



National Conference on Weights and Measures  
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## 2010 New Chairman's Address

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First off I want to thank the members of the NCWM for the honor to serve as your Chairman of this Conference; I accept this responsibility and only hope to do as well as those that have served before me. As I look around this room and as I think of all the truly dedicated people I have met throughout this past year in all of the regions, I am humbled to be standing before you today as Chairman.

One of the good decisions the Board has made over the years was to have the Chair-Elect travel with the Chairman to all of the regional meetings. This has given me a better understanding of the makeup of the Conference. I have learned from the different regions about the various ways the meetings are structured and how they accomplish the work that comes to the Conference. As Chair-Elect you get to know good people. Many of whom do not get to come to the national meetings, yet do a lot of the work at the regional level. I want to thank all of the people in the regions for the fine work they do.

As I stand before you today, I marvel at where the conference has come in the last couple of years, from the management company structure that we had for 10 years to the self management that we have today. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work to better our Conference for the future.

Talking with everyone this week, we have heard of the budget struggles of all of our states and programs. Just the other day an inspector asked the Lord for help. He said, "Lord, is it true that in your scale a thousand years is like a minute?" The Lord said, yes it is "And is it true that in your weights and measures, a thousand dollars is like a penny?" Again the Lord said yes, but American dollars, not Canadian. The man then said, "Lord, our Weights and Measures program could use a penny." And the Lord said, "In a minute."

This week we have talked about the National Certification Program, the new Board member orientation, the new committee member and committee chair training, and e-library of training materials on our website, and we have discussed the seafood initiative that many states participated in. All of these items have one thing in common, Education; education for service technicians, education for inspectors, education for the conference members, and education for the media.

That brings me to the theme for next year; Educating Today for Tomorrow. Through education, we can only benefit. These benefits include; certification of our inspectors, education of the



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media of what we do, and it will benefit this conference through increased efficiency of our committees. I look forward to the next year and working with all of you to achieve these things. Now I would like to take this opportunity to make my standing committee appointments:

- To the Specifications and Tolerances Committee: Brett Gurney, Utah
- To the Laws and Regulations Committee: Tim Lloyd, Montana
- I have two appointments to the Professional Development Committee
  - For a one year term: Edmund Williams, California
  - And for a full term: Cheryl Ayer, New Hampshire

For the Annual Committees my appointments include:

- Nominating Committee
  - Chair: Randy Jennings
  - Judy Cardin, Wisconsin
  - Charles Carroll, Massachusetts
  - Thomas Geiler, Barnstable Regulatory Services, Massachusetts
  - Joe Gomez, New Mexico
  - Maxwell Gray, Florida
  - Steven Malone, Nebraska
- Credentials Committee
  - Mahesh Albuquerque, Colorado
  - And as Coordinator, Vicky Dempsey, Montgomery County Ohio
- Presiding Officers for next year's conference in the Big Sky State will be:
  - Tim Chesser, Arkansas
  - Nicholas Brechun, Colorado
  - Jack Walsh, Framingham, Massachusetts
  - Rachelle Miller, Wisconsin
- Parliamentarian: Lou Straub, Fairbanks Scales
- Chaplain: Stephen Langford, Cardinal Scale Manufacturing, co.
- And finally the Sergeants of Arms:
  - Don Reimer and Randy Jones of Montana

Again, I would like to thank all of the committees for the work that they did this week and I also want to thank all of the appointees for their dedication to serve the Conference in the coming year. I look forward to working with you in the next year. Let's make it a good one. Thank you.