



For Good Measure

New York State Weights
and Measures Association

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

DATES: Monday, June 9th thru Friday, June 13th
HOTEL: Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center @
Best Western Plus Oswego Hotel
26 E 1st Street
Oswego, NY 13126



We are happy to announce that the 2025 Annual Meeting and Training School will be held at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Oswego. This hotel boasts over 100 rooms, a beautiful state-of-the-art conference center, a lake view restaurant, an outdoor seating area with fire pits, and a space for after-hours networking events. We have high hopes that this location will live up to our high expectations.

As we move forward to a new location, we would to thank the Sleep Inn & Suites in Syracuse for their wonderful hospitality shown for our 2023 and 2024 events.

NCWM

The 2024 NCWM Annual Meeting took place in Cleveland, Ohio in July. Jim Willis, Mike Smith and Bill Nebot attended, doing a great job representing New York. Just a few highlights from the meeting:

- The membership voted to approve NCWM to change its corporate name from the National **Conference** on Weights and Measures to the National **Council** on Weights and Measures.
- The proposal to allow voting sessions at both the Annual and Interim meeting failed.
- NCWM and NIST are still discussing transitioning away from printing the handbooks and having them available only in digital format.

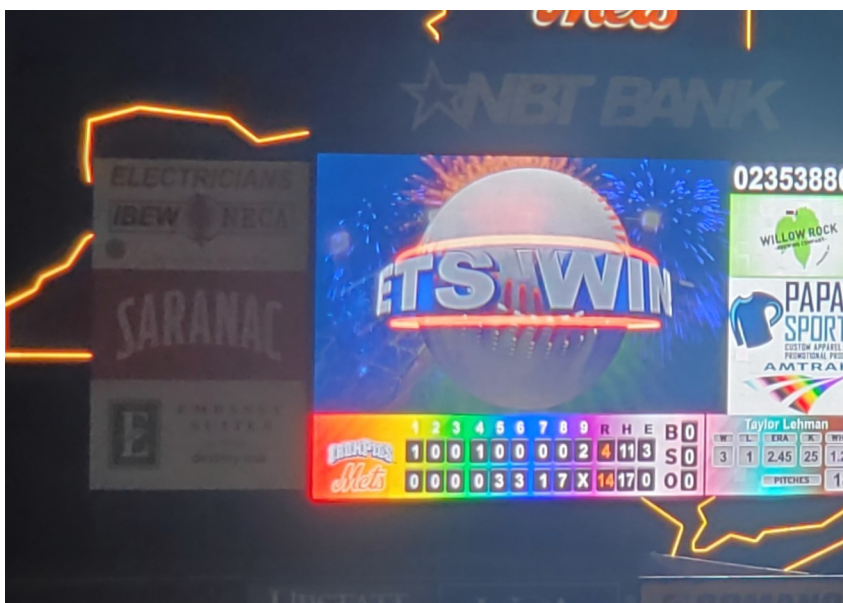
2024 MEETING

The 58th New York State Annual Training School and 115th Annual NYSWMA Meeting took place at the Sleep Inn & Suites in Syracuse the week of June 10th. There were over 83 attendees, including inspectors from New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont. Marc Paquette, Chairman of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets, and current NCWM Chairman, presented the results from the [2024 NCWM National Price Verification Survey](#). As usual, Mike Smith put together a wonderful agenda full of informative and engaging presentations. The Sleep Inn & Suites provided us with spacious meeting accommodations and break out spaces.

On Thursday night, a group of attendees went to NBT Bank Stadium to see the Syracuse Mets defeat the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, 14-4.



Helena Smith (Rockland County) with Syracuse Mets mascot Scooch.



NIST ARTICLES

- **Recorded Webinars for Weights and Measures Available On-Demand!**– The NIST Office of Weights and Measures (OWM) National Legal Metrology Program (NLMP) is pleased to announce that several of our regularly hosted webinars have now been recorded and made available to assist our weights and measures stakeholders with their ongoing education. Accessing recorded webinars allows participants to learn at their own pace and schedule. They are also provided with a great opportunity to watch the webinar again to ensure understanding and facilitate the accurate application of the topic. [CLICK HERE FOR ARTICLE](#)
- **Announcing OWM's New (Web and Excel Searchable) Technical Article Library**– NIST recently compiled these “nuggets of information” into a single [OWM Technical Article Library](#) as part of our [Products and Services](#) webpage. This library includes the technical articles grouped by publication date, together with the general topic area and specific keywords. [CLICK HERE FOR ARTICLE](#)
- **The Reason the U.S. Doesn't Use the Metric System**– NIST OWM's Elizabeth Benham was [recently interviewed](#) by *National Geographic* and described some of the reasons behind the U.S.'s lagged adoption of the metric system, including how a voluntary approach to adoption can slow down progress. She notes that “*It's been legal to use the metric system in the United States since 1866,*” and that the metric system is the nation's preferred system of measurement for trade and commerce. [CLICK HERE FOR ARTICLE](#)



As always, 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

2024 NEWMA INTERIM MEETING

OCTOBER 21 - 23, 2024

HOLIDAY INN NORWICH

NORWICH, CT 06360

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

2025 NCWM INTERIM MEETING

JANUARY 12 - 15, 2025

FRANCIS MARION HOTEL

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

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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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