CENTRAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION

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Dear CWMA Members and Interested Parties:

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Consumer Protection - Weights & Measures Program is proud to host the 32nd Annual CWMA Conference which will take place **May 22-25, 2017**, in Lincoln, Nebraska. We have several items of great importance and need your presence to assist in the direction, development and ultimate passage for this July's NCWM Annual meeting. We will have several informative presentations and will be co-hosting a NIST training scheduled to run concurrently with the conference. This year, in place of a Chairman's Reception, we will have a Chairman's Outing to the Strategic Air & Space Museum on Monday afternoon.

This year's conference will be held at the Embassy Suite Downton Lincoln.

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40 P Street
1coln, Nebraska 68508
(2) 474-1111 or Online
oup Code: CWM

Special room rates have been arranged for the conference: 109/ + tax (single). Self-parking 9.00/day.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: Monday, <u>May 1, 2017</u>. To reserve a room, please call (402) 474-1111 and use group code "**CWM**" in order to receive the special group rate. If you are not sure you will be able to attend at this time, make a room reservation now; it is much easier to cancel it, rather than try to reserve a room after the deadline.

Conference Registration Deadline: Please return your registration form to Sherry Turvey (see contact information on the registration form) by <u>May 8, 2017</u>. The registration fee is \$215.00. This fee includes your \$35.00 annual membership dues, the Chairman's outing to the Strategic Air & Space Museum Monday afternoon, and the dinner planned for Wednesday evening. You are welcome to bring a guest to these events as well. Additional charges for guests, where applicable, are shown on the registration form.

NIST Training: This year the CWMA will co-host a NIST Medium-Capacity Scale seminar to run at the same time as the CWMA meeting. The Medium-Capacity Scale seminar registration fee is \$50. Individuals attending the training are invited to participate in the meeting events at an additional cost (see Training Registration form for event fees). Class size is limited to 25, so early registration is recommended. CWMA members will have until **March 31, 2017** to sign up for the seminar. Please see the **"Medium-Capacity Scale Seminar & Registration"** attachment for more information regarding registration procedure, training seminar agenda, and requirements. Online payment option is not available for training seminar registration fees. Attendees may send payment in advance or pay at the registration table. We will only accept cash or check at the registration table.

The Annual Meeting Documents will be available on our website. Printed conference books will still be available for an additional cost of \$20 and MUST be requested on the registration form.

Retired Members: A new policy was adopted at the 2011 Interim Meeting which allows for retired members to attend the meeting at a reduced cost. Retired members are not required to pay the registration fee, but are required to pay for any events that take place during the meeting, for example, the Chairman's reception and Wednesday evening's dinner.

Name Badge Holders: If you have received a CWMA name badge holder at a previous meeting, please bring it with you and a name card will be ready for you to slip into the holder.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Turvey at (785) 564-6682. I look forward to seeing all of you in Lincoln!

Ken Tichota CWMA Chair