



National Conference on Weights and Measures

“That Equity May Prevail”

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 96th Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures, July 17 - 21 in Missoula, Montana. Our location combines the beauty of the Rocky Mountains on the shore of the Clark Fork River with downtown food and entertainment all within walking distance.

Our theme this year has been “*Educating Today for Tomorrow.*” We are at the brink of some exciting opportunities for training that will help weights and measures professionals to keep pace with new innovations, technology, and marketing practices. In keeping with that theme, we have added three technical meetings to Sunday afternoon that will give attendees a chance to become more informed on rising issues and participate in developing recommendations for those issues. These meetings will be held concurrently.

- Task Group on Retail Motor Fuel Dispenser Price Posting and Computing Capability
- Task Group on Printer Ink and Toner Cartridges
- Fuels and Lubricants Subcommittee

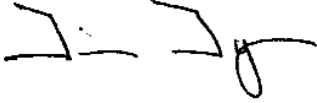
We also have very interesting presentations scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

- Grocery Unit Pricing in the United States: Dave Sefcik of NIST Weights and Measures Division will be joined by Ian Jarratt of Queensland Consumers Association in Australia who will provide some international perspective.
- Hydrogen Gas Measuring Systems: Kristin Macey of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Ms. Macey was involved in the development of the Hydrogen Gas Measuring Systems tentative code that was added to NIST Handbook 44 last year. She will educate us on the requirements that will apply to these commercial devices already in service in many states.

These sessions combined with the business of open hearings and voting to amend our national standards make for an important week. To bring a little relaxation into the mix, we have a great evening planned at the Dunrovin Ranch. In addition to great food, there will be horseback rides, live music, line dancing, fly casting, calf roping lessons, and more.

I look forward to seeing you in Montana this summer. It will be a great opportunity to conduct our business while enjoying natural beauty surrounding Missoula.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Tyson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Tyson
NCWM Chair