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President's Corner:

No president remarks for this newsletter.

The MWMA Board of Directors hopes this year has been a healthy one for all our members.

We have all had to adjust our way of working during the ongoing Pandemic.

The MWMA Board of Directors is hoping to plan an in-person meeting for the Spring of 2022. Stay tuned!

EMWMA hope to resume an in person meeting in June 2022.

NEWMAA will have a Zoom meeting October 5, 6 & 7, 2022. Please go to <https://newma.us/> For information.

NEWMA will have an in person meeting in May 2022 in Saratoga Springs NY at the Holiday Inn. Please go to <https://newma.us/> for more information.

Virtual MWMA Annual meeting and Information 2021

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors met recently and voted to hold 4 virtual meetings on September 20, 23, 27 & 30, 2021 from 9:00AM to 11:00AM.

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, this will provide you with the zoom link for all the meetings. The password is Weight5

Click the registration link below:

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

Click Register and enter your information

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MWMA Annual Meeting Tentative
Agenda 2021

September 20, 23, 27 & 30, 2021 9:00
AM to 11:00 AM for all meeting dates

- September 20, 2021 Monday
- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Intro to Zoom, Technology, Web site
and Videos-Jonathan Brillo-MWMA
Web Master

- September 23, 2021 Thursday
- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM


Cannabis- proper scales, method of sale
and Labeling requirements-
Medicinal/Recreational-Jimmy Cassidy-
Director DOS, Lou Sakin & Elaine Grillo-
NCWM Cannabis Task Force
Update on Electric Charging stations-
Tentative Code (Video)

- September 27, 2021 Monday
- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Basic Review of Retail Motor Fuel and
Retail Scale Inspections-Ray Costa DOS
Metrologist & Jim Collins-Peabody
New Inspectors-Understanding study
guide for DOS exam

- September 30, 2021 Thursday
- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Division of Standards update, Annual
Meeting and Round Table discussions-
Jimmy Cassidy-Director DOS

 **Please note that there are no fees for
this meeting.**

Annual Association Dues Notice

Annual Association Dues for 2021-2022 (July 1st to June 30th) 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.**

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2021-2022 Annual Dues \$60.00

Renewal Form

(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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FAX _____

ADDRESS _____

E-Mail _____

Mail Completed Form to:

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Hello from the NIST Office of Weights and Measures (OWM),

Attached please find the August 2021 Issue of our Training Flyer. All classes listed have links to their associated webpages which have all the details for each class, including learning objectives, pre-work requirements, registration deadlines and other information.



OWM Training Flyer
2021August.pdf


<https://www.nist.gov/pml/weights-and-measures/about-owm>



Buying Commercial Scales on the Internet

Tips Before you Buy

Be aware of regulations.
Know who you are buying from.
Look for "NTEP" or the NTEP logo in the advertisement.



Identify the manufacturer, model and NTEP Certificate Number.
Look up the NTEP Certificate of Conformance.
What does the phrase "Legal for Trade" mean?
When comparing prices, consider the big picture.
Contact your regulatory authority before you buy.

The internet brings many options to our buying decisions. While there is much to be said for supporting local businesses with known reputations and service after sale, more and more consumers are turning to the internet for convenience and often lower prices.

This can be a risky proposition when buying a scale that will affect your profits and be subject to regulatory requirements. This guide is designed to help you identify red flags and avoid some of the pitfalls if considering an internet purchase of a commercial scale. These things are important in any purchase of a scale, but may require additional effort on your part if you use an internet vendor.



Be aware of regulations.
Most states require NTEP Certification for new scales that will be used in buying or selling. The NTEP Certificate is issued by the National Type Evaluation Program and it provides confidence that the model meets regulatory standards for design and performance and most likely can be approved for use in a commercial application. When shopping online, you will see the NTEP name, logo and often the phrase "Legal for Trade", but unfortunately things aren't always as they seem.

The NTEP name and logo are trademarked, but less reputable vendors have been identified using it without license and using it in misleading or deceptive ways. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to protect yourself in your purchase decision.

Do you know who you are buying from?
Look on the website for business name, a physical address, phone number and email address. A business that values its reputation and wants return business will eagerly provide its identity and contact information. Consider the reasons why a business might not be so transparent as you read through our tips.

Does the ad claim that the scale is NTEP certified, either through a statement or by placement of the NTEP Logo in the advertisement?
If you don't see it, don't buy it. Inquire first with the vendor about NTEP certification. Even if the ad says it is NTEP certified, you need to verify it.

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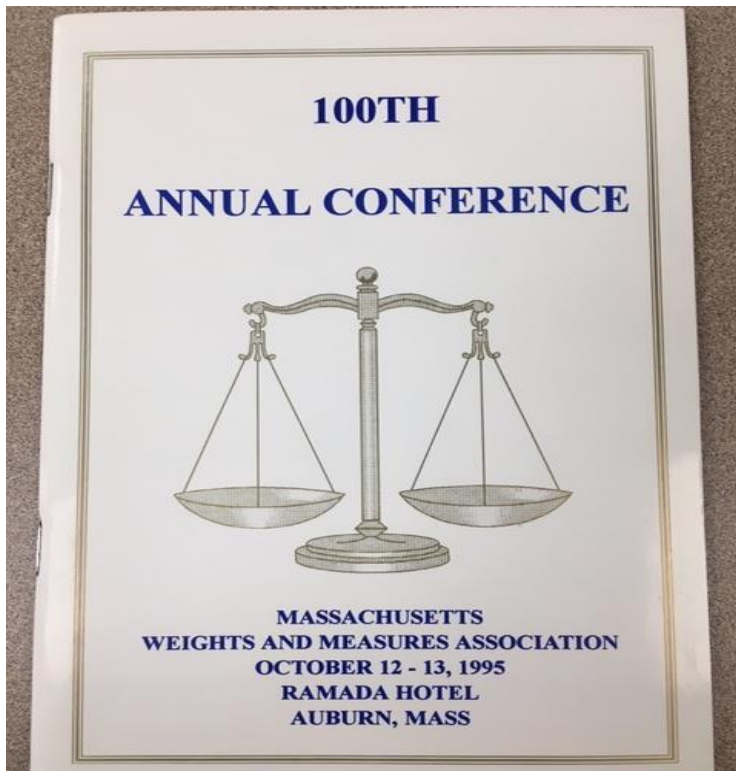


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Current and past newsletters can be accessed on the M.W.M.A web-site @ WWW.MWMA.US

125th Annual Conference of MWMA



Unfortunately, we were not be able to celebrate the The Massachusetts Weights & Measures Association 125th annual conference in September of 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We Hope to have an in person meeting in the Spring of 2022.

Be well and safe during this unprecedented time in our world.

🎉 Congratulations to Rob Popko-Sealer of Weights and Measures in Westfield who recently retired!

Enjoy your Retirement Rob!!

Editor's Note:

If anyone out there knows of any news that should be included in the Newsletter, please contact Kevin Friel (508) 862-4776 or kevin.friel@town.barnstable.ma.us