

# WESTERN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION



## CONSTITUTION

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We, the members of the Western Weights and Measures Association, have formed this Association to promote equity in the marketplace in the exchange of goods and services by weight, measure or count; to provide technical and administrative education to our members in all areas of weights and measures; to act as a source of information and a forum for debate in assisting the National Conference on Weights and Measures, Inc. and the National Institute of Standards and Technology in the development of consensus standards for weighing and measuring devices and commodities sold by weight, measure or count; to cooperate with the National Conference on Weights and Measures, Inc. and the National Institute of Standards and Technology in promoting the use, by our member jurisdictions of uniform laws, regulations, and administrative procedures adopted by the National Conference on Weights and Measures, Inc.

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### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be "Western Weights and Measures Association".

### **ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS**

Section 1: The following shall apply to the Western Weights and Measures Association, its constituency, members, and activities, as amplified or qualified in the Bylaws.

a) Active member--Means any person gainfully employed in weights and measures activities by a state, county, city or other sovereign jurisdiction within the area of the Western Weights and Measures Association;

b) Associate member--Includes any person, other than an active member, evidencing an interest in the purpose or activities of the Western Weights and Measures Association or weights and measures in general;

c) Association or Western Weights and Measures Association-- Encompasses the area included in the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and the active members

derived there from. The Association also includes all other classes or membership, irrespective of employment status or area of residency, who are dedicated to the principles set out in the preamble to the Constitution;

d) Annual membership fee--Means the amount due annually, as established by directive of the Board, to initially become, or continue as a member of the Association.

e) Board or Board of Directors--Means those members elected to determine the administrative policies of the Association.

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f) Former member--Means any person formerly enjoying any class of membership in the Association.

g) Honorary fellow--Means a person recognized by the Association and designated recipient of the fellowship in memory/honor of (1) Ray Rebuffo, (2) Les Murphy or (3) Earl Prideaux;

h) Honorary member--Means any senior member or retired person nominated for such distinction by the Honors and Awards Committee and further designated as such by majority vote of the Board;

i) Registration fee--Means the amount established by the host jurisdiction, with the approval of the President to nominally defray the cost of the annual meeting;

j) Senior member--Includes any person, other than an active or associate member, permanently retired from gainful employment in the weights and measures profession. Employment in an avocation will not alter a retired person's status.

k) President's award--Means a person recognized by the Honors and Awards Committee for significant contributions to the Association.

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### **ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Membership in the Association, except honorary membership, shall be conditioned on payment of the annual membership fee, provided that senior members who have retired from Federal, State, county or city weights and measures, or from industry and have been active members of the Western Weights and Measures Association for ten or more years shall not be subject to the payment of Membership and Registration fee for attendance at the Annual Meeting. Special fees established for events at the annual Conference will not be included in this exemption.

Section 2: The class of membership shall be established under Article II - Definitions.

## **ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION**

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall consist of a President and a President-Elect elected from the active membership, and a Secretary/Treasurer appointed by the Board of Directors from the active or senior membership.

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Provided, that the President shall appoint an Assistant Treasurer from the active or senior membership, who shall assume the duties of the position, as prescribed in the Bylaws, upon confirmation by the active membership at the annual meeting.

Section 2: There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, one board member for each state jurisdiction having one or more active members in the Association, and up to four board members representing county, city, state, or other jurisdictions within the Association and one Associate Membership representative. No more than two of the county, city, or other jurisdiction board members shall be from the same state. The Executive Secretary of the National Conference on Weights and Measures, Inc. shall be an ex officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Prior to each annual meeting, the Associate Membership Committee shall provide the name of the Committee's proposed Board of Directors representative to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for inclusion in the slate of officers/directors to be presented to the membership for election.

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## **ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution may be amended only by two-thirds majority vote of the active members present at an annual meeting of the Association. Any proposed change shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting at which it is to be considered. The Board of Directors shall consider the proposed amendment at its next meeting and make a recommendation to the Association. The proposed amendment, together with the Board of Directors recommendation, shall be mailed to the head of each active member state, county, city or other sovereign jurisdiction within the Association at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting at which it is proposed to be adopted. An amendment to the Constitution shall include an effective date.

## **ARTICLE VI - BYLAWS**

Section 1: This Constitution shall be supplemented by Bylaws which shall detail the methods of operation of the Association. Such Bylaws shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution.

## **ARTICLE VII - EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Constitution shall govern the affairs of the Association on and after October 18, 1985.