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## 2013 NEWMA ANNUAL MEETING

May 6-9, 2013

Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs

232 Broadway

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

### Reservations

<http://www.saratogahi.com> Group Code: NWM

Phone: (518) 584-4550

Fax: (518) 580-1924

Reservation Deadline: April 5, 2013

Block Available: May 5-9, 2013

Room Rate: \$104.00 per night plus tax

Annual Meeting Registration

The registration fee this year is \$125.00 (\$100+\$25 Dues)

### By Air

Saratoga Airport is the closest to almost any **event venue in Saratoga**, a public-use airport located just three miles southwest of Saratoga. The **Albany International Airport** is **30 minutes South of Saratoga Springs**. Commercial airline services are Air Canada, American Eagle, Continental, Continental Connection, Delta, Delta Connection, Northwest, Southwest, United/United Express, USAirways/USAirways Express. Albany International Airport is the major air center for the Capital Region, Northeastern New York and Western New England. Albany Airport has 75 arrivals and 75 departures daily from most major cities.

### 2013 NEWMA INTERIM MEETING

NEWMA will hold its Interim Meeting on October 16-17, 2013 at the Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT. The room rate is \$79 per night plus tax. The reservation deadline is September 30, 2013. Reservation can be made at <http://www.holidaynorwichhotel.com> or by phone: (860) 889-5201.

### VTM TRAINING TO BE CONDUCTED AT NEWMA

NEWMA is pleased to host a two day seminar on inspecting vehicle tank meters May 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> during the 2013 Annual Meeting. Dick Suiter is traveling to Saratoga to present the training. Details and training registration are located further in the newsletter.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **NCWM Annual Meeting July 14-18, 2013**

**Louisville, KY**

**Hotel Accommodations:**

**The Seelbach Hilton Louisville**

500 Fourth Ave.

Louisville, KY 40202

(502) 585-3200

1-800-333-3399

Check In Time: 3:00pm

Check Out Time: 12:00pm

**Reservations**

<http://www.seelbachhilton.com/>

Group Name: National Conference on Weights and Measures

Deadline for Group Rate: June 21, 2013

Room Rate: \$97.00/per night

## **NEWMA VTM TRAINING**

The 2 day VTM training will begin May 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. It will consist of a full day classroom training (ending at 4 P.M.) and a combination classroom and field test of a VTM on May 8<sup>th</sup> (ending at approx. 1 P.M.)

The registration for this training is only \$75.00 and includes an invitation to attend the NEWMA Chairman's Welcome Reception on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the NEWMA Banquet on May 7<sup>th</sup> and coffee & danish each morning.

The training is separate from the NEWMA Annual Meeting but, all training participants are welcome and encouraged to attend the Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> session, or any subsequent session after the training concludes. Participants need to bring their HB 44 to the training.

NEWMA is very pleased to have Dick Suiter traveling to the northeast to provide this training. Dick is a native Hallam, Nebraska, and has worked in the field of weights and measures for over 38 years. Dick spent the first

27 years of his career with the Nebraska Weights and Measures program working in a variety of areas including laboratory metrologist (State Metrologist), field inspector, and program manager. During his time with Nebraska, Dick spent five years as a Member of the Committee on Specifications and Tolerances of the NCWM, serving as Committee Chairman in the fifth year and also performed type evaluations on behalf of National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP). In August of 1997, Dick joined the Office of Weights and Measures at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in the position of Weights and Measures Coordinator.

As a key member and former acting group leader of the Device Technology Group in the Weights and Measures Division (WMD), his responsibilities at NIST included serving as technical advisor to the National Type Evaluation Technical Committee Measuring Sector, National Type Evaluation Technical Committee Weighing Sector, National Type Evaluation Technical Committee Belt Conveyor Scale Sector and Multiple Dimension Measuring Devices Work Group. He also was an editor for NIST Handbook 44. Dick was responsible for technical training of the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) laboratories in the area of liquid measuring devices and provided guidance to the laboratories and state and local weights and measures officials on a daily basis. As an experienced trainer and speaker, Dick presented numerous training sessions and seminars and presented several instructor training seminars while a member of the NIST staff. Dick frequently provided training to weights and measures officials at regional weights and measures meetings and training seminars and was also a technical advisor to the National Conference on Weights and Measures Specifications and Tolerances Committee.

Dick retired from NIST on February 29, 2008 and now works as a private consultant assisting companies and individuals in the area of weights and measures regulations, standards, testing procedures, and equipment requirements.

### **2013 NEW YORK STATE TRAINING SCHOOL**

The NYS Bureau of W&M's and the State W&M's Association will be hosting the 49<sup>th</sup> annual training school in Syracuse NY on June 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to another great school where we will discuss important Weights & Measures issues including:

- Safety (multiple sessions)
- Petroleum quality
- Recent changes in HB44/130
- Various hands-on classes including package checking
- The new NYS metrology laboratory (some pictures attached)

For information regarding registration please visit: <http://nyswma.com/>

**2013 NEWMA ANNUAL MEETING  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
(Tentative-subject to change as needed)**

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>MEETING ROOM</u>
<b><u>Monday, May 6, 2013</u></b>		
	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	
<b>12:00 pm – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>1:00 pm – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Laws and Regulations Committee Open Hearing</b> Lou Sakin, Hopkinton, MA ©	
<b>3:30 pm – 3:45 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
<b>3:45 pm – 4:45 pm</b>	<b>Challenges of Hurricane Sandy-W &amp; M Disaster Response</b> Roundtable Discussion – Frank Greene, State of Connecticut	
<b>5:15 pm – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Welcome Reception (location TBD)</b>	
<b><u>Tuesday, May 7, 2013</u></b>		
	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	
<b>7:45 am – 8:30 am</b>	<b>Morning Coffee Service</b>	
<b>8:30 am – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>8:30 am – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Specifications &amp; Tolerances Committee Open Hearing</b> Jane Zulkiewicz, Barnstable, MA ©	
<b>10:00 am – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Morning Coffee Break</b>	
<b>10:15 am – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Board of Directors/NTEP Open Hearing</b> John Gaccione, Westchester County, NY Mark Coyne, City of Brockton, MA Steve Giguere, State of Maine Jim Cassidy, City of Cambridge, MA	
<b>11:00 am – 11:30 am</b>	<b>Professional Development Committee Open Hearing</b> Cheryl Ayer, State of New Hampshire ©	
<b>11:30 am – 12:00</b>	<b>Scale Manufacturers Association Roundtable</b> Louis Straub, Fairbanks Scales	

**Tuesday, May 7, 2013 (continued)**

**12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**

**Lunch on your own**

**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Opening Ceremonies – Frank Greene, NEWMA Chair**

**TBD Speaker**

**New York State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets**

**Steve Benjamin, NCWM Chairman**

**John Gaccione, NCWM Chair-Elect**

**Carol Hockert, Chief OWM, NIST**

**Special Award, Tom Geiler**

**2:30 pm – 2:45 pm**

**Afternoon Break**

**2:45 pm – 3:15 pm**

**E15 Update: Regulatory and Technical Progress**

**Kristy Moore, Renewable Fuels Association**

**3:15 pm – 4:15 pm**

**Directors Round Table Discussion**

**Carol Hockert, Chief OWM, NIST**

**6:30 pm -**

**NEWMA OUTING - TBD**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2013**

**EVENT**

**8:30 am – 10:00 am**

**Data Collection and Analysis**

**Carol Hockert, NIST**

**10:00 am – 10:15 am**

**Morning Break**

**10:15 am – 1200 pm**

**Alternative Fuels**

**Tina Butcher, NIST**

**12:00 am – 1:15 pm**

**Lunch on your own**

**1:15 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Final Committee Reports & Voting**

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Final Reports & Voting (continued)**

**Specifications and Tolerances Committee**

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**Afternoon Break**

**Laws and Regulations Committee**

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**Professional Development Committee**

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**Board of Directors/NTEP Committee**

John Gaccione, Westchester County, NY

Mark Coyne, City of Brockton, MA

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**Thursday May 9, 2013**

**EVENT**

**7:45 am – 8:30 am**

**Morning Coffee Service**

**8:30 am – 9:30 am**

**Final Committee Reports & Voting  
(continued)**

**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**NEWMA Business Meeting**

**Nomination Committee**

**Election of Officers and Board Members**

**Installation of New Chairperson**

**11:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Unfinished Business**

**12:00 pm**

**Adjourn**

## MEETING & VTM TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

**FIRST NAME:**

**MIDDLE NAME:**

**LAST NAME:**

**TITLE:**

**ORGANIZATION:**

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

**CITY:**

**STATE:**

**ZIP:**

**TELEPHONE:**

**OFFICE**

**OTHER**

**FAX**

**EMAIL**

**REGISTRATION:**

- ANNUAL MEETING - 2013 NEWMA MEMBER - \$100.00
- ANNUAL MEETING - NON-MEMBER - \$125.00 (\$100 registration & \$25 dues)
- 2 Day VTM TRAINING - \$75.00 (member or non-member)

**Make Check Payable to: Northeastern Weights & Measures Association**

**Mail to: Charles Carroll  
Division of Standards  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1115  
Boston, MA 02108**

**If you wish to pay the registration fee at the door, please register by phone, fax or e-mail in advance**

Phone: (617) 727-3480, ext. 21131

Fax: (617) 727-5705

E-mail: [Charles.Carroll@state.ma.us](mailto:Charles.Carroll@state.ma.us)

## Upcoming NIST Training Opportunities

### **WEBINARS (2 HOURS)**

#### **Proficiency Testing Follow Up Actions and Root Cause Analysis:**

Guides participants through identifying the 17025 criteria requiring proficiency testing and complete all required PT follow-up documentation.

Date/Time: April 4, 2013, 2:00-4:00 p.m. ET

#### **Conducting an Effective Management Review:**

Introduces management review process, an important tool used by laboratories to foster communication between top management and laboratory personnel and to improve laboratory operations to produce quality calibrations and highly satisfied customers.

Date/Time: April 25, 2013, 2:00–4:00 p.m. ET

#### **Internal Auditing Best Practices:**

Considers internal auditing techniques and best practices that are used by metrology laboratories to comply with ISO/IEC 17025 criteria.

Date/Time: May 2, 2013, 2:00–4:00 p.m. ET

*\*\*Coming soon to your email inbox - Week of Webinars (June 17-21, 2013)!*

### **SEMINARS**

**Packaging and Labeling:** “Uniform Packaging and Labeling Regulations (UPLR)” for industry as found in NIST Handbook 130.

*THIS SESSION IS FULL..*

Date/Location: April 9, 2013, Gaithersburg, MD

#### **Fundamentals of Metrology:**

Introduces participants to the concepts of measurement systems.

*THIS SESSION IS FULL but will be offered again August 19-23, 2013.*

Date/Location: April 15-19, 2013, Gaithersburg, MD

#### **Vehicle-Tank Meters and Loading-Rack Meters:**

At the end of this course, participants will be able to conduct an official inspection and test of vehicle-tank and loading-rack meters using the NIST Examination Procedure Outlines for these devices based on the NIST Handbook 44. *LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.*

Date/Location: April 22-26, 2013, Olympia, WA

**Grain Moisture Meter Technical Training:** Provides participants with training on the U.S. system of commercial grain moisture measurements. *LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.*

Date/Location: April 23-25, 2013, USDA, GIPSA, Kansas City, MO

**Mass Metrology Seminar:** Two-week "hands-on" seminar in which the trainee performs measurements by applying procedures and equations discussed in the classroom.

Date/Location: May 13-24, 2013, Gaithersburg, MD