



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 all set for the 2025 Annual Meeting and Training School in our new location at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Oswego. At our meeting in September, the Executive Committee was given a tour of the conference center, guest rooms, the restaurant and the space for after-hours networking events. We were all very impressed with what we saw and hope to form a long lasting partnership with this hotel.

This year we will be having a full-day Basic Package Checking training, led by Steve Timar. In the morning, Steve will go over the procedures in Handbook 133 on selecting a proper sampling plan, determining if your scale is appropriate, calculating the correct tare, and how to properly complete the testing forms. After lunch, State Specialists will be doing hands-on demonstrations, including using WinWam for testing.

RETIRED MEMBERS

The Executive Committee would like to thank Gilbert Green, former Association Secretary and Allegany County Director, who has agreed to serve as the Retired Members Liaison to the Executive Committee. Retired Members with any questions about the Annual Meetings, wanting to get on the Newsletter's mailing list, etc., can reach out to Gil directly for that information <Greenge@roadrunner.com>.

NCWM

Recently, the NCWM Board of Directors created a Women in Weights and Measures Subcommittee with the purpose of *“rais[ing] awareness that women are valuable contributors in the field of weights and measures and to provide training and opportunities for leadership advancement.”* This Subcommittee’s mission is *“to empower women at all levels to develop their natural abilities and fullest potential and equip them to excel as leaders in weights and measures.”* More information on the Women in Weights and Measures Subcommittee can be found [HERE](#), or you can reach out to Committee Chair Cheryl Ayer, New Hampshire Director of Weights and Measures <Cheryl.E.Ayer@agr.nh.gov>.



NCWM IS MAKING ITS RETURN TO THE NORTHEAST!!

The 2026 NCWM Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia. Details can be found on the NCWM website: (<https://www.ncwm.com/>).

COLD WEATHER TIPS



- Know the symptoms of cold stress; reddening skin, tingling, pain, swelling, leg cramps, numbness, and blisters.
 - Dress properly; wear at least three layers of loose-fitting clothing, insulated gloves and boots, and cover your head.
 - Monitor your physical condition and that of your coworkers.
 - Stay dry and pack extra clothes; moisture can increase heat loss from the body.
 - Take frequent breaks in warm, dry areas.
 - Drink warm liquids.
- (<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA3982.pdf>)

NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS

- **Jordan Gonyea**– Promoted to Director, Allegany County
- **Brodrick Warner**– Promoted to Director, Broome County
- **Eric Calvasina**– Inspector, Broome County
- **Chris Holl**– Promoted to Director, Cortland County
- **Christopher Stark**– Promoted to Director, Saratoga County
- **Tom Kernoschak**– Promoted to Director, Seneca County
- **Zach Wenzel**– Director, Chenango County
- **Haley Giles**– Inspector, Nassau County
- **Jorge Ruiz**– Inspector, Nassau County
- **Chris Snyder**– Deputy Director, Oneida County
- **Eric Geiss**– Inspector, Putnam County
- **Andrew Petersen**– Director, Rensselaer County
- **Thomas Hardiman**– Inspector, St. Lawrence County
- **Dominic Baldi**– Inspector, Suffolk County
- **Anthony Irenze**– Inspector, Suffolk County
- **Frank Fiermonte**– Inspector Trainee, City of Yonkers
- **Huso Morales**– Inspector Trainee, City of Yonkers
- **Eric Davis**– Specialist I, New York State
- **John Lee**– Specialist I, New York State
- **Kyle Pierson**– Specialist I, New York State

DIRECTOR RETIREMENTS

- **Gilbert Green**– Allegany County
- **Steve Austenfeld**– Broome County
- **Clifford Boyce**– Chemung, Schuyler and Yates Counties
- **Wesley Foley**– Cortland County
- **Lisa Letteney**– Onondaga County
- **James Caputo**– Schenectady County
- **Susan Sauvageau**– Seneca County

NIST ARTICLES

- **NIST OWN e-Learning Resources and Training Materials**– OWM has various online and e-learning resources that can be used for training and continuing education, both in a formal setting and through self-study . [CLICK HERE FOR ARTICLE](#)
- **OWM Completes Pilot Test of a “Blended” Course on Retail Motor-Fuel Dispensers**– In October 2024, NIST OWM completed a pilot test of a “blended” course on Retail Motor-Fuel Dispensers (RMFDs) thanks in large part, to Paul Floyd, Director of Louisiana Weights and Measures, and a select group of his experienced staff. A blended course is one delivered using a combination of different instruction formats. The NIST OWM Blended Course on RMFDs included a blend of instructor-led webinars, self-study assignments, a self-paced narrated PowerPoint, and in-person instruction. [CLICK HERE FOR ARTICLE](#)
- **NIST OWM Newsletter**– [CLICK HERE](#) for the January 2025 edition of the NIST OWM Newsletter.



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

2025 NEWMA ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 28 - MAY 1, 2025

HILTON GARDEN INN BURLINGTON

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

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

2025 NCWM ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 13-17, 2025

SILVER LEGACY RESORT CASINO

RENO, NEVADA

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



On Saturday June 1, 2024, a 70th Birthday celebration was held at the Otisville Firehouse Community Room in Orange County NY for Fred Kirby (retired Orange County W&M Director).

Standing: Lou Tipaldo, Andy Brozdowski, Bob Soudant, Mike Stanley, Fred Kirby

Seated: John Hankins, Chuck Mitchell

Courtesy of Lou Tipaldo



NCWM Chair Marc Paquette (Vermont) was honored at the Chairman's Reception at the Interim Meeting in January.

Left to right: Don Onwiler (NCWM Executive Director), Danyelle Dolan (NCWM), Marc Paquette, Elisa Stritt (NCWM), Kevin Schnepf (Chair-Elect, California)

Photo courtesy of NCWM Facebook page



Westchester County's Sealer and NCWM Professional Development Committee Chair Ethan Bogren (left) and Westchester County's Senior Inspector Mike Kelly at the NCWM Interim Meeting.

Photo courtesy of NCWM Facebook page



December 13, 2024:

Eastern Regional Staff luncheon

Left to right: Matt Fleming, John Lee, Corbin Chase, Lou Tipaldo (NYS, Retired), Stanly Thomas, Ratan Chowdhury, Bill Nebot, Steve Timar, Fred Kirby (Orange County Director, Retired), Joe Esteban

Photo provided by Lou Tipaldo

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President– John Lee (NYS)*

1st Vice-President– Austin Kimes (Cattaraugus County)*

2nd Vice-President– Cam Johnson (Ontario County)*

3rd Vice-President– Jordan Gonyea (Allegany County)*

Secretary– Ray Borst (Montgomery County)*

Treasurer– Adam Simmons (St. Lawrence County)*

Newsletter Editor– John Lee (NYS)

**also a member of the Executive Committee*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson– Cam Johnson (Ontario County)

Immediate Past President– Bob Calhoun (Chautauqua County)

At-Large Member– Ted Dymont (Wayne County)

At-Large Member– Matt Knight (Monroe County)

At-Large Member– Mike Biagini (Westchester County)

Central Regional Association Representative– Jamie Comstock (Oswego County)

Northeastern Regional Association Representative– Jim Callery (Fulton County)

Southeastern Regional Association Representative– CJ Bryant (Rockland County)

Western Regional Association Representative– Matt Reed (Ontario County)

Ex-Officio Member– Jim Willis (NYS)

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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