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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, CELESTE SUTTER, CHMM

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

The strength and success of our chapter rests solely on membership participation and in particular, those individuals who volunteer for leadership roles. One of the pursuits of the Association of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP) is to identify those qualities and characteristics of successful chapters and effectively communicate this information to those chapters that are not as productive. KCHMM has had tremendous success over the last 20 years since its establishment in 1991. Our membership includes a cross-section of Environmental Health & Safety professionals. We have members from manufacturing facilities, educational institutions, government agencies, consulting firms, service companies, law firms, and those retired from the profession. This diversity provides a rich culture for networking, sharing knowledge, and exchanging ideas. It enables us to readily fulfill the mission of the chapter—in particular to provide a means “to cultivate, promote and sustain the profession of hazardous materials management” within our organizations and the community.

It is important for the progress and future success of any organization to regularly bring in new members and for alternate members to volunteer for leadership positions. In the last year we have added eight new members to our Chapter. This is more than some chapters have in total membership! KCHMM is now currently pursuing nominations to serve on the 2012 Board of Directors. I ask each of you to consider this unique opportunity to apply your professional skills and expertise by serving in this leadership capacity.

The Board consists of ten positions, five officers and five at-large directors:

Immediate Past President: This position is a non-elected position and is filled by the out-going President. The current Immediate Past President is Corinne Greenberg and the new position will be filled by Celeste Sutter. The responsibilities include recruiting new members and assisting the BoDs in promoting the Chapter’s objectives.

President: The candidates for President must be a CHMM and in good standing with the Chapter. The President is elected for a
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term of one year and agrees to serve as the Immediate Past President for the following year. The President shall preside over Chapter meetings and interface with other Chapters, AHMP, and other environmental organizations; submit the annual report of activities of the office of the President to the members; and plan the Annual Meeting. The current President is Celeste Sutter and the current Vice President Larry Schumer agrees to be on the slate to run for this office.

Vice President: The candidates for Vice President must be a CHMM and in good standing with the Chapter and be willing to run for President and serve as Immediate Past President in the subsequent years. The Vice President shall preside over Chapter meetings in the absence of the President and serve as Programming Chair, coordinating all the technical sessions for each of the meetings. The current Vice President is Larry Schumer. The Chapter generally sponsors the Vice President (all expenses paid) to attend the AHMP Leadership Conference and has the opportunity to attend the National Conference as the Chapter Delegate with expenses covered by the Chapter and AHMP. The 2012 AHMP National Conference will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, September 9-12, 2012.

Secretary: Candidates for this position must be in good standing with the Chapter. The Secretary is responsible for documenting Chapter and Board meetings, including any e-meetings; maintaining and updating Chapter records, documenting Chapter sponsored training and all official correspondence of the Chapter. The current Secretary is Brad Coyle.

Treasurer: Candidates for this position must be in good standing with the Chapter. The Treasurer is responsible for documenting membership in conjunction with the Membership committee, maintaining the Chapter financial records, and interfacing with government regulators to maintain Chapter non-profit status. The Treasurer reports the status of all funds at each membership meeting and assists the Board in preparing regular Chapter financial reports. The current Treasurer is Vickie Sammons.

Directors- at-Large: Candidates for this position must be in good standing with the Chapter. Directors are asked to contribute a feature article for inclusion in the quarterly newsletter and to serve on other committees or assist with new initiatives as needed to carry out implementation of Chapter goals and objectives. The current Directors are Bruce Gaylord, Tom Herman, Mark Hussung, Ralph McCord and Kenny Reutlinger.

Board meetings are held at 4:00 PM on the first Wednesday of alternate months, prior to the Chapter meetings and technical sessions. If you need further details about what is involved with individual positions, please contact the current board member.

I invite you to share some of your time and expertise for the continued development and success of the Chapter. If you are willing to serve or wish to nominate a fellow member, please submit the nomination to Corinne Greenberg corinne.greenberg@iconserv.com, Chair of the Nominations Committee. We expect to have a draft slate to share with you at the November 2nd meeting.

Celeste Sutter, CHMM
KCHMM President

REPORT FROM THE 2011 AHMP CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

Submitted by *Evelyn Crooks, CHMM*

The 2011 AHMP Conference was an amazing experience. Conference is a great way to get your continuing maintenance points for your CHMM credential. The KCHMM Chapter was well represented.

This year the conference content was excellent. The offerings included topics ranging from stack testing to sustainability tips to ISO 14001. To me, the most interesting thing about these three diverse topics is that they were all presented by members and former members of KCHMM. Jonathan Eckles, who is now President of the Gateway Chapter in St. Louis, had a great presentation on the pitfalls of stack testing. He had a great handout called "Stack Testing for Dummies." It's actually a promotional booklet from a vendor, but it's a good tutorial on the basics. Give him a shout to learn how to get a copy.

Brent Fryrear explained the Louisville Green Cities initiative and generously offered to help any of the attendees with their questions and projects. Jennifer Triplett used her expertise as an ISO 14001 auditor to help folks improve the basis of their ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems.

Can you see or hear any of these presentations online? Possibly. The difference is getting the opportunity to interact with the presenters and network with folks from all over the country. Terry Tamminen was the keynote speaker. One of the more interesting points he made concerned climate change. Regardless of your personal opinion on the global warming debate, he pointed out that there is indisputable data that demonstrates the average low temperatures are going up. His point is that surfaces are not cooling down as much as happened in the past and he believes this will have important consequences for all of us.

The luncheon speaker, and I use that term loosely, was Steve Laughlin. Steve has an inner performer that most of us never see. As part of the luncheon presentation he performed three original songs, each showcasing the foibles of our favorite regulatory agencies. OSHA, EPA and DOT all were exposed without mercy and the attendees enjoyed it immensely.

The exhibit hall offered all of us an opportunity to look at new products and to get ideas for possible improvements to our personal work efforts.

Next year the conference is in Alaska. The dates are early in September. Hope to see you there!

ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter Committee happily accepts any items of interest to our general membership for inclusion in *HazMatters*. If you have industry information, training classes, chapter functions, technical articles, or other information for our members, please submit these items to **Bryant Lewis, CHMM**, *HazMatters* Editor, at lewisbe@cdm.com. Thank you!

2011 SOCIAL EVENT A HOME RUN!

Submitted by **Larry Schumer, CHMM**

KCHMM celebrated a very successful 2011 Social Event at Louisville Slugger Field enjoying perfect baseball weather on the evening of August 26th. Seventy-eight (78) members, friends and family attended and enjoyed a buffet dinner and game. The game offered as many fire-works, as the pyrotechnic display that followed, complete with a ninth inning rally that saw our hometown Bats top the Leigh Valley Iron Pigs. The new Right Field Patio Deck proved an ideal venue to promote networking and socializing throughout the game with plenty of freedom for participants and children to move about. And I am very pleased to report, that the rumors, that stadium security had to request that our board members cease monopolizing the carousel, were totally unfounded.

The game ball goes to all of our members and friends, who made the evening a huge success, and to our 2011 Corporate Sponsors, who support KCHMM's educational and outreach programs:

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2011 AHMP CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS FROM KCHMM



KCHMM was well-represented at the 2011 AHMP Conference, as **Lois Cranfill, Brent Fryrear, Evelyn Crooks, Mark Hussung, Jennifer Triplett, and Sharon and Jim Plum** (back) enjoyed an opportunity for a group photograph at dinner. *Photo submitted by Jim Plum.*

PHOTOS FROM THE AUGUST 2011 SOCIAL EVENT: BATS @ SLUGGER FIELD

Photos submitted by Bryant Lewis, CHMM and Al Goodman, CHMM



NEXT KCHMM MEETING: WED NOVEMBER 2, 2011, RAMADA DOWNTOWN NORTH

KCHMM Meeting Invitation
November 2, 2011, at the **Ramada Downtown North**

Located on Zorn Avenue: I-71, Exit 2; 1041 Zorn Avenue; Louisville, Kentucky 40207; Phone: 502-897-5101

Please [RSVP](#) before [5:00 PM](#) on [Friday, October 28](#), to sammonsvl@cdm.com.

Our technical presentation will be on the topic of:

"GHS – Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labeling of Chemicals"

Michelle Baker, CHMM/Product Stewardship Manager for Zeon Chemicals L.P.

(This technical session will earn you 1 CMP toward renewal of your CHMM or CHMP credential.)

In this technical session, presented by Michelle Baker, CHMM, Product Stewardship Manager for Zeon Chemicals L.P., an overview of the GHS and changes to the HazCom Standard will be given. Specific health and physical hazard categories for the GHS will be defined. New requirements for Safety Data Sheets and labels will be explained. Finally, Michelle will provide practical advice for preparation for and compliance with the GHS.

About the Speaker:

Michelle has more than 20 years in experience in product stewardship and regulatory compliance. She has a BS in Occupational Safety and Health and is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager. She is currently employed at Zeon Chemicals L.P. in Louisville, KY as a Product Stewardship Manager.

She is considered an expert in the field of hazard communication, hazardous materials management and dangerous goods transportation. Her responsibilities cover a wide range of regulatory requirements including REACH, global chemical control legislation such as TSCA, RoHS, FDA and consumer product safety packaging and labeling regulations.

RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER 5:00 PM ON 10/28/11 WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THE \$5 DISCOUNT.

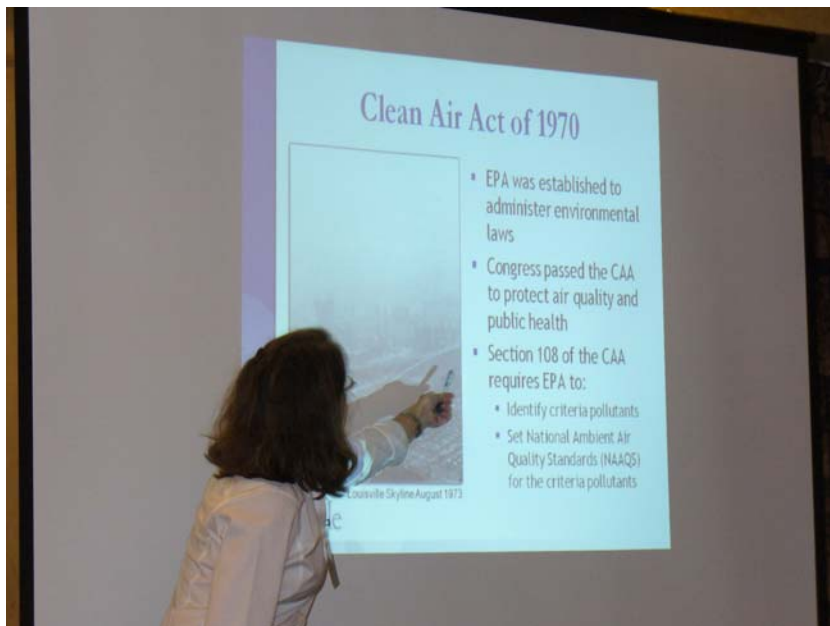
Visitors are always welcome! Please feel free to pass this meeting notice on to a friend or colleague. They need not be a member to attend (just RSVP by 10/28/11 and pay the \$25 discounted meeting fee).

Our dinner meeting schedule:

- Chapter Board Meeting 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.,
- Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., Hotel Lounge
- Dinner served at approximately 6:15 p.m., Conference Room
- The business meeting will start at around 6:50 p.m., with
- Technical presentation immediately following (7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

Meeting Costs: Cost for the meeting is \$25 for those that RSVP before 5 PM on Friday, 10/28/11, or \$30 if you do not RSVP. If you make a reservation and do not attend, an invoice for \$25 will be mailed to you. Make all checks payable to KCHMM.

JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



At our July meeting, **Lauren Anderson**, Executive Director of Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District, presented “The State of Louisville Metro’s Air”. Lauren’s presentation covered a history of APCD, including past regulations, accomplishments, and potential future initiatives.

Lauren discussed recent local trends in air quality monitoring, including ozone and Jefferson County’s ability to meet potential future ozone standards. Here, **Larry Schumer, CHMM** presents a token of appreciation for her presentation.



NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Welcome new KCHMM Members:

- **Mark Nichols** of Tri-State Plating
 - **David Zopff** of AMEC

CHMMS ON LINKEDIN

Submitted By **Michelle Baker, KCHMM**

LinkedIn is a professional network with over 80 million members. It has members from over 200 countries worldwide. It's a social networking site – like Facebook or MySpace but for professionals. It is a place to exchange ideas, meet industry experts and find job opportunities. The exchanges are professional in nature. No posting of family pictures or chatting with old classmates. Instead, you follow industry specific exchanges and dialogue with other professionals with similar credentials as yours.

The primary networking opportunities with LinkedIn are “Groups” and “Connections.” Groups allow you discover popular discussions in your profession. You join “Groups” within your profession. For example, the Institute of Hazardous Materials Managers has a Group on LinkedIn with more than 1800 members. The IHMM Group on LinkedIn is very active and informative. You can post questions and start or participate in discussions. It is like blogging but for professionals. BCSP and AIHA also have Groups on LinkedIn. You find Groups on LinkedIn by using a keyword search for Groups. For example, type “waste management” or “environmental engineer” to find dozens of Groups with members with similar interests and professional objectives.

I find LinkedIn to be extremely useful in my professional endeavors. As a regulatory compliance person, often there are regulations about which I could use a little expert advice. When Taiwan enacted new chemical control legislation, I joined a Taiwan expert group. I posted questions in the Groups discussion area. LinkedIn members from across the globe shared their expertise and pointed me to line and verse of regulatory text to help me understand the Taiwanese requirements. I use LinkedIn often in this way. I also offer my help to other professionals when their questions fit my expertise.

“Connections” in LinkedIn allow you to connect with industry experts and colleagues. People who are in your “Network” on LinkedIn are called your “Connections.” To “connect” with someone on LinkedIn, you should already have a trusted business relationship with them. You know them from a previous job, you have worked with them as a consultant, or you belong to a common professional organization or Group on LinkedIn. Just like with other professional networking, “Connections” in LinkedIn can help you find a job, increase consulting opportunities and improve your visibility.

Joining LinkedIn is easy and free. (Of course, you can upgrade your membership for a fee.) There is no limit to the number of Groups you can join. You can edit your profile to receive daily or weekly email digests of Group activity or receive none at all. Go to www.linkedin.com

Other LinkedIn References:

Ten Ways to Use LinkedIn: http://blog.guykawasaki.com/2007/01/ten_ways_to_use.html#tp

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