

Report from the A2LA Accreditation Council (AC)



- AC activities
- AC turnaround
- Number of AC packages reviewed
- Topics discussed at the annual AC meeting

AC Activities



- 76 increased from 57 active members with understanding in one or more fields of accreditation.
- Receive accreditation package that requires review within field of expertise.
- Review the deficiency report and the lab's response to the deficiency.
- Decide whether the response and evidence submitted by the lab effectively corrected the deficiency.

AC Activities continued

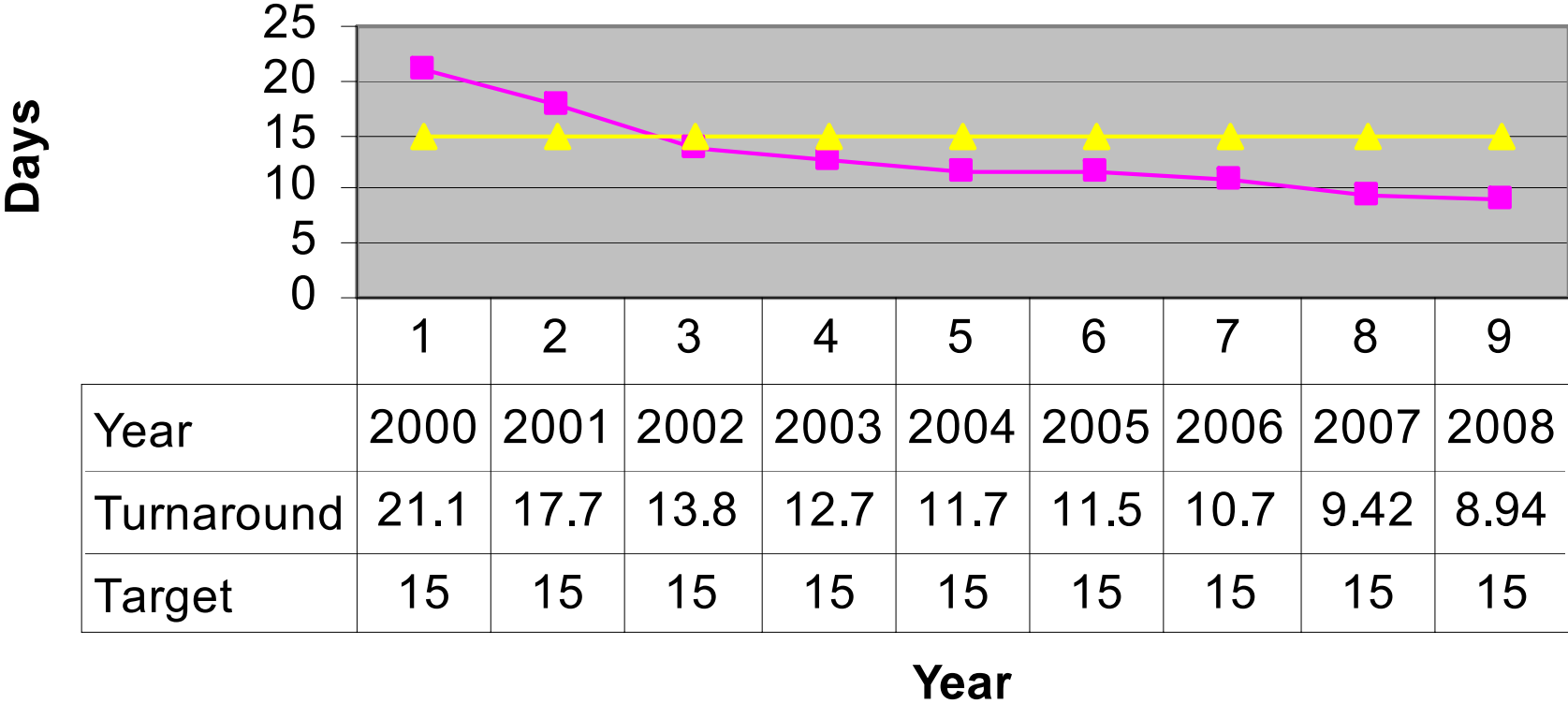


- Vote:
 - FOR Accreditation
 - FOR Accreditation, once Contingent items are received
 - FOR Accreditation, with a visit to be completed within*
 - AGAINST Accreditation, until the listed conditions are met*
 - TO ABSTAIN*
- *justifying comments needed.
- Review lab response to any AC member listed conditions.
- Occasionally review lab appeals of original AC decision. (One is in process.)

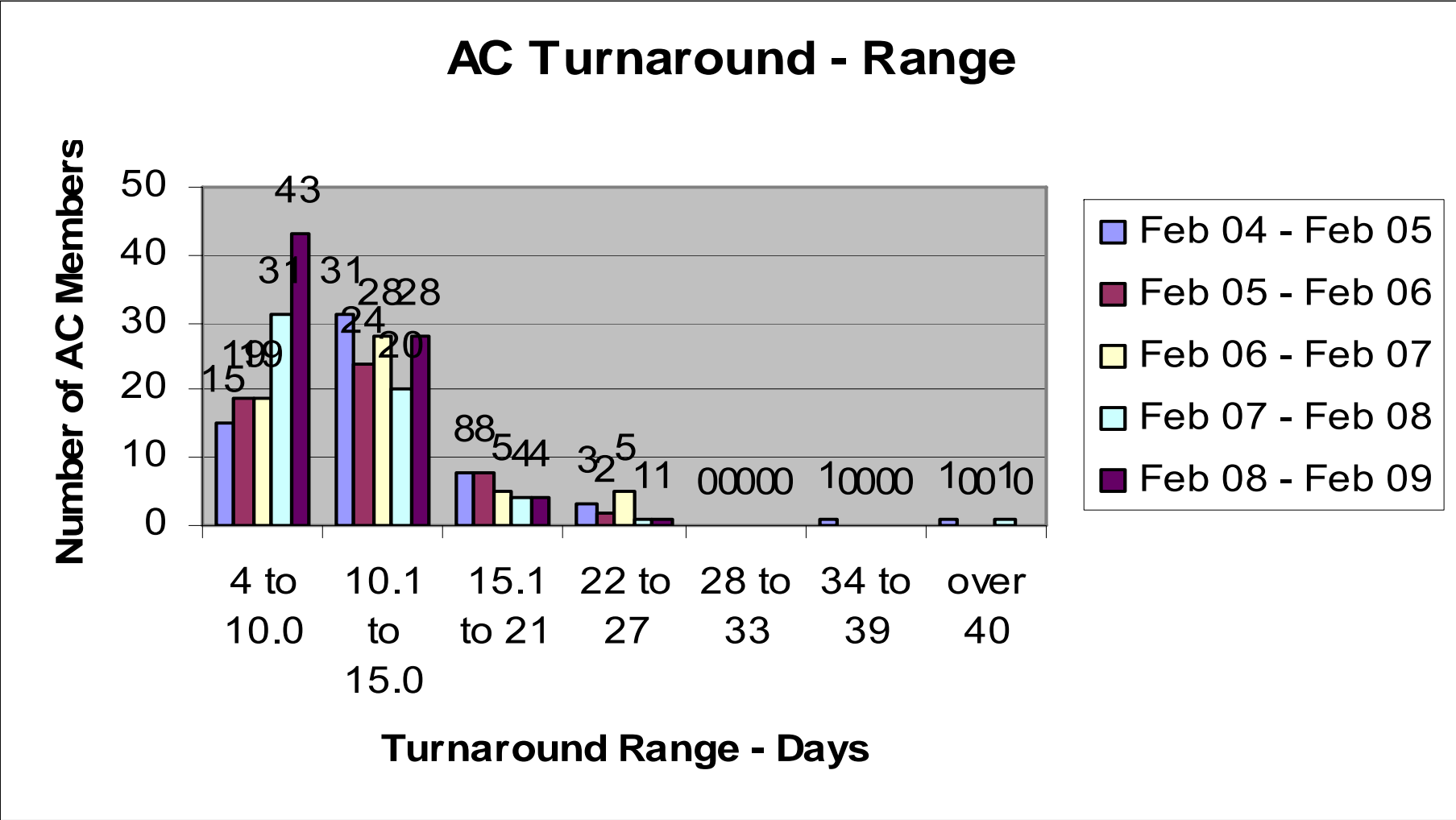
AC Turnaround



AC Turnaround - Average



AC Turnaround



AC Turnaround Top Ten



*repeat top-ten performers, **recent member

Name	Turnaround	No. of packages
Robert Drobish**	4.00	2
Peter Boers	4.00	1
Douglas Lentz*	4.30	23
Robert Holcombe*	4.38	16
Doug Cowles	4.47	43
Werner Schaefer*	4.86	22
Bradley Harper	5.00	1
David Miller*	5.33	3
Charles Blank	5.48	42
Ray Schiltz*	5.70	20

AC Number of Packages



Top Ten *repeat top-ten performers, **recent member

Name	No. of Packages	Turnaround
Mark Gerfin	76	6.71
Jason Holliday*	68	9.99
Susanne Wood*	60	16.60
Larry Presley*	58	8.33
Jesus Garcia*	52	7.08
Fred Fetterolf*	45	7.56
Doug Cowles*	43	4.47
Tom Smith**	43	9.67
Charles Blank	42	5.48
Greg Gogates*	41	6.24

Other Statistics



	2005	2006	2007	2008
AC Members \leq 15 days	79%	82%	88%	93%
Average number of packages	25	26	21	18
Total packages to the AC	1306	1463	1186	1362
Assessments approved internally	318	394	399	467

Thank You, AC Members



- You reviewed 1362 packages, and
- Your efficiency improved to an average turnaround of 8.94 days.

Topics from recent AC Meeting



- AC members are needed for EMC; Electrical: Calibration: Microwave RF, Optical, Chemical, Electrical
- Some members are reviewing packages electronically.
- AC member can review other votes after voting was completed.
- AC training
- Tracking negative votes

Negative Votes

February 2008 – February 2009



Reason for negative	Occurrences	%	Packages
Scope corrections required	17		
Inappropriate uncertainty	13		
Validated deficiencies	13		
Uncertainty contributors	9		
Root cause analysis	6		
Contingent items	6		
Traceability	5		
Corrective action	5		
Training	4		
Proficiency testing	4		
Inappropriate control charts	4		
AB symbol not on calibration scope	4		
Program requires standard on scope	3		
Did not follow procedure	3		
Uncertainty for in-house calibrations	3		
Revised procedure	3		
Uncertainty budgets	3		
Calibration record	2		
Full reassessment	2		
Quality control	2		
Validated in-house procedure	2		
Accredited calibration provider not capable	2		
Purchase order not sufficient evidence	1		
Total	134	9.8	1362