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Chairman's Column

James Cassidy, NCWM Chair — City of Cambridge Weights and Measures Department



Dear NCWM Members,

The first thing that I want to say to all of you is thank you for having the faith in me to lead this prestigious organization. To all who have served or whom are currently serving this conference in any type of capacity, your devotion in being part of our standard setting process will not go unnoticed.

My theme for this year is "Back to the Basics, as we arrive in the Cloud." As we look at the present and future of weights and measures, testing, sealing, and inspecting of these devices and systems might look different, but let's remember a pound is still 16 ounces, a gallon is still 231 cubic inches, and a mile is still 5280 feet. How we test these devices might be different in some applications, but the measurement standards stay the same.

One of my goals for this year is to help and strengthen our region associations. Our regions are the building blocks to our conference. I want to make sure that all resources are available for future standard developers. Having the right tools in our toolbox is a must to our success. The first of these regions to receive some of these tools will be the central region. I have approved Don Onwiler to attend the fall CWMA Interim Meeting and put on a presentation regarding committee development and meeting processes. This will be available to all regional groups. Please let me or any of the board members know your needs, so we can assist you with this process.

My next goal is strengthening our subcommittees and task aroups. First on my list is the Fuels and Lubricants Subcommittee (FALS). As I travel this year to the regionals, I am going to reach out to states with fuel quality labs for their help. In June, I was able to meet some great fuel quality lab personnel from all over the nation at ASTM DO2 in Boston. I want to thank Randy Jennings for that invitation. Meeting with these folks made me realize they would be a great asset to our conference. In saying that, we will be adding a list server for these labs with the hope of adding these state regulators to FALS in some manner.

My appointments are as follows:

Specifications and Tolerances Committee

Joe Eccleston, Maryland Brad Bachelder, Maine

Laws and Regulations Committee

John McGuire, New Jersey

Professional Development Committee

Jean Kliethermes, Missouri

Credentials Committee

David Aguayo, County of San Luis Obispo, CA

Fuels and Lubricants Subcommittee

Bill Striejewske, Nevada - as Chair

I would like to thank Dr. Matthew Curran for his service on FALS and the Specifications and Tolerances Committee, as he chaired both groups. Good luck in your new position in Florida. I'd also like to thank the following who have completed their terms:

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Chairman's Column (cont.)

Specification and Tolerances Committee

Jane Zulkiewicz, Barnstable, MA

Laws and Regulation Committee Louis Sakin, Hopkinton and Northbridge, MA

Professional Development Committee

Stacey Carlsen, Marin County, CA

Credentials Committee

Matt Maiten, Santa Barbara County, CA

My final thanks go to a couple of my NEWMA colleagues that I did not mention when I addressed the conference in July. I guess nerves might have got the best of me. Cheryl Ayer from New Hampshire, thanks for everything that you have done, your great work on PDC, and much more. To Marc Paquette from Vermont for doing a great job as presiding officer; and Walt Remmert and his staff from Pennsylvania for being such great host this year. As we move into fall and start our yearly cycle, we will have old and new challenges in front of us, such as credit card skimmers. It is my intention to co-sponsor a proposal for preventive measures on devices that contain credit card readers. This has become a serious concern and needs to be addressed. We also must continue the work on transportation network systems, now that we have a (TNMS) tentative code.

I look forward to meeting and discussing these important issues with all of you. Chair-Elect Brett Gurney and I will be attending the four annual meetings starting with the Western in Scottsdale, AZ, then on to the Southern in Little Rock, AR. After the holidays, we will be back in St. Pete Beach, FL, for the NCWM Interim Meeting then on to the Northeastern in Saratoga, NY. The final regional will be the Central in Springfield, IL, with the NCWM Annual Meeting in Tulsa, OK.

See you all soon!

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NTEP Column: Getting Serious About Verified Conformity Assessment By Jim Truex, NTEP Administrator

After years of discussion and study, the NCWM rolled out their "Verified Conformity Assessment Program" (VCAP) in 2008. VCAP is the element of conformity assessment that has the largest impact on certificate holders. Certificate holders are already responsible for conformity assessment for devices manufactured, distributed and used deemed traceable to the NTEP certificate of conformance and should have procedures in place to assure conformity assessment. VCAP verifies that it is occurring.

VCAP is the area of conformity assessment that applies to manufacturers of metrological devices and components, traceable to an NTEP "Certificate of Conformance" (CC), that are subject to influence factors defined in *NIST Handbook 44*. Holders of NTEP certificates (the company in the "Submitted by" box on the NTEP CC) for these weighing devices are required by *Publication 14 Administrative Policy* to have a VCAP program in place.

If your company holds an active NTEP certificate for a device (instrument) and/or main element (component or module) of a weighing device that is subject to influence factor testing you must pay attention. Devices and elements include: load cells, weighing / load receiving elements 2000 lb capacity and less using non-NTEP load cells, indicating elements, complete scales 2000 lb capacity and less, automatic weighing systems, belt-conveyor scales automatic bulk weighing system controllers, monorail scales 2000 lb capacity and less, on-board weighing systems 2000 lb capacity and less and scale system controllers.

The NTEP Committee was given updated VCAP statistics during the 2017 Annual Meeting. The statistics are being shared below.

As a result of VCAP activities:

- 27 load cell CCs, involving 15 different certificate holders, were changed to "inactive" status
- 15 weighing/load receiving elements certificates (2000 lb capacity and less, using load cells that are not traceable to their own NTEP certificate), involving 11 different certificate holders, were changed to "inactive" status
- 7 indicating element certificates, involving 5 different certificate holders (3 manufacturers, 2 private label CC holders) chose to let their CCs go inactive

Load Cells: Since June 2016 (through June 2017) no CCs were made inactive due to VCAP noncompliance.

 45 new or amended CCs were issued since June of 2016. Of the 45, only one was the first CC for the manufacturer and that manufacturer had a VCAP audit performed 3 months after the CC issue date

W/LRE \geq 2000 lb w/non NTEP load cells: Since June 2016 one CC was made inactive due to VCAP noncompliance however, that manufacturer completed their required VCAP audit in January 2017 and the CC was reactivated.

- 10 new CCs, within this VCAP device category, were issued in this time frame. Other than the one mentioned above, all were issued to VCAP compliant manufacturers
- One manufacturer which previously had their CC for this device type made inactive announced it was in the process of satisfying their VCAP requirements and will reapply for these models once VCAP compliance is completed. (This decision was based on the addition of Complete Scales to the list of VCAP devices)

Indicating Elements: Compliance deadline was June 2016 for manufacturers and December 2016 for private label CC holders.

Statistics:

- 97 CC holders (manufacturers and private labelers) were in compliance by the deadline
- 3 manufacturers and 2 private label CC holders chose to let their combined 7 CCs go inactive
- Two manufacturer's and one private label CC holder are currently working to obtain VCAP compliance. The NTEP Specialist is working with all 3 as the auditor

Complete Scales: This device category has a compliance deadline of June 2018 for manufacturers and December 2018 for private label CC holders.

- 56 new CC holding companies added to VCAP by including complete scales to the VCAP device list.
- 55 are manufacturers
- 1 is a private labeler
- 11 companies have completed their VCAP audit as of July 1, 2017
- With the addition of Complete Scales to the VCAP device list, two manufacturers, which had previously let CCs for load cells go inactive, informed NTEP that they are going to comply with VCAP requirements and will reapply to NTEP for new certificates for load cell.

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NCWM WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS (4/24/17 - 8/15/17)

Abacus Business Computer LLC Craig Huang

ABZORB-IT Graham Eyres

Accurate Superior Scale Company Paul Hebenstreit

Advannova, Inc. Jerry Baker

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Haltermann Solutions Prasad Tumati

Hancock County Auditor's Office Adam Miller

Haver & Boecker USA Juan Gonzalez

Idaho W&M Ronald Kinney

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Measurement Canada Hugo Royer Farhad Sharifi Mississippi Dept. of Agriculture and Commerce David Smith

Montana W&M Phil Fingar

Neptune Technology Group, Inc. Dave Garth

Nevada Division of Measurement Standards Steven Terry

NRS Eli Korn

PC Synergy, Inc. Larry Shapiro

Pennsylvania Dept. of Ag: Bureau of Ride Safety Richard Bristow Christopher David

Performance Feeds LLC Tony Ferguson

Rhode Island Division of Labor Gary Gagne

Rice Lake Weighing Systems Ann Crowley

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Westechlabs Richard Dalgleish

Tim Briggs

NTEP Column (cont.)

Misc. VCAP Information:

- To date the NTEP Specialist audited 14 companies totaling 17 locations
- Current audit backlog for the NTEP Specialist is 3 companies
- The NTEP Specialist will begin performing re-assessment audits (the 3-year cycle schedule) in mid-2018

We hope this article has helped answer some questions for affected NTEP Certificate Holders about conformity assessment. It is imperative that certificate holders pay attention. If you have additional questions or would like to discuss the content of this article, contact:

Jim Truex at jim.truex@ncwm.net or, Darrell Flocken at <u>darrell.flocken@ncwm.net</u>

> **IT WORKS!** Electronic Voting System a Success



For the first time in the 112-year history of NCWM, delegates did not need to raise hands or placards to vote, then wait to be counted and wait even longer for the votes to be tallied and read from the podium. This was a result of successfully implemented a wireless keypad voting system at the 2017 NCWM Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The previous method of using placards was time-consuming and, on close votes, sometimes resulted in recounts extending the session even longer. With the electronic system in place, the votes were completed in about 30 seconds with the results in full display for meeting attendees.

The 2017 NCWM Chairman Kristin Macey was very happy to see this system work so well in her year at the helm. "The old method was archaic, but it was also cherished by many members," she said. "But this voting system is incredibly efficient and aesthetically it adds an interesting flare to our meetings."

The 2-house voting system was a bit of a challenge for CLiKAPAD, the UK-based company that created the voting system. But they overcame and the result was a resounding success.

NCWM looks forward to using the electronic voting system at future meetings to continue streamlining the voting process and to help strengthen our progressive organization.

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102nd NCWM Annual Meeting: Award Recipients

The NCWM Contributions Award recognizes members who have made notable contributions to NCWM standards, policy, administrative support or other services deemed worthy of recognition. Recipients have been NCWM members for at least five years.

The 2017 recipients were:

DR. MATTHEW CURRAN - Florida

REBECCA RICHARDSON - MARC-IV Consulting

The NCWM Distinguished Service Award recognizes members who have made a long-term commitment of service and leadership to the NCWM. Recipients have made significant contributions to the enhancement of the organization as a whole through committee service, important contributions to standards development, served as a resource for knowledge and advanced the vision and mission of NCWM.

The 2017 recipients were:

TIM CHESSER - Arkansas

KURT FLOREN - Los Angeles County, California

GORDON JOHNSON - Gilbarco, Inc.

Committee Service Award

Brett Gurney (Board of Directors) Raymond Johnson (Board of Directors) Louis Sakin (L&R) Stacy Carlsen (PDC) Jane Zulkiewicz (S&T)

NCWM Chairman Award Kristin Macey

NTEP Chairman Award Jerry Buendel

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2017 NCWM Lifetime Achievement Award

This year's **NCWM Lifetime Achievement Award** recipient was Ross Andersen, Retired, New York. Andersen has a Bachelor of Science of Chemistry. During his career, he received Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Metrology training from NIST. He has served his state as a food chemist, weights and measures inspector, Senior Biochemist for the state Department of Health, then back to the Ag Department as Lab Metrologist, later advancing to Assistant Director of Weights and Measures and then Director of Weights and Measures through his final years of service to the state.

He attended his first NCWM meeting in 1978 followed by an incredible service record to the organization including:

- Resolutions Committee
- Specifications & Tolerances Committee
- Laws & Regulations Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- NTEP Weighing Sector
- NTEP Measuring Sector
- Task Force on Prevention of Fraud
- Executive Committee
- Work Group on the original Mutual Acceptance Arrangement with Measurement Canada
- Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Board
- NTEP Committee Chairman, and
- Corresponding member of the NIST U.S. National Working Group on Taximeters

Additionally, he represented NCWM as;

- Delegate to the OIML subcommittee work on R 76 in 1987
- Delegate to OIML in London in 2000
- Delegate to APLMF in Saigon in 2001, and
- Delegate to CIML-APLMF in Kyoto in 2002

Over these many years, we have certainly benefitted from this man's leadership and wisdom. He has worn many hats, including his favorite "Lawyer Daggett hat" when he makes comments from the floor. On occasion, he will caution against counting the angels on the heads of pins when we need to pull back and refocus. His colorful and gentle words have helped guide us to proper decisions on countless topics.

He is a professional, a scholar, a gentleman and a friend to us all and we are blessed that he has continued contributing in very meaningful ways even now in his retirement.

We congratulate Mr. Ross Andersen as the 2017 NCWM Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.



Chairman Kristin Macey, Ross Andersen, and Dr. Kent Rochford (NIST)



Ross Andersen and his wife Carole

Voting Record for the 102nd NCWM Annual Meeting

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ltem	House of State Representatives	House of Delegates	Result
Board of Directors			
1200-5	Voice Vote		Adopted
1200-6 To hear the	Voice Vote		Amendment was heard
amendment			
1200-6 To amend	Voice Vote		Adopted
1200-6 as amended	Voice Vote		Adopted
To Accept the Report	Voice Vote		Adopted
Laws & Regulations Con	nmittee		
Consent Calendar:	Yea: 37	Yea: 61	Adopted
2302-8, 2302-9, 2307-1, 2500-1	Nay: 0	Nay: 0	
0200 1	Yea: 15	Yea: 31	Returned to Committee
2302-1	Nay: 21	Nay: 30	
2302-2	Yea: 30	Yea: 52	Adopted
	Nay: 6	Nay: 9	
2302-6	Yea: 33	Yea: 51	Adopted
	Nay: 5	Nay: 8	
2302-7	No Vote		Status changed to
			Informational
2307-2	No Vote		Status changed to
2001-2			Informational
2600-1	Yea: 29	Yea: 44	Adopted
	Nay: 7	Nay: 14	
2600-4	Yea: 37	Yea: 57	Adopted
	Nay: 0	Nay: 1	
To Accept the Report	Voice Vote		Adopted
Specifications & Toleran	ices Committee		
Consent Calendar:			
3300-1, 3301-1, 3301-3,	Yea: 38	Yea: 57	Adopted
3302-3, 3305-1, 3306-1,	Nay: 0	Nay: 2	
3307-1, 3508-1			
3200-1	Yea: 22	Yea: 33	Returned to Committee
	Nay: 14	Nay: 27	
3200-2	Yea: 35	Yea: 61	Adopted
0200 2	Nay: 0	Nay: 1	
3200-3	Yea: 26	Yea: 48	Returned to Committee
	Nay: 11	Nay: 13	
*3504-1	Yea: 36	Yea: 57	Adopted
	Nay: 0	Nay: 4	
3504-2	Yea: 36	Yea: 54	Adopted
	Nay: 0	Nay: 8	
*3600-6	Yea: 36	Yea: 57	Adopted
	Nay: 0 Nay: 4		
To Accept the Report	Voice Vote		Adopted



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Event Calendar

September 2017

WWMA Annual Meeting Scottsdale, Arizona September 24 - 28

October 2017

NTEP Measuring Meeting Houston, Texas October 3 - 4

SWMA Annual Meeting North Little Rock, Arkansas October 8 - 11

CWMA Interim Meeting St. Charles, Missouri October 16 - 18

NEWMA Interim Meeting Portland, Maine October 24 - 26 Be sure to mark your calendar for all the upcoming NCWM, NIST and regional meetings.

January 2018

NCWM Interim Meeting

St. Pete Beach, Florida January 21 - 24

April 2018

NTEP Labs Meeting Gatineau, Quebec April 3 - 5

May 2018

NEWMA Annual Meeting Saratoga Springs, New York May 7 - 10

CWMA Annual Meeting Springfield, Illinois May 21 - 24

*Further meeting details will be announced closer to the meeting dates at <u>www.ncwm.net/meetings</u>.