



For Good Measure

New York State Weights and Measures Association

HAPPY 2024 EVERYONE!! We hope you and your family had a happy and healthy holiday season and start to the new year. As we start the new year, we want to congratulate the following new hires and promotions:

- **Brian Dengler**– New Director, Delaware County
- **Kimberly Von Ronn, Esq.**– New Director, Rockland County
- **Heather J. Chappell**– New Director, Tompkins County
- **Ethan Bogran**– Promoted to County Sealer, Westchester County

We wish all of you good luck!



2024 ANNUAL MEETING

DATES: Monday, June 10th thru Friday, June 14th
HOTEL: Sleep Inn & Suites
6344 E Molloy Rd.
East Syracuse, NY 13057

We will be returning to the Sleep Inn & Suites after a very successful 2023 Annual Meeting. The agenda and registration forms will be available on the Association's website (nyswma.com) in mid-April. Mike Smith is working hard preparing the agenda. If you have any suggestions for presentations, or have something you would like to present, please email Mike (Michael.Smith@agriculture.ny.gov).

The Executive Committee is discussing bringing back the formal banquet for Tuesday night's dinner. If approved, we would like all members attending to be appropriately dressed. Suggested attire will be noted on the meeting registration form.

NIST NEWS

After 40 years of federal service, Lisa Warfield has retired as a Weights and Measures Coordinator for the NIST Office of Weights and Measures (OWM). Lisa served as an expert technical advisor to regulatory weights and measures programs in many areas related to package labeling, checking net content, method of sale, weights and measures laws and regulations, and price verification test procedures. She was also leading OWM's efforts with recent activities related to cannabis product labeling. Prior to joining NIST OWM in 2007, Lisa worked for many years in the NIST National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) tracking over 1200 laboratories for on-site visits, nonconformity responses, and reviews and providing support to the overall NVLAP processes and financial management systems.

During her tenure with NIST OWM, Lisa served in several technical leadership roles on multiple technical work groups, including the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM)'s Laws and Regulations (L&R) Committee, on which she served as lead technical advisor. Lisa served as editor to NIST Handbook 130 Uniform Laws and Regulations in the Areas of Legal Metrology and Fuel Quality and NIST Handbook 133 Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods throughout her career at NIST. Lisa received the Department of Commerce Bronze Medal for her leadership in developing uniform legal metrology requirements for electric vehicle charging and submetering adopted by the 50 states in 2019.

Courtesy of NIST OWM's Measurement Matters Newsletter: January 2024

"d" versus "e"

In September 2023, Jan Konijnenburg from NIST OWM published a very informative article entitled "What is the true meaning of a "scale division" (d) versus a "verification scale division" (e)." In this article he describes the differences between "d" and "e", how they should be used, the current issues with regarding how they are presented in NIST Handbook 44, and the current item before the NCWM Specifications & Tolerance Committee to amend Handbook 44.

[The full article can be found HERE.](#)



We would like to thank the members of the NCWM Associate Membership Committee (AMC) for their continuing support of our Association. AMC training funds are used to help lower the costs associated with running our Annual Meeting and providing training and materials to all the attendees.

FOREVER WITH US



Suzanne "Sue" Elizabeth Tiano (Hendler), 65, of Stuyvesant, NY passed away at home surrounded by her loved ones during the early morning hours of December 5, 2023. Suzanne worked as head of The Weights and Measurement Department in Columbia County for five years. She took great pride in the day-to-day work she did. When she wasn't traveling, Sue spent her days out on the golf course, relaxing with her pets at home and gathering with friends. She was a true lover of the simpler things in life.



Michael Peters, 74, passed away on December 29, 2023. Mike worked for Rockland County Consumer Protection for 22 years. He started as a Consumer Services Inspector I in August 1992 and retired as a Consumer Services Inspector II in November 2014. Mike was very kind hearted and would always greet you with a smile. Mike loved to fish and was a diehard Mets / Jets fan, and for anyone living downstate, AM 660 WFAN Sports Radio NY was always on in the truck.

Write up courtesy of CJ Bryant, Rockland County

NEW BIODIESEL TECHNOLOGY

On October 30, 2023, the City of Danbury, Connecticut, opened a first-of-its-kind plant which can process restaurant kitchen waste grease, also known as "brown grease", into B100-grade biodiesel. With a price tag of \$5.5 million this refinery, located at the John Oliver Memorial Sewer Plant, will be capable of annually producing over 220,000 gallons of B100 and 60,000 gallons of boiler fuel. Antonio Iadarola, the city's engineer and public works director, explained that before the new technology Danbury would mix the waste grease with wood chips and send it off to be landfilled or burned at a cost of \$90,000 annually. By selling the product, utilizing it to generate power, utilizing it for heating fuel or to fuel their fleets, the City is anticipating \$1.3 million in annual net revenue. This will also reduce the stress on local sewage treatment plants that cannot process the brown grease, and will reduce carbon emissions up to 74%.

[Read the Full Article HERE \(Chron.com\)](#)

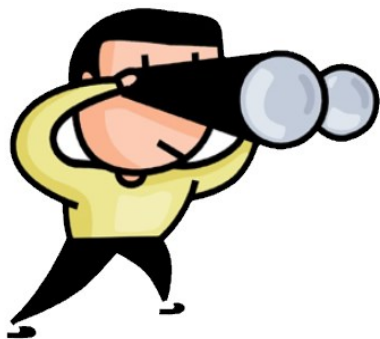
GOV. SIGNS C.C. SURCHARGE LEGISLATION

On December 13, 2023, Governor Kathy Hochul signed Legislation S.1048A/A.2672B [which] requires businesses to clearly post the highest price that a consumer might pay for certain transactions, including any surcharges. The legislation also establishes a civil penalty of up to \$500 per violation.

According to the Governor's press release *"Businesses in New York are permitted to offer two-tiered pricing systems in which the credit card price for certain sales transactions is posted alongside the cash price. By requiring businesses to post the highest price that a consumer might pay, this legislation helps to promote transparency and ensure that consumers are informed about their purchases."*

This legislation allows for enforcement *"concurrently by the Director or Commissioner of a Municipal Consumer Affairs Office,... and all monies collected thereunder shall be retained by such municipality or local government."*

The new legislation takes effect on February 11, 2024. The full text can be found [HERE](#).



Keep an eye out for the 2024 NYSWMA Membership renewal forms which were mailed out in mid-January. If you do not receive yours by the end of January, or need one for a new employee, please contact Steve Austenfeld:

steve.austenfeld@broomecountyny.gov

IMPORTANT DATES

2024 NEWMA ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 6 - 9, 2024

HOTEL TBA

CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS

<https://www.newma.us/>

2024 NCWM ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 14 - 18, 2024

THE RENAISSANCE CLEVELAND HOTEL

CLEVELAND, OHIO

<https://www.ncwm.com/>

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**also a member of the Executive Committee*

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Notes from the Editor



I'm always looking for items to include in the newsletter. Send me pictures, news stories, new hires, retirements, etc. that you want shared.

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