

## NCWM MEETINGS

- Interim Meeting (January): Open hearings gather input, and committees refine proposals (included in Publication 15).
- Annual Meeting (July): Members vote on proposals (updated in Publication 16). Adopted standards take effect January 1; others may carry over.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Laws and Regulations (L&R): Develops model laws and regulations (Handbook 130), covering weights and measures laws, commodity rules, price scanners, and more.
2. Specifications and Tolerances (S&T): Sets technical standards for devices (Handbook 44).
3. Professional Development (PDC): Oversees education, certification, safety awareness, and training programs.

Explore committees, subcommittees, and task groups at [www.ncwm.com/committees](http://www.ncwm.com/committees).



Welcome to the National  
Council on Weights and  
Measures (NCWM)

The National Council on Weights and Measures (NCWM) is a professional nonprofit association that has shaped national weights and measures standards since 1905. Comprising of state and local officials, federal agencies, manufacturers, retailers, consumers, and other stakeholders, NCWM unites diverse perspectives to ensure accuracy and fairness in commerce while keeping pace with marketplace innovations. As a new member, you're part of this vital mission!



Welcome to NCWM! Your contributions help ensure equity in the marketplace.

# NCWM

## OUR PURPOSE

NCWM develops uniform standards to promote equity in trade and protect consumers. Our work is published in key resources like NIST Handbook 44 (Specifications, Tolerances, and Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices), NIST Handbook 130 (Uniform Laws and Regulations), and NIST Handbook 133 (Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods).

## HOW STANDARDS ARE MADE

Ever wonder how an idea becomes a standard? Watch the informative video “How an Idea Becomes a Standard” on ([www.ncwm.com](http://www.ncwm.com)). Navigate to Resources > Standards Development for details. Here’s the process in brief:

- Proposal Submission: Members submit ideas via Form 15 ([www.ncwm.com/form-15-tips](http://www.ncwm.com/form-15-tips))
- Regional Review: Four regional associations meet in the fall to debate proposals and make recommendations.

## WHO SHAPES STANDARDS?

You do! NCWM relies on volunteers, government officials, industry experts, NIST representatives, and consumers. Get involved by:

- Submitting a Form 15 ([www.ncwm.com/form-15-tips](http://www.ncwm.com/form-15-tips)).
- Offering expert testimony at hearings.
- Joining a committee.

## MEETINGS: WHAT TO EXPECT

Regional Meetings (Fall): Proposals are reviewed ([www.ncwm.com/events](http://www.ncwm.com/events)).

- NCWM Interim Meeting (January): Open hearings allow comments; committees refine items.
- NCWM Annual Meeting (July): Hearings, voting, and educational sessions occur.
- Subcommittee/Task Group Work: Ongoing during meetings.
- Education & Networking: Special topics and best practice exchanges.

*Tip: To comment at open hearings prepare concise, evidence-based input.*

## BEYOND STANDARDS

National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP): Tests devices against Handbook 44 and Publication 14. Certified devices earn a Certificate of Conformance (COC), required in most states. Learn more at NTEP ([www.ncwm.com/ntep](http://www.ncwm.com/ntep)).

- Training & Networking: NCWM offers certification, workshops, newsletters, and email lists for sharing ideas.
- Advocacy: Represents weights and measures to groups like ASTM, FDA, and international bodies.

## HOW TO GET STARTED

- Explore: Visit [www.ncwm.com](http://www.ncwm.com) for resources, publications, and updates.
- Submit a Form 15: Craft a strong proposal with clear justification, data, and stakeholder input ([www.ncwm.com/form-15-tips](http://www.ncwm.com/form-15-tips)).
- Connect: Contact committee members ([www.ncwm.com/contact](http://www.ncwm.com/contact)) or find someone with a “MEMS” ribbon (Member Education and Mentorship Subcommittee) at meetings. Attend the MEMS session for guidance!

## MEMBER EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE (MEMS)

MEMS provides education and mentorship on the processes and procedures of NCWM to new and existing members to promote knowledge, foster participation, and increase member engagement within NCWM.