

## Immediate Past Chairman's Address

Craig VanBuren, Michigan



It has been an honor to serve as the chair of NCWM over the last year. It obviously has not been the chairmanship I expected but, none the less, has been a great experience. In many ways, I think we all may have learned more because of having to conduct business during a pandemic. Primarily, it was important not just to communicate, but learn to communicate effectively. That may be the biggest takeaway from my term, not just for me, but for the entire Board of Directors and Conference members.

Like many of you, I have been a member of NCWM for a long time, almost half of my life. It is a part of who I am. There is an ebb and flow to operations and the conducting of business. There are challenges that try who we are and there are triumphs. While we should not forget those challenges, as they are a big part of what shapes us, we also should not lose sight of the triumphs and our ability to overcome, grow and strengthen; as a conference, as leaders in our field, as counterparts and coworkers, and as friends. I look forward to being a part of the future of the National Conference on Weights and Measures.

I would like to thank Brett Gurney and Hal Prince for the leadership and assistance, as well as the entire Board of Directors. Thank you to the entire NCWM staff (Don, Elisa, Tyler, Darrell, and Mike) for their guidance and assistance during my service and their daily handling of operations. And finally, thank you to my staff for their support and their quality of work. It is because of them I am in the position I am and have been afforded this opportunity.

Thank you and stay safe and healthy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig VanBuren', written in a cursive style.