



# National Conference on Weights and Measures

## *“Seeking Balance”*

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To: Weights and Measures Officials  
Representatives of Business, Industry, and Consumer Organizations  
Federal Agency Representatives  
Parties Interested in Legal Metrology

I am honored to invite you to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures to be held July 13 - 17, 2008, at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel in Burlington, Vermont. The theme for this year's Annual Meeting is *“Seeking Balance.”* We face many important issues this year that require us to carefully evaluate and seek the correct balance in our decisions. During this week, we will make decisions impacting consumers, equipment manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, and regulatory programs. You won't want to miss our open hearings this summer.

Automatic Temperature Compensation (ATC) for retail motor fuel devices remains a top priority for our conference, and we are receiving excellent input from stakeholders of all perspectives on this issue. The S&T Committee agenda item covering technical requirements for ATC is designated as a voting item for the Annual Meeting, so attendance, involvement, and input from our membership and stakeholders remains critical!

At the Interim Meeting this year, attendees met representatives from two agencies that are conducting independent ATC cost benefit analyses that will be completed this year – the federal General Accountability Office and the California Energy Commission. We will participate in and follow the progress of these studies carefully, and keep our membership informed. The NCWM ATC Steering Committee will also report on their findings at the Annual Meeting.

In addition, the L&R Committee's Moisture Loss Work Group will continue seeking the right balance on recommendations regarding moisture loss considerations for packaged commodities. The Professional Development Committee needs your involvement as they progress on the NCWM Certification for weights and measures inspectors.

If you attend the Annual Meeting, you will also have the opportunity to meet our new NCWM Executive Director and NTEP Administrator. At the Interim Meeting, we announced changes to our conference management structure to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of NCWM, and hiring for the two positions should be completed by May.

Our organization is made up of talented and knowledgeable people. Most of our work is accomplished through the volunteer efforts of that membership. The work of the Conference continues throughout the year, but our Annual Meeting is the culmination of that effort. The

agenda for this year's meeting reflects the hard work and dedication of our membership. The Annual Meeting reflects our resolve to maintain excellence in weights and measures standards development for the United States. I urge you to study the issues and take the opportunity to participate in the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the NCWM.

So, please join us at our Annual Meeting in Burlington. Take the opportunity to speak, listen, learn, build relationships, and impact the important decisions we will make. I look forward to seeing you in July.

Sincerely,

Judy Cardin