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Minutes
SMA Technical Committee Meeting
April 7, 2015
Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg
Gaithersburg, Maryland

1. Steve Langford called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

SMATC Members present: Chair Steve Langford (Cardinal Scale), Vice Chair Lou Straub (Fairbanks Scales), Rob Upright (Vishay), Paul Becquart (HBM), Richard Shipman (Rice Lake Weighing Systems), Evan Foisy (Sartorius), Tom Jones (Hobart), Russ Vires (Mettler Toledo), and Douglas Bohlin (Flintec)

SMA Members Present: Nick Parsons (Sartorius), Bill Fischer (Emery Winslow), Eric Golden (Cardinal Scale), Matt Stovern (Cardinal Scale), Todd Vincent (Schenck Process), Steve Parkman (Rice Lake Weighing Systems), Constantine Pilapil (HBM)

Guests: Darrell Flocken (NCWM)

2. Approval of minutes from January Teleconference Meeting

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes of the January, 2015 meeting of the SMATC.

3. Adoption of today's agenda

There were no changes to the agenda as distributed.

4. Old Business

- 4.1. Review NCWM Agenda of S&T Committee

Darrell Flocken reviewed the General Code, Scale Code, Belt Conveyor Scale Systems Code, Automatic Bulk Weigher Systems Code, Automatic Weighing Systems Code, and Developing Items from NCWM Pub 16. A two way exchange of views helped everyone to better understand the issues and to voice concerns.

- 4.2. Current status of NTEP Conformity Assessment Progress

Darrell Flocken provided an update on the VCAP activities that have currently been completed.

Of particular interest to the SMA, the NTEP Committee will discuss the option of adding LRE's 2000 lbs and less using NTEP load cells to the list of devices required to have a VCAP audit. The NTEP Committee is looking for additional comments at July Annual Meeting.

5. New Business

Three items were discussed under New Business". The first item was regarding two new proposals to the S&T committee that address the v_{min} Relationship Formula found HB 44. The second item was a request from NIST asking for SMA to participate on an OIML work group to address a document: "Principles of Metrological Control for Measuring Instruments Throughout the Instrument's Lifecycle". The third item was a request from CECIP to include the "weighing industry" in the "Transatlantic Trade and investment Partnership" and ask the SMA to review their position paper and possibly draft a joint position paper.

6. Report/Discussion of Outside Activities

6.1. NCWM Associate Members Committee (AMC) Report

Richard Shipman provided a brief update on the activities of the AMC. He serves as the current Secretary of the AMC.

6.2. NCWM BOD Update

Darrell Flocken was able to discuss several BOD activities: current slate of New Officers' and the voting items on their agenda. Don Onwiler, Executive Director of the NCWM, will attend the General Business Meeting on Wednesday and provide a more detailed report.

7. NTEP

7.1. NTETC Weighing Sector

Rob Upright provided a brief update on the Weighing Sector.

7.2. Location, date and times of the 2014 meeting

The next meeting will be held August 25 – 26, 2015 in Denver, Colorado - information is available on the NCWM website.

7.3. NTETC Software Sector

The Software Sector and Measuring Sector will have a joint meeting on September 16, 2015 to discuss General Code Item 310-1 on the S&T agenda.

7.4. W&M Directors Question Program – Question Selection

Lou Straub reviewed all of the submitted questions with the TC members and three questions were developed for the upcoming roundtable discussions to be held at each regional W&M Conference in 2015.

7.5. SMA Scorecard for 2015

Lou Straub provided a brief explanation of the history of the SMA scorecard and will complete the Scorecard after the NEWMA, CWMA and NCWM meetings. Lou offered to email any SMA member a copy.

8. International

8.1. Mutual Recognition (MAA)

- 8.2. US/Canada
- 8.3. US/OIML

Darrell Flocken provided a few comments on the MAA; Dr. Charles Ehrlich will provide additional information during his presentation on Wednesday morning.

The NCWM BOD wants to add MDMD to the US/Canada MRA.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SMATC will be a conference call. It will be scheduled before the NCWM Annual Meeting in July.

10. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the open TC meeting was adjourned at noon.

Executive Session

1. Review, Update and/or develop a Recommended SMA Positions on NCWM Agenda Items

The SMATC reviewed NCWM Pub 16 S&T agenda and developed proposed SMA positions on the various items. Proposed positions will be presented to the SMA membership for approval on Wednesday April 8, 2015.

2. NTEP VCAP Implementation

Darrell Flocken provided an update to the SMA members during the Morning TC Session. There were no additional discussions in the Executive Session.

3. Technical Committee – Member terms

Current TC Member Information

	Name	Position	Term expires	Action Required
1	Paul Becquart	Member	2015	In April-2015
2	Douglas Bohlin	Member	2015	In April-2015
3	Steve Langford	Member, Chair	2015	In April-2015
4	Jon Heinlein	Member	2016	
5	Tom Jones	Member	2016	
6	Richard Shipman	Member	2016	
7	Russ Vires	Member	2017	
8	Lou Straub	Member, Vice Chair	2016	
9	Rob Upright	Member	2017	
10	Evan Foisy	Member	2017	

Recommended TC member terms to be presented to the SMA Board of Director's:

Doug Bohlin (Flintec) reappointed for a new 3 year term

Eric Golden (Cardinal Scale) to replace Steve Langford and serve a 3 year term
Constantine Pilapil (HBM) to replace Paul Becquart and serve a 3 year term
Russ Vires to serve as TC Chair
Jon Heinlein removed from the Technical Committee since his company is no longer an SMA member

4. New Business

The SMATC reviewed the two new HB 44 proposals which will be discussed at the NEWMA and CWMA Conferences. The proposals address Section S.5.4. of the Scales Code. The TC decided to support the Cardinal Scale proposal and these supporting SMA comments will be presented at all of the Regional W&M meetings.

5. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.