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# HAZMATTERS





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, PAUL TIREY, CHMM

The summer meeting at Louisville Glassworks was a great success. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to put the meeting together, to Al Goodman for a wonderful presentation on worldwide water issues, and to our sponsors whose generous financial contributions made the event possible. Also, congratulations to Al as the eighth annual recipient of the 2009 KCHMM Rachel Davis Award for Lifetime Achievement. As Cheri Hildreth, chairperson of the 2009 nominating committee noted during her presentation of the award, Al has represented and safeguarded the interests of the hazardous materials profession through his years of work in the water and waste water industry both domestically and abroad. His work has really addressed a key point of the mission of the chapter, which is to elevate and maintain the professional character and education of hazardous materials managers.



The September 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting was a great success. Our guest speaker was Harry Kemp, CHMM, EMS-LA, CPEA-RC, current AHMP President. An AHMP member since 1993, Harry is a founding member and past president of the AHMP's Mid-South Chapter in Memphis, TN and the Golden Circle Chapter in Jackson, TN. Harry gave us an update on several topics including the transition from the ACHMM to the AHMP and the recent changes to CMP policy.

As some of you may know, one of the initiatives I have worked on this year is some changes to the bylaws of our Chapter. The changes include each of the following:

- Changing the definition of certified members to include CHMP's (certified members are now defined only as CHMM's),
- Allowing non-certified members to serve as officers or on the board of directors with the exception of President or Vice-President,
- Increasing the maximum tenure of the Secretary and Treasurer from three to five years, and for committee chairpersons from four years to no limit, and
- Minor wording changes associated with the budgeting and balloting process to match current practices.

As required by our Articles of Incorporation, changes to the bylaws  
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### MEMBER TRANSITIONS

#### New KCHMM Members:

- **Celeste Sutter, CHMM**, Hanover College
- **Anna Morris**
- **Rick Waldrip**, Microbac Laboratories

#### Job Changes:

- **Jonathan Eckles, CHMM**, former KCHMM Vice-President, is now the Senior EHS Specialist for Sigma-Aldrich in St. Louis, MO.

#### KCHMM Position Changes:

- **Corinne Greenberg, CHMM**, has accepted the Vice-Presidency of KCHMM for the remainder of Jonathan Eckles' elected term.

### 2010 KCHMM ELECTIONS

The 2010 KCHMM Elections are coming up at the end of this year. Corinne Greenberg, Vice-President, is looking for members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or in an executive position. Please contact her at [corinne.greenberg@iconserv.com](mailto:corinne.greenberg@iconserv.com) if you are interested in running for a position.

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must be voted on by the membership. The Board is reviewing the above changes and I will share them with you soon via email. We plan to devote the November 4<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting to reviewing and voting on the changes.

As we get closer to the end of 2009, it is not too early to think about getting more involved in the Chapter in 2010. We will soon be seeking candidates for the 2010 Chapter directors and officers. If you are interested, any of the 2009 officers or directors would be happy to talk with you and answer your questions about what that entails.

Finally, as most of you know, our 2009 Chapter Vice President, Jonathan Eckles, took another employment opportunity in St. Louis. I am very pleased to announce to you that

Corinne Greenberg, Board Member, has accepted a nomination for replacing Jonathan as Vice President, and was confirmed by Board vote on Friday, September 11, 2009. Corinne is currently the Operations Manager for Industrial Container Services - KY ("ICS-KY," formerly Allied Drum Service). Previously, she was an environmental consultant for several local firms over the 10-year period 1995 - 2005. She earned her CHMM in 1995, and - has previously served two terms as Kentucky Chapter treasurer and several terms as director-at-large. Please congratulate and support Corinne. Her contributions to the Chapter are greatly appreciated.

Yours Truly,

Paul Tirey, CHMM

NEXT KCHMM MEETING: NOVEMBER 4, 2009

## **KCHMM Meeting Invitation** **November 4, 2009 at the Breckinridge Inn**

In lieu of a guest speaker, the KCHMM Board will be sharing with you proposed changes to the Chapter bylaws. As required by our Articles of Incorporation, changes to the bylaws must be voted on by the membership. A two-thirds vote of members present at the meeting is required to approve proposed changes. The November meeting will be devoted to an open discussion and vote of the following proposed changes:

- Changing the definition of certified members to include CHMP's (certified members are now defined only as CHMM's),
- Allowing non-certified members to serve as officers or on the board of directors with the exception of President or Vice-President,
- Increasing the maximum tenure of the Secretary and Treasurer from three to five years, and for committee chairpersons from four years to no limit,
- Minor wording changes associated with the budgeting and balloting process to match current practices.

We will also briefly discuss the Chapter Affiliation Agreement shared with you via email on September 15. Please come out on November 4 to discuss these important Chapter topics and enjoy a night of networking. **Please RSVP** including your name and number of reservations **by Friday, October 30, 2009**, to our Treasurer, Vickie Sammons, via [sammonsvl@cdm.com](mailto:sammonsvl@cdm.com). **NOTE: RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER 5PM ON 10/30/09 WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THE \$5 DISCOUNT.**

### Our dinner meeting schedule:

- Chapter Board Meeting 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.,
- Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m.,
- Dinner buffet opens at approximately 6:15 p.m.,
- The business meeting starts at around 6:50 p.m., with Bylaws and Chapter Affiliation Agreement discussion immediately following (7:00 - 7:45 p.m.).

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM JULY'S MEETING



The July Meeting was held at Glassworks in downtown Louisville, and was arranged by Jonathan Eckles. The evening kicked off with a glassblowing demonstration, and members and kids could make their own small pieces in the studio. Below, Al Goodman accepts the speaker's award for his talk, "Status of our Global Water Environment".



Above, the family of Tim Gunn enjoys the evening. Below, Mark Hussung hits it off with his table-mates.



Above, Al Goodman is surprised to accept the 2009 Rachel Davis Award, presented by Cheri Hildreth.



*Photos submitted by Vickie Sammons*

## EPA CONTROLS HUGE CHUNK OF STIMULUS FUNDS

*By Curt Jones, CHMM*

Most of us have probably heard by now that USEPA that of the hundreds of billions of dollars authorized by Congress for economic recovery, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) with oversee and administer \$7.22 billion of those funds.

USEPA's programs will reportedly protect and promote "green" jobs and a healthier environment. Funds resulting from the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* of (February) 2009, are beginning to be released, and USEPA announced grants to Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio in April and May 2009.

USEPA's use of the Recovery Act stimulus funds will be focused in the following areas:

**Brownfields Sites:** \$100 million will be provided via competitive grants to evaluate and clean up former industrial and commercial sites. In May 2009, EPA granted the following:

- Indiana: \$1.49M for Brownfields sites cleanup and assessments;
- Ohio: \$5.6M for Brownfields sites cleanup and assessments; and
- Kentucky: \$600,000 for Brownfields sites cleanup and assessment.

Funding for Brownfields site assessments and remediation is periodically granted through a competitive grant application program.

**Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST):** \$200 million will be provided for the cleanup of petroleum leaks from underground storage tanks (USTs). As of April

2009, funds were allocated to the following states as shown:

- Indiana: \$4.04 million;
- Ohio: \$8.08 million; and
- Kentucky: \$4.1 million.

California received the largest grant of \$15.5 million, with four states receiving less than \$1 million each.

The money for cleaning up leaking USTs is "intended to stimulate jobs necessary to perform site assessments and cleanup activities. Assuming all LUST money is used directly for assessment and cleanup work, USEPA estimates that thousands of jobs and 1,600 cleanups will result."

**Diesel Emissions Reduction:** \$300 million will provided via grants and loans to help regional, state and local governments, and non-profit organizations with projects that reduce diesel emissions. In April 2009, EPA granted \$1.73M each to Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio in an effort that "provides funds to retrofit school buses and reduce emissions. In addition to helping create and retain jobs, the clean diesel projects (will) reduce premature deaths, asthma attacks and other respiratory ailments..."

Competitive grant applications may be prepared by non-profit groups, states, and local governments to access a fund of \$206M for clean diesel initiatives. Such initiatives include improved emission-control technologies and/or cleaner fuels, use of Smart Way<sup>®</sup> certified commercial vehicles, and *Clean Construction* practices.

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## JULY MEETING CREATIVITY



At Glassworks, members and their families had the opportunity to make some original glass pieces that were fired in the shop. Here is a sample of what people came up with, as they waited to cool down.

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**Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup:** \$600 million to “accelerate ongoing cleanup activities or initiate new construction projects at 50 Superfund (hazardous waste) sites, boosting local economies by creating and maintaining jobs while also protecting human health and the environment.” There are no Ohio or Kentucky superfund project sites on the list; however in Indiana, sites include the Jacobsville Neighborhood in Evansville, and Continental Steel in Kokomo.

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:** \$4 billion will be provided to assist communities with water quality and wastewater infrastructure needs, and \$2 billion will be provided for drinking water infrastructure. Some of the funding will be directed to “green” infrastructure, water and energy efficiency, and environmentally innovative projects.

Details of the USEPA’s use of federal Recovery Act funds, and summaries of all the relevant programs, are available: <http://www.epa.gov/recovery/programs.html>.

## SUBMITTAL OF NEWSLETTER ITEMS

To submit an item of interest for our quarterly newsletter, please contact Bryant Lewis at [lewisbe@cdm.com](mailto:lewisbe@cdm.com). Items of interest to the general membership or related to hazardous materials management will be happily accepted. Thanks to all those who submitted for this issue!

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER'S MEETING

At our September meeting, Harry Kemp, CHMM, the current AHMP President, presented his talk on the Benefits of becoming an AHMP member. He touched on AHMP services such as new webinars, the recertification tracking service, and the CHMMunity program.



Harry accepted the speaker's award from Paul Tirey. A major point of Harry's presentation was the implementation of a new recertification policy, beginning in this year (2009). Details of this policy are available on the IHMM website, and are currently in effect.