



National Conference on Weights & Measures
Associate Membership Committee Meeting Minutes
2018 Interim Conference
Tuesday, January 23, 2018
St. Pete Beach, FL

The meeting was called to order ~5:10 pm. Handouts were available for attendees.

The meeting minutes were reviewed & approved from the 2017 Annual AMC Meeting.

The AMC financial statement was reviewed. It was determined that the AMC has a total of \$21,928 available for W&M training in 2018. There are \$9,347 in pending payments. The financial statement was approved.

Board of Directors update from Chris Guay:

Jack Walsh from Ashland, MA added to the NCWM Board in place of Steve Giguere due to health issues.

Federal Government shutdown has resulted in NIST employees unable to participate – some NIST employees here already, some at home. No participation (even remote) during shutdown per Gov requirements.

New Policy establishing the assigned category – key impact will be that discussion of assigned item may change from the open hearing to a subcommittee, focus group, task group, etc.

New items for next cycle – timing and batching/blocking..... Should there be a uniform deadline for all regions for the cycle? (based on timing for 2018 Fall meetings), deadline would be 9/1/2018 for NCWM to publish in agendas it helps the region prepare. New items can be submitted anytime (even now) up to the deadline of September 1.

Charter team and Board working issues of meeting efficiency and item review process in tandem – but taking similar actions.

Central Annual Meeting – Springfield, IL May 21-24, 2018

Central Interim Meeting – St Charles, MO – October 15-17, 2018

Charlie Carroll still acting Director for Massachusetts.

Some hydrogen systems being added in the Baltimore/Boston corridor.

Metrology lab in CT is currently closed due to metrologist taking leave.

Marc Paquette in Vermont is now acting chief – focusing on price verification.

NJ is starting to use Win-Wam state-wide and will get access to data collected by the counties. Looking to update their unit pricing regulation.

NEWMA Annual Meeting is May 7-10 in Saratoga, NY

SWMA Annual Meeting is in Jacksonville, FL October 7-10, 2018

Western Annual Meeting is in Wyoming (likely Cheyenne - Sept 16-20)

CA will close its Southern CA fuel lab for 4 months.

Joe Gomez (New Mexico) is retiring at end of January.

Alan Johnson (Measurement Canada) retiring in April, 2018.

Strategic Planning – jurisdictions that use our handbooks... want to participate as much as they can, voting roles for who and who not? To what extent do we do outreach – rotate to various jurisdictions to allow them to vote. Reach out – how?

Currently, we believe the criteria for inclusion was use/adoption of Handbook 44. (all states adopt Handbook 44).

Form a team to focus on outreach to states, counties, tribal, territories – how to get them more involved with NCWM – 4 Board Regional Reps, Brett, and AMC Rep

Outside Organizations

Not on the national radar screen of consumer groups or retired associations

What groups do we want to reach out to.

What is our objective of this outreach?

Added over 10 regulators to FALS to help with the ASTM Fuels

What is our target?

Want to have those Organizations recognize and consider NCWM.

- **Legislative**
- **Standards**
- **Regulations**
- **Appropriations**

Also, much of state w&m funding is based on fuel tax, also metrological budgets are being cut.

Looking forward on Electronic traceability. Invest in standards in the states for electricity and emerging technologies....

ASTM D37 Cannabis group and its many subgroups

Do we have a policy on submitting comments to an external organizations?

Training sessions at the NCWM meetings. Attendance at Interim Wed am is much higher than attendance at Annual on Tuesday afternoon. Thought to be more an issue with the schedule rather than the topics. How do maximize value – look at ensuring topics are of interest.

New Business:

- Training Fund Application from California Division of Measurement Standards approved
- Training Fund Application from the State of Utah approved
- David Calix brought forward an issue from SWMA. They are looking for clarification for what AMC funds can be used for in the various training meetings. It was decided that the AMC will contact Steve Benjamin and/or Hal Prince for more details of what they are looking for in a response.
- It was brought forward that there are a couple NCWM positions that may be opening up due to terms expiring.
 - The AMC seat on the PDC Committee expires in July. Jim Pettinato volunteered to go on the PDC Committee and the AMC voted to nominate Jim for PDC.
 - Rebecca Patterson is currently serving on the L&R Committee. She assumed the position half way through the term which expires in July. Rebecca was not able to make the meeting. It was determined that AMC should contact Rebecca to determine if she will continue to serve on the L&R Committee.

Old Business

- There was no old business

The meeting adjourned ~ 5:45 pm

The following is an attendance list from the meeting

Name	Affiliation
Chris Guay	P&G
David Calix	NCR
Ron gibson	Seraphin
Jim Pettinato	Technip FMC
Bob Murnane	Seraphin
Richard Shipman	Rice Lake Weighing systems
Bob Upright	VPG Transducers
John Hughes	Rice Lake Weighing systems
John Lawn	Rinstrum Inc.
Eric Golden	Cardinal Scale
Brad Fryburg	Rinstrum Inc.
Ross Vires	Mettler Toledo
Ed Luthy	Schenck Process
Henry Oppermann	W&M Consulting
Richard Suiter	Richard Suiter Consulting
Louis Straub	Fairbanks Scale
Bill Callaway	Cromptco