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Dear CWMA Members and Interested Parties:

The Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship, Bureau of Weights & Measures is proud to host the 39th Annual CWMA Conference which will take place **May 20-23, 2024**, in Des Moines. We have several items of importance and need your presence to assist in the direction, development, and ultimate passage for this July's NCWM Annual meeting. This year's agenda includes NIST training on proper interpretation of NIST Handbooks for Class I and II scales, a Chairman's Outing to Principal Park for a noon Iowa Cubs baseball game.

The conference will be held at the Renaissance Des Moines Savery Hotel.

Hotel information: **Renaissance Des Moines Savery Hotel**
401 Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
515-244-2151 or 1-800-468-3571
Group Rate: Central Weights and Measures Association
[Online Reservation](#)

Special room rates have been arranged for the conference: \$114 + tax/NT.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: Friday, **April 19, 2024**. To reserve a room, use the link on the CWMA website or please call (515) 244-2151 and ask for the "Central Weights and Measures Association" group 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. There are several other hotels within walking distance to the event hotel.

Conference Registration: The registration fee is \$375.00. This fee includes your \$50.00 annual membership dues, the Chairman's outing to an Iowa Cubs baseball game at Principal Park Wednesday 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 online registration form.

NIST Precision Scale Overview: This year NIST will provide training in the proper interpretation and applications of NIST Handbook 44 paragraphs that apply to Class I & Class II scales. Specifically, paragraphs that address requirements for the verification of scale division (e) and the scale division (d), application of tolerances, suitability requirements, and the proper selection of field standards. There is no additional cost for this training seminar.

Meeting Documents will be available on our website. Printed conference books will still be available at no additional cost.

Retired Members: A policy adopted at the 2011 Interim Meeting 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 outing and Wednesday evening 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 or sherry.turvey@ks.gov. I look forward to seeing all of you in Des Moines!

Mike Harrington
CWMA Chair