



**National Conference on Weights & Measures
Associate Membership Committee Meeting Minutes
2025 Annual Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 2025, Reno NV**

Call to Order: Chair Bill Callaway called the meeting to order.

Minutes from last meeting: The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting from January 2025.

Elections: Per the bylaws elections for next committee members are held annually. These are one year terms with rotation or succession upward to chair each year, unless determined otherwise. The election results were as follows.

- Chair Jim Pettinato
- Vice-chair Brent Price
- Secretary-treasurer Reid Wagner

At least 5 members (up to 10) are nominated to review proposals. The list includes the three officer positions. Some members were added, and the list now includes:

- Bill Calloway
- Jim Pettinato
- Brent Price
- Reid Wagner
- Bob Murnane
- Prentiss Searles
- David Boykin
- Perry Lawton
- Chris Wagner

Ray Johnson is the appointed AMC representative for the BOD.

Financial Report: A financial statement was distributed to the attendees. In summary, the account balance as of July 1, 2025, was \$30232. There are payments pending of \$11123, resulting in a net balance of \$19109.

There is one request not yet approved for Louisiana EVSE and package inspection training.

Bill Callaway reviewed the criteria for requests of AMC funds to the members present.



NCWM Committee Reports:

BOD: Chris Guay provided the BOD update. Chris is retiring and Ray Johnson is taking over as the Associate member on the BOD.

- EVSE training next month in Denver with a few openings left
- The new NCWM office and lab grand opening was in June 2025 in Lincoln NE

L&R: Brent Price reported no major changes from statuses of items from interim meeting.

PDC: Perry Lawton reported as noted above that the EVSE training is upcoming, and NIST will possibly rollout other EVSE material/training in the future.

Old Business

- Montana large scale course and NIST VTM loading race training applications were approved.
- The Louisiana AMC fund application was rejected by the group because the request was for food and beverage. They (LA) were not going to modify the request, so no further activity on this item.

New Business

- Increasing AMC dues was discussed. Our AMC membership is approximately 800 members, and currently \$15 is collected from each annual membership for the AMC.
- Bob Murnane in writing had suggested that we collect additional funds, as we have been short and denied some requests. Also, the existing \$15 extra in dues has been in effect a long time.
- Chris Wagner provided a review of past years spendings and expressed concern that we could easily have a shortfall of funds and resulting rejection of funding request based on recent expenditures. If we reject requests for insufficient funds, then future requests will diminish. We perhaps should keep a safety reserve amount in the account, for example one full year of funds in reserve. He proposed increasing the dues and stated that the annual membership fee to NCWM was very reasonable as compared to other trade membership organizations.



- It was decided to increase the annual associate membership from \$115 to \$140 effective fall 2026. Bob Murnane will submit a Form 15 request for this change.

Additional comments and discussions

- Chuck Corr asked that if anyone has inputs for member education and mentorship group
 - one suggestion is that in the breakout sessions have the committee introduce themselves
- David Boykin says it's a good experience for AMC members to participate in development of RSA exams, and the contact is Jerry Buendel for exams.
- Don Onwiler says that folks should take or need to take the HB 44 training exam first to improve passing rates for RSA exams.
- Bill Callaway stated that it is in the best interest with RSA exams if we get the states to reciprocate between state to state. Scott Simmons says we need encouragement for states to adopt, and this will elevate HB44.
- Comment was that Industry (AMC members) needs to tell the story of innovations for the regulators, on new methods and technology, and to gain trust (example was QR code for EVSE).
- Don Onwiler stated that 14 states accept RSA, but most do not mandate the NCWM test, working on this to get other states on board.
- Scott Simmons mentioned that NIST has HB44 self-study preparation, and it is great preparation for taking any of these exams
- David Boykin said that his company NCR has a SharePoint site that references the NIST HB44 preparation.
- Richard Suiter commented that some states need education, and that training and focus on safety are key elements, and there is a need for retention of employees. Maybe AMC can be working on education programs.
- Mahesh Albuquerque stated that the EVSE training in August is still looking for sponsors.

The meeting was adjourned ~ 9:00 am