to discuss ANIA definitions;
- Review of NR Program verbiage (Section 1.6 of Part 3) added to Agenda for discussion.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting**

There was a motion to approve the Minutes of July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as published. The motion was unanimously approved.

**6. Action Items**

**New Items:**

<b>Item Number: 18-87</b>	<b>NBIC Location: Part 3, 1.6</b>	<b>Attachment Page 2</b>
<b>General Description:</b> Review the use of "Authorized Nuclear Inspection Agency" within the NBIC		
<b>Subgroup:</b> NR Task Group		
<b>Task Group:</b> P. Edwards – PM		
<b>Meeting Action:</b> Discussion regarding Part 4, S6.4 b) 2) was revised under 16-0603 and approved for publication in the 2019 Edition. Inserting the word “ <i>Nuclear</i> ” in reference to an Authorized Inspection Agency was subsequently approved in response to PR18-0403, however on further review this action is incorrect. The ASME QAI-1 Standard does not include “ <i>Nuclear</i> ” in reference to accredited AIAs (only in reference to Supervisors and Inspectors). In addition, the ASME QAI-1 Standard does not address “ <i>inspection of repaired nuclear pressure relief valves</i> ” by AIAs. Action was proposed to revise Part 4, S6.4 b) 2) with the verbiage indicated in the Attachment for Item 18-87 ( <a href="#">Attachment Page 2</a> ) and forward to the Subcommittee Pressure Relief Devices prior to presentation to the Main Committee. The proposal was motioned and unanimously approved.		

<b>Item Number: 19-11</b>	<b>NBIC Location: Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, Section 9</b>	<b>No Attachment</b>
<b>General Description:</b> Review the use of "Authorized Nuclear Inspection Agency" within the NBIC		
<b>Subgroup:</b> NR Task Group		
<b>Task Group:</b> C. Withers – PM		
<b>Meeting Action:</b> Discussion regarding how an ANIA cannot be an Inservice AIA since Endorsements for nuclear inspectors are issued only to new construction AIA’s. The		

requirements for qualified Authorized Nuclear Inspectors/Supervisors are clearly specified in NB-263, RCI-1. Therefore revision to the Glossary definition is needed to clarify this requirement for the NR Accreditation Program. This Action Item (19-11) was created and C. Withers was designated as the PM to draft revised text for the definition of ANIA.

**7. Review of NR Program Text (Section 1.6)**

Mr. C. Withers had several editorial and text revision recommendations throughout Section 1.6. Several changes were discussed and several Action Items will be created to address each revision identified for presentation at the next NR Taskgroup meeting in July.

**8. Update on Promoting NR Accreditation Program**

a. US NRC & CNSC - Mr. Withers provided a progress report on the response letter for the NRC letter dated May 1, 2018 regarding requested endorsement of the NR and NRV accreditation programs.

- (i) **History:** The NRC letter from May, 2018 ([Attachment Page 3](#)) indicated that they would not endorse the NR and NRV accreditation programs. After discussion, it was decided that a Task Group with Chuck Withers as Project Manager would draft a response letter to the NRC. The CNSC has also indicated that their interest in the NR/NVR programs was contingent with the NRC endorsing the program(s).

**9. Future Meetings**

- July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Kansas City, MO
- January 2020 – TBD

**10. Adjournment**

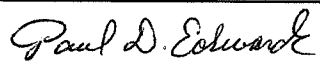

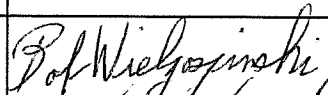
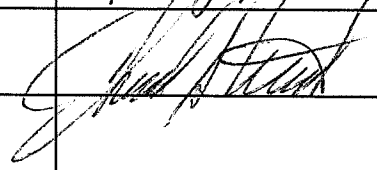
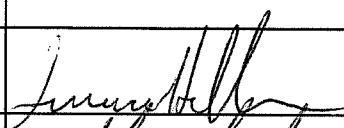
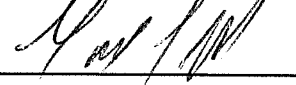
A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn at 12:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Terrence Hellman  
NR Task Group Secretary

## NR Task Group Attendance Sheet - 01/14/2018

Name	Company	Phone Number	Email	Signature	Attend Rec. ?	Bringing Guest?
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**18-87, Edwards, 01-15-19****Reference: Part 4, Supplement 6, S6.4.b.2**

**Discussion:** Part 4, S6.4.b.2 was revised under 16-0603 and approved for publication in the 2019 Edition. Inserting the word “*Nuclear*” in reference to an Authorized Inspection Agency was subsequently approved in response to PR18-0403, however on further review this action is incorrect. The ASME QAI-1 Standard does not include “*Nuclear*” in reference to accredited AIAs (only in reference to Supervisors and Inspectors). In addition, the ASME QAI-1 Standard does not address “*inspection of repaired nuclear pressure relief valves*” by AIAs.

**Proposal:** Action is proposed to revise Part 4, S6.4.b.2 in accordance with the following:

~~Have a contract or agreement with an Authorized Nuclear Inspection Agency that is qualified in accordance with the requirements of ASME QAI-1, Qualifications for Authorized Inspection to provide inspection of repaired pressure relief devices;~~ Have a contract or agreement with an Authorized Inspection Agency that is accredited in accordance with the requirements of ASME QAI-1, “Qualifications for Authorized Inspection” to provide nuclear inspection services;



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May 1, 2018

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF "RECOGNITION OF NR AND NR-VR NATIONAL BOARD ACCREDITATION PROGRAM," FOR FINAL U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ENDORSEMENT

Dear Mr. Scribner:

In a letter dated October 11, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16286A162), your organization requested a fee waiver under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 170.11(a)(1)(ii) for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory (NRC) staff's review of "Recognition of NR and NR-VR National Board Accreditation Program," for final NRC endorsement. Subsequently, in a letter dated December 6, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16307A066), the NRC staff concluded that the NRC review of "Recognition of NR and NR-VR National Board Accreditation Program," for final NRC endorsement met all the criteria under 10 CFR 170.11(a)(1)(ii); and approved your fee waiver request.

After careful consideration, the NRC staff has decided not to move forward with the endorsement of the NR and NR-VR National Board Accreditation Program. The decision is based on the following factors:

1. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code already provides several options to repair components under Section III, "Rules for Construction of Nuclear Facility Components," in addition to Code Case N-801-1, "Rules for repair of N-Stamped Class 1, 2, and 3 Components, Section III, Division 1."
2. Stakeholders (e.g., owners, repair organizations, etc.), have not shown any interest in the NRC's endorsement of this program.
3. There are currently only two units under construction with no plans for any new future construction.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Yamir Diaz-Castillo at 301-415-2228, or via electronic mail at [Yamir.Diaz-Castillo@nrc.gov](mailto:Yamir.Diaz-Castillo@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,



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