

**THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES
PO BOX 2511, LANCASTER, PA 17706**

JUNE 1, 2009

Dear County Commissioners, Weights and Measures Officials, Administrators and Industry Representatives:

On behalf of PAWM Executive Board I am pleased to announce the tentative agenda for our 94th annual training conference to be held October 19 thru October 22, 2009 at the Best Western Eden Resort Hotel and Conference Center in Lancaster, PA.

Included for your review are copies of the tentative agenda, registration forms and the annual awards announcement. Please note the cut off date for hotel reservations will be Wednesday September 16th. To ensure your special conference rate of \$95.00 (plus tax) per night single or double, please be sure to call or contact the hotel (717-569-6444) (www.edenresort.com) before that date and specify PAWM as the qualifying organization. State and local officials should be sure to bring their tax exemption forms for proper billing.

Since our last conference, the price of energy has stabilized somewhat, but never the less remains volatile. Meanwhile, the accurate pricing and value of all measured goods and services continues to be our goal. The demise of the Philadelphia weights and measures program was an unpleasant surprise to the Department of Agriculture this spring and of course places an added burden upon the Departments already stressed staff. This added pressure makes professional and efficient inspections all the more vital to our program.

To that end we have engaged two highly respected instructors for this year's mandatory training. Ms. Tina Butcher and Mr. Rick Harshman, both with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Office of Weights and Measures, will be conducting our classes on NIST Handbook-44 and the examination of retail fuel dispensers. Successful completion of this three day course will ensure your staff is in compliance with Act 155, Section 4115 and PA Title 70, Chapter 8. Failure of field staff to comply with this training requirement in the law could negate any enforcement action they take.

We look forward to seeing all state and local field staff at this years conference and if there is any information or assistance we can provide, do not hesitate to contact me at 570-275-4747.

Best regards to all,

Jerry Buckley, Montour/Sullivan County Chief Sealer
President, Pennsylvania Association of Weights and Measures

2009 PAWM TECHNICAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
October 19 Through October 22, 2009
BEST WESTERN EDEN RESORT HOTEL
22 EDEN ROAD, LANCASTER, PA 17601-4291
PHONE: 717-569-6444 TOLL FREE: 800-528-1234
www.edenresort.com

ROOM RATES (SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATE)
\$95 PER NIGHT, SINGLE OR DOUBLE, PLUS TAXES
Govt. employees: please provide your tax exempt number.

Please refer to **PAWM Conference** when calling.

Please contact the hotel directly by phone or mail for reservations
by no later than **Wednesday September 16, 2009**



REGISTRATION APPLICATION

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES*PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE PKG

W&M OFFICIAL:COMPLETE PACKAGE INCLUDING BANQUET \$130__

INDUSTRY OFFICIAL:COMPLETE PACKAGE INCLUDING BANQUET\$ \$130__

RETIREE(W&M OR IND.) COMPLETE PKG. INCLUDING BANQUET \$70__

ONE DAY PACKAGE \$70__

BANQUET ONLY (SPOUSES OR GUESTS) \$35__

Please make checks payable to: PAWM

MAIL TO: PAWM, P O BOX 2511, LANCASTER, PA 17608-2511

*Pennsylvania Association of Weights and Measures
94th Annual Technical Training Conference*

*Best Western Eden Resort Hotel
Lancaster, PA 17608
October 19 to 22, 2009*

Tentative Agenda

Monday, October 19, 2009, 8am to 12 noon

Conference Set-up and Executive Board meeting.
Conference registration

1:00pm to 4:30pm

Invocation and Flag Salute

President's welcome: Jerry Buckley, President, Montour/Sullivan Co.
Director's report: John Dillabaugh, Division of Weights and Measures.
General Services Laboratory Report
Consumer Advocate, Mary Bach "An Enforcement Update"

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 8am to 12 noon VP Jim Davis Presiding

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning will be devoted to required training as mandated by Act 155, Section 4115 and PA Title 70, Chapter 8. Instructors from the National Institute of Standards and Technology will present a combined course on NIST Handbook-44 and the proper examination of retail fuel dispensers.

Lunch

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM: Mandatory training of state and local staff.

Tuesday evening, 6pm to 9pm

President's reception in the Embassy room.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 8:00 am to 4pm. VP Ed Harding Presiding

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM: Mandatory training of state and local staff.

3:15 PM to 4:30 PM: Annual meeting.

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Annual Awards Banquet.

The famous Eden Resort buffet supper.
Keynote speech,
Silver Pivot Award.
Associate Industry of the Year Award.
The Great Guy Award.
Mary Bach Consumer of the year Award

Hospitality Room open.

Thursday October 22, 2009, 8:30am to 12noon.

Mandatory training of state and local staff. Review and final exam.

Please travel safely on your way home.

2009 PAWM AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE

The annual PAWM awards banquet will be held on Wednesday evening, October 21, 2009 at the Best Western Eden Resort Hotel in Lancaster, PA during the annual conference. The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 25, 2009. Please submit your nominations along with supporting documentation in writing to: Michael Bannon, Bucks Co. W & M, 50 North Main St., Doylestown, PA 18901

The Great Guy Award:

Who Qualifies: Any weights and measures official who is a member of PAWM.

Criteria: Awarded to a weights and measures official who has pursued tough enforcement issues in a professional manner, while facing formidable opposition from any source. This award is for effort regardless of the results.

Documentation: The submitter must have documentation in the form of correspondence such as letters or memos regarding the issue or newspaper articles which chronicle the event. The committee will also accept information which is general knowledge among weights and measures officials if members of the award committee are familiar with the issue or information.

THE MARY BACH CONSUMER OF THE YEAR:

Criteria: Someone who is interested in the general welfare of consumers and who acts with total disregard for any personal gain. A person who goes to meetings or publishes in the newspaper, appears on TV or radio, speaking about our profession and making the general public or government officials aware of weights and measures. A person interested in weights and measures who aids the bureau or local jurisdictions by regularly contacting officials with bonafide complaints of wrongdoing. A person who notifies officials of violations that result in a massive recall or off-sale order of a package or product for short measure or labeling violations.

THE SILVER PIVOT AWARD:

Criteria: To honor an employee of the state bureau who, in spite of great adversity, physical or political, performs his or her duties in a professional manner and brings honor and prestige to our profession. The nominee may be actively employed or recently retired and nominations must include in writing complete biographical information and supporting documentation of the nominee's contribution to the profession.

ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR:

Criteria: Awarded to the industry that demonstrates cooperation and compliance by working with weights and measures, that demonstrates ingenuity in a product or process that enhances equity in the marketplace, that attends the conference and demonstrates leadership in their field.

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94TH ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 19 THRU 22, 2009
LANCASTER, PA

Note: The following mandatory training program is based upon requirements as stated in Act #155, Section 4115 and PA Title 70, Chapter 8.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE MANDATORY TRAINING TO BE OFFERED IN
LANCASTER.

General Services Laboratory Update:

The basis for uniformity.
Maintaining your field standards.
Preparation of standards for submission to laboratory.

Investigation of Consumer Complaints and Report Writing:

National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook-44:

Origin and purpose.
Introduction: Source and purpose, System of paragraph designation,
Classification of requirements; retroactive vs. nonretroactive.

General Code: Application, Specifications, Notes, Tolerances, User
Requirements.

An overview of the specific 33 codes covered in the handbook with an emphasis
on Liquid Measuring Devices.

Appendix A, Fundamental Considerations:

The vital importance of uniformity of requirements.

Tolerances for commercial equipment; Acceptance vs. Maintenance, Theory of Tolerances, Tolerances and adjustments.

Testing apparatus; Adequacy, Tolerances for standards, Accuracy of standards.

Inspection of commercial equipment; Inspection vs. testing, Necessity for inspection, Specification requirements, General considerations, Misuse of equipment, Recommendations, Accurate vs. correct.

Correction of commercial equipment; Adjustable elements, When corrections should be made, Gauging.

Rejection vs condemnation.

Nonsealed and noncommercial equipment.

Record keeping.

Sealing vs decaling.

Rounding principles.

Appendix B, Units and Systems of Measurement.

Appendix C, General Tables of Units of Measurement.

Appendix D, Definitions.

PAWM: ASSURING EQUITY IN THE MARKETPLACE