

New Board Member Profile – Frank Liebmann



Frank Liebmann from Fluke joined the NCSLI Board of Directors in January this year. Frank has worked for Hart Scientific and Fluke for just over 20 years as an engineer and metrologist. As a design engineer, Frank worked on several furnaces, drywells, and the 1595A superthermometer and did extensive work on the 4180 and 4181 Precision IR calibrator. Frank also performed the metrological work on this product and is an expert in IR metrology. Frank serves as the chair of the ASTM E20.02 Subcommittee on Radiation Thermometry and is recognized as a Fellow by the ASTM. Frank is also a 20-year U.S. Army Veteran (Hawk Fire Control Crewmember; Artillery Fire Direction Crewmember; Spanish Linguist) and holds a BSEE from the University of Utah.

Frank has been a long time NCSLI attendee and contributor. He is the committee chair for the MCP committee and regularly develops proficiency tests for Fluke and occasionally outside customers. Frank is a regular presenter at conferences and was one of the best paper winners at the 2023 NCSLI Conference.

Frank is an avid Ham Radio operator, call sign WX5LOK, and has used his skills as a volunteer for ultramarathons in Utah. This year Frank organized the Fluke American Fork Day of Caring helping by “Adopt a Native Elder” in South Salt Lake City. The local team processed towels and cleaning supplies that will be distributed later this summer on the Navajo (Dine) reservation to those 75 years and older.



(Frank Liebmann, back row, fourth from the left with the Fluke American Fork Day of caring team)

July 2024 Board of Director Meeting Summary

The Board met over the weekend during Tutorials at the combined NCSLI Workshop & Symposium/CPEM events at the Gaylord Rockies in Aurora, Colorado (Denver metro area), July 6th and 7th. The first day was dedicated to general housekeeping and office transition business, while the second day was set aside for Liaison reports. Each day was open to guest members to observe.

Per the Strategic Plan (created and adopted by the Board last year as a guiding document for the NCSLI transition), one of President Georgette Macdonald's tasks was to fill VP vacancies with appointed candidates. The Western division VP was filled, but after the last Board meeting, the Southeast Division VP position became open. After many years, James "Smitty" Smith has retired from Boeing and will be leaving a vacancy open for Lab Operations VP at the beginning of the next year. Per the NCSLI By-Laws, elections for the VP positions will be in November.

During the past quarter, Executive Board members were able to decide and act on a number of housekeeping items needing attention for the transition of the NCSLI office to CM Services, one of which was wrapping up financial obligations to the previous office lease in Lafayette and replacing the printed magazine, Metrologist, with a monthly e-newsletter.

Also on task for the President, was to address the need to revise Bylaws and Administrative Guidelines (AGs). They will be distributed to the full Board as a first step for review, revision, and adoption at the 4th quarter Board meeting. Location and dates for the 4th quarter meeting are still TBD.

The President wrapped up her report by encouraging everyone to take photos of the combined NCSLI/CPEM event and post to social media using #NCSLICPEM24. After the President's report, the Executive VP, Jeff Gust, gave his report, noting the Wildhack and Educational and Training awards confirmation and selection process was completed and would be presented at the Conference.

Treasurer Ingrid Ulrich reported on the 2023 audit results and explained past losses and potential gains for the current year. One important challenge, membership renewals, was discussed at length, after which a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to change the dues renewal cycle to calendar year for all members beginning in 2025.

Next, Interim Executive Direct, Rick Church of CM Services, reported activities with website updates, webinars, ongoing office transition, and conference planning. He suggested some improvements that could be made to service members better. He also reported on statistics gathered from registrations and surveys, and numbers for the concurrent event.

Operational VPs presented their reports. Notable mentions included activities surrounding Metrology in Motion webinars and replacement of an ANSI Committee Secretariat, which is currently open. Next, Divisional VPs presented their reports. It was noted that Sectional Chairs needed current lists of active members in their Regions. Also, VPs need to report back to the Office of their section coordinators. This

closed-loop communication will help the organization better communicate with members of upcoming regional meetings.

For the second day of the meeting, Outreach VP, Jim Olthoff, introduced Liaisons in attendance from NIST, NMIJ, NPL, BIPM, Euramet, SIM, CPEM, ILAC, MSC, and OIML. He noted that the Liaisons would be presenting at Sessions during the week and the five winners of the SIM Early Career program will be formally presented awards Wednesday morning. Liaison reports were followed by a brief discussion on how to leverage our relationships better. Education became a central theme/concern among those in discussion.

The meeting was adjourned with a reminder that next year's W&S will be July 18-24th, 2025 in Cleveland, Ohio.