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### President's Corner:

Thank you to Jonathan Brillo for taking on two rolls as 2022 MWMA President and Web Master. Your web, zoom and organizational skills are very appreciated to keep the MWMA running efficiently in these times that continue to be challenging.

EMWMA (Eastern Mass Weights and Measures Assoc) hopes to resume an in person meeting in June 2022. Stay tuned.

NEWMA 2022 Annual Meeting April 25-28 2022 Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs NY in person.

Please go to <https://newma.us>

NCWM (National Conference on Weights and Measures) 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting July 10-14, 2022 Tacoma, WA Hotel Murano

<https://www.ncwm.com/events-detail/2022-annual-wa>

### Virtual MWMA Interim meeting Wednesday March 23, 2022

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors met recently and voted to have a zoom meeting March 23, 2022. The meetings will include updates from the association and Division of Standards. Please contact Jonathan Brillo at 617-376-1250 if you have questions. Please go to the MWMA web site to register, you will need to register to get the zoom link for the meeting. The password is Weight5

The March 23, 2022 meeting will be held via Zoom. This is a free meeting and will run from 8:30am to 1:30pm, with breaks built in between training sessions. A registration link and form is available on the MWMA website, under Upcoming Meetings. In order to receive the meeting Zoom link, sealers must register online. If anyone has trouble, please contact

Jonathan Brillo at 617-376-1250 or [jbrillo@quincyma.gov](mailto:jbrillo@quincyma.gov)

Click the registration link below:

<https://mwma.us/upcoming-meetings>

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MWMA March 23 Zoom Meeting- sign up on <https://mwma.us/upcoming-meetings>

## Tentative schedule

8:30-8:40

-Greeting

-Meeting breakdown

\*hold simultaneous sessions using breakout rooms

\*sealers can choose which session to attend, until they have attended Both

-Breakout room intro

Session 1: 8:40-10:00

Session 2: 10:15-11:30

-15 min break between sessions

-Scales

-Tech updates

11:30-12:00

-Lunch

12:00-1:00

-New Sealer Q&A

\*Breakout rooms for each basic inspection

1:00-1:30 pm

-DOS Update

1:30pm Adjourn

Video on tares

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3Q6sr43tT4>

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## **History of Weights and Measures**

<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Jefferson/01-16-02-0359-0009>

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## **Annual Association Dues Notice**

Annual Association Dues for 2021-2022 (July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>) please submit your payment ASAP. Please note: The 2021-2022 dues are \$60.00 per year. **Dues payment must be made to receive the annual meeting member rate when we go back to in person meetings.**

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### **Massachusetts Weights and Measures Association**

**2021-2022 Annual Dues \$60.00**

#### **Renewal Form**

**(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

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## National Weights and Measures Week - March 1-7th, 2022 "For the Sake of Equity"

LINCOLN, Neb., Mar. 1, 2022 /PRNewswire-PRWeb/ --The National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) announces Weights and Measures Week, March 1 -7, 2022. These dates are designated every year to commemorate President John Adams's signing of the first United States weights and measures law on March 2nd, 1799.

NCWM Chairman Ivan Hankins of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship announced this year's theme, "For the Sake of Equity."

"We are living in a time when various industries are offering more and more conveniences to the consumer; to get you to buy, buy, and buy! We take for granted as shoppers the products we purchase are legitimate and above board," said Hankins. "It is an assumption, that we make for the 'sake of convenience' and we often find ourselves coming up short on quality, and quantity."

Assuring quantity is the responsibility of the Weights and Measures world, specifically the Weights & Measures Inspector. Inspectors operate within rules and regulations as adopted by NCWM, published by NIST in handbooks, and referenced by states into law. Those publications take into consideration State and Federal Laws and international standards. NCWM's model standards provide highly sophisticated tools that aid inspectors in the never-ending process of Equity in the Market place.

Inspectors often put in long hours in difficult environments for meager pay, and with unique equipment that always begs the question from the public, "Hey, what is that thing you're using there?" This is what it takes to keep everyone on a level playing field.

"The bible teaches that God despises dishonest scales, and delights in honest ones. Fair is supposed to be fair," said Hankins. But without the weights and measures inspectors doing their jobs, inequities will occur. This is at the detriment of the consumers and fair competition within industries.

"We do not want to become a society that becomes comfortable with convenience, taking for granted that everything is fair,?" said Hankins. "If you get cheated and I get cheated is that fair? Would you consider that fair? I should hope not!" Hankins asks the public and government administrators to support your Weights and Measures inspectors, and not take equity for granted.

"So, here's to the Weights and Measures inspector, this week belongs to you! Keep doing what you do and be aware, and don't give up what's right for the sake of convenience. Be mindful of what's right for the Sake of Equity.

The National Conference on Weights and Measures is a professional nonprofit association of state and local weights and measures officials, federal agencies, manufacturers, retailers, and consumers. NCWM has developed United States weights and measures standards for commerce since 1905. The organization brings the right interests together to keep pace with innovative advancements in the marketplace.

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# EQUITY SHALL PREVAIL



Current and past newsletters can be accessed on the M.W.M.A web-site @ [WWW.MWMA.US](http://WWW.MWMA.US)

## **In Memory of MWMA members**

Tom Geiler-Barnstable  
Doug Wilk-Chicopee & Ludlow  
Herb Wolfer-Retired 2017 Towns of Bridgewater, Halifax & Whitman

## **Congratulations to Retired MWMA Members!**

Rich Orpen-Division of Standards  
Dwight Brothers-Division of Standards  
Ed Seidler-Grafton & Rutland; former Framingham Director  
James Halloran-Somerville  
Andrew Novotny-Division of Standards  
John Gibney-Methuen

## **Welcome New Sealers & WM Staff**

Brett Ferolito-Needham  
Joshua Hickson-Lee  
Ryan Mulligan-Barnstable  
Rachel Rapoza-Fall River  
Michael Powers-Springfield  
Hain Wan Setow (Will) –Division of Standards Lab



