

General Conference Information

Introduction

This document contains the Board of Directors and Standing Committee agendas for the Interim Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures, Inc., (NCWM) scheduled for January 23 - 26, 2011, at the Fairmont Dallas, Dallas, Texas. To reserve a room, call Fairmont Reservations at (800) 441-1414 and ask for the National Conference on Weights and Measures meeting rate of \$107 single or double, plus tax. To obtain this special rate, call no later than Wednesday, December 22, 2010. The rate is available on a first come, first served basis as space is limited.

Agenda items to be addressed by the Standing Committees are assigned Reference Key numbers as follows:

Committee	Reference Key
Board of Directors	100 series
Laws and Regulations	200 series
Specifications and Tolerances	300 series
Professional Development Committee	400 series
National Type Evaluation Program Committee	500 series
Nominating Committee	800 series

The subject matter listed on each Standing Committee’s agenda will be open for discussion as noted. Each Committee may also take up routine or miscellaneous items brought to its attention after the preparation of this document. At its discretion, each Committee may decide to accept items for discussion that are not listed in this document.

The agendas:

1. include items brought to the attention of the Standing Committees prior to the submission deadline of November 1, 2010, and approved for inclusion in their agendas by the Committees; and
2. serve as the basis for the Standing Committee Interim Reports (to be printed in the Program and Committee Reports of the National Conference on Weights and Measures 96th Annual Meeting, NCWM Publication 16). The final reports of the Committees will be published in the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication, “Report of the 96th National Conference on Weights and Measures” (Annual Report), following the Annual Meeting in 2011, scheduled for July 17 - 21, 2011, at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park, Missoula, Montana.

The Committees have not determined whether the items presented will be Voting or Informational in nature; these determinations will result from their deliberations at the Interim Meeting.

Special Meetings

Several Annual Committees and other organizations are conducting meetings concurrently with the Standing Committees of the Conference.

Joint Meetings for All Committees

A joint meeting for all Committees will be held on Sunday, January 23, and Wednesday, January 26, 2011. On Wednesday, each Standing Committee will highlight the major decisions made during the week, and the Nominating Committee will present its report.

Participation

Sunday meetings are scheduled for Committee members to review their agendas (see the particular Committee/Task Group agenda for details). Although the sessions are open to all delegates, participation in discussions during agenda reviews is normally limited to Committee members. Comments and input are welcome when specific topics are scheduled in the Committee agendas.

All sessions of NCWM meetings are normally open to members of the Conference. If a Committee chairman recognizes a special situation involving a proprietary issue (e.g., NTEP appeals) or sensitive issue or other substantive need, that portion of the session dealing with the special issue may be closed, provided that: (1) the Conference chairman (or in his absence, the chairman-elect) approves; and (2) announcement of the closed meeting is posted on or near the door to the meeting session and on the announcement board at the registration desk. If at all possible, the posting will be done at least a day prior to the planned closed session. Please note that the one day notice will not always be possible if a closed meeting is called on Sunday. Since Sunday is a day for agenda reviews and participants may make their travel reservations in order to observe these agenda reviews, if a closed meeting becomes necessary on Sunday, every effort will be made to limit such a meeting to only part of the day.

To request an appearance with a Standing Committee, contact the appropriate technical advisor by December 31, 2011:

Board of Directors	Don Onwiler	(402) 434-4880
Laws and Regulations Committee	David Sefcik or Lisa Warfield	(301) 975-4868 (301) 975-3308
Specifications and Tolerances Committee	Tina Butcher or Steve Cook	(301) 975-2196 (301) 975-4003
Professional Development Committee	Stacy Carlsen	(415) 499-6700
National Type Evaluation Program Committee	Randy Jennings	(615) 837-5150

You may also contact the Executive Secretary at the following address and telephone number:

Weights and Measures Division
National Institute of Standards and Technology
100 Bureau Drive, STOP 2600
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600
Telephone: (301) 975-4004

Contact for More Information

If you have questions about the program, registration, lodging, or meeting arrangements, contact NCWM Headquarters at the following address and telephone number:

National Conference on Weights and Measures
1135 M Street, Suite 110
Lincoln, NE 68508
Telephone: (402) 434-4880

Reports

There will **not** be a transcript made of the proceedings of the Interim Meetings. Each Committee will prepare its report to the NCWM containing its recommendations based upon the presentations, discussions, and deliberations on all matters on its agenda that were addressed during the Interim Meetings. These reports will be published in the "Committee Reports for the 96th Annual Meeting," NCWM Publication 16, to be posted to the NIST WMD website at www.nist.gov/pml/wmd/index.cfm and to the NCWM website at www.ncwm.net in early April. Printed copies of Publication 16 will be distributed to meeting attendees at the Annual Meeting in July.

96th Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures

The National Conference on Weights and Measures 96th Annual Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park, Missoula, Montana, from July 17 - 21, 2011. The room rate for the Annual Meeting will be \$104 per night (rates are subject to change January 1, 2011), single or double, plus tax. For reservations, please call the hotel at (800) 399-0408 ext. 509. To obtain this special rate, call no later than Friday, June 10, 2011, and identify the group name of the National Conference on Weights and Measures.

Units of Measurement

In keeping with the provisions of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, which establishes the metric system as the preferred system of measurement for commerce and trade, units of the metric system have been used in this document, except where industry has not yet converted from the inch-pound system. In some instances, submitted proposals quoted in the Committee agendas may appear in inch-pound units only.

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