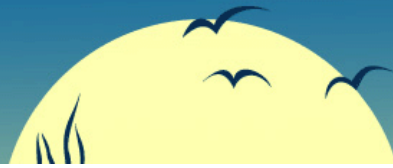


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, PAUL TIREY, CHMM

As I write this message in mid February 2009, the stock market is dropping below 7550 (a ten year low), and we are bombarded daily with gloomy economic predictions. Opinions vary about whether government spending, regulation, and interference with the free market are the causes or cures of the current economic situation, but I don't believe anyone would argue with the notion that it is "batten down the hatches time". Companies, organizations, and agencies are laying off, freezing wages or headcount, or otherwise cutting back on expenses in a big way. I suspect this affects everyone in our organization to one degree or another. In preparation for writing this message I went back and read some of the past KCHMM President's incoming newsletter messages and I was reminded of one of the greatest benefits of belonging to KCHMM. That is the networking opportunity we have to meet others in the hazardous materials field and help each other from a professional standpoint. Sharing information about open job positions, making a new client contact, or simply helping a colleague answer a tough technical question are just a few ways that each of us can benefit through our involvement with KCHMM. I thought I would utilize the remaining space I have here to remind you how you can get involved in the organization and take full advantage of the opportunities of membership and attendance at meetings.

Become a speaker at a KCHMM meeting – Jonathan Eckles, CHMM, our current Vice President and Program Chair, gave a great presentation in our January meeting on Stack Testing. If you have a topic that you would like to share with the group, please let Jonathan or me know. We would love to have more presentations from our own members. I believe there is a great deal we can learn from each other, and it is a great no-risk forum to practice and improve your public speaking skills.

Volunteer as an officer or board member – Although all positions are filled for 2009, it is not too early to start thinking about 2010. Curt Jones, CHMM, our current Past President, will be charged with filling the slate for 2010 officers and directors. Please let him know if you are thinking about or considering an officer or director role. I plan to support a change in the organizations bylaws this year to eliminate the requirement that officers and board members are certified, in order to make this opportunity available to all dues paying members.

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OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2009

The 2009 KCHMM Officer Elections were held in December 2008, with all races unopposed. Congratulations to those elected, who will serve in their positions for a one year term.

President: **Paul Tirey, CHMM**

Vice President: **Jonathan Eckles, CHMM**

Treasurer: **Vickie Sammons, CHMM**

Secretary: **Bradley Coyle, CHMM**

Director: **Corrine Greenberg, CHMM**

Director: **Bryant Lewis, CHMM**

Director: **Kenny Reutlinger, CHMM**

Director: **Mark Spaulding, CHMM**

Director: **Nate Weismiller, CHMM**

A Message From the President, continued from page 2:

Join or chair a KCHMM committee – There are currently 10 operating KCHMM committees. You could either join one of the committees as a member, or lead one of the committees that are currently vacant. The 10 committees are listed below along with the name of the person leading the committee, or notation that the committee chair is vacant. Working on a KCHMM committee is another great way to network, improve your leadership skills, and assist the organization in meeting our goals. If you would like to serve on or lead a committee, please see any board member or officer.

1. Education – Mark Spaulding, CHMM
2. Outreach and Publicity – Vacant
3. Legislative Affairs – Vacant
4. Job Registry – Curt Jones, CHMM
5. Membership – Curt Jones, CHMM
6. Credential Promotion – Doug Shelburne, CHMM
7. Website – Open
8. Newsletter – Bryant Lewis, CHMM
9. Summer Meeting – Jonathan Eckles, CHMM
10. Bylaw Committee – Corinne Greenberg, CHMM

Attend the National Conference – The 2009 AHMP National Conference is scheduled for August 30 through September 2 in San Diego,

from all those bringing a guest. The member bringing the guest will be awarded with a copy of the Hazardous Materials Desk Reference. Perhaps the guest will become a member and a future leader of the organization.

If you don't do anything else, please attend the meetings. The officers and board members are working very hard to provide a venue where we can share each other's knowledge and experience, and have a valuable networking event. I hope to see all of you at the next meeting on March 4. Our speaker will be Cheri Hildreth, CHMM, Director of the University of Louisville Environmental, Health, and Safety Department, who will speak on her recent trip to India to assist with the development of a new training course for India's Institute on Environment and Hazardous Materials. I am really looking forward to hearing what she has to share. Until then, please be safe.

Best Regards,

Paul F. Tirey, CHMM

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY'S MEETING

At January's meeting, Jonathan Eckles, CHMM, presented "Adventures In Stack Testing: Lessons Learned". His presentation focused on his experiences performing stack tests for an industrial incinerator permitted within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Jonathan stressed the selection of a well-qualified contractor, as well as the necessities such as electrical requirements and equipment preparation.



Here, Jonathan shows the testing setup at the top of the vent stack. A focus of his presentation was the need for the proper fuel resources and waste/process materials for sustained testing over an extended period of time. Jonathan also stressed the need to take care of the contractors, whose schedule often did not allow for meal breaks. Said Jonathan: "Order lots of pizza!"

NEXT KCHMM MEETING: WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2009, BRECKINRIDGE INN

Our guest speaker will be [Cheri Hildreth](#), Director of U of L's Environmental, Health, and Safety Department. She will be [speaking about her recent trip to India](#) assisting with the development of a new [training course for India's new Institute of Environment](#). Please come out and support one of our own chapter members as she shares her experience with us.

[Please RSVP](#) including your name and number of reservations [by Friday, February 27, 2009](#), to our Treasurer, Vickie Sammons, via sammonsvl@cdm.com.

[NOTE: RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER 5PM ON 2/27/09 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 and pay the \$20 meeting fee).

[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.,
- Presentation immediately following (7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

[Directions:](#) Take I-264 (Watterson) to the Breckinridge Lane South exit. Get over into the right lane and turn right at the first light. There is a lengthy driveway back to the hotel and apartment complex. Breckinridge Inn is the white 2-story building on the right, at the back of the drive. Once inside, turn left in front of the reception desk and follow the turns in the hall all the way to the back of the building. Our meeting is held in the Grand Ballroom.

[Meeting Costs:](#) Cost for the meeting is \$20 for those that RSVP by Friday 2/27, or \$25 if you do not RSVP. If you make a reservation and do not attend, an invoice for \$20 will be mailed to you. Make all checks payable to KCHMM.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE! ☺

CHMMS: SHARPEN YOUR MIND IN 2009!

Education Committee Report, By Mark Spaulding, CHMM

Welcome to 2009 fellow EH&S professionals! Now begins our favorite time of year for prepping and submitting SARA Title III reports, Hazardous Waste Assessment Returns, etc.

As your new Education Chair for the KCHMM chapter, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in 2009! Let me share with you some upcoming opportunities that you may want to pursue.

First, as everyone knows, ACHMM has been re-branded into the AHMP. To access the AHMP website, you can still enter www.achmm.org, into your web browser. If you are looking for any training to help accumulate CMP points, you have several options available through the website (under "News/Events/Learning") as follows:

- Webinars
- In-class training for CHMM exams
- On-line training

For the on-line training it is important to note that you can complete it from the convenience of your PC. You will have to pay for your own course. I have not actually taken one, they usually take as little as 30 minutes to 1 hour. Also, my understanding is that you can complete each course incrementally ac-

ording to your own schedule.

Second, the 2009 AHMP National Conference will be 8/30/09 to 9/2/09 in San Diego, CA. The Conference is a great opportunity to network and share best practices with other EH&S professionals from CHMM chapters nation-wide. Registration for the Conference begins on 3/15/09. Please check out www.achmm.org for more details.

Next, please continue to spread the word about the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP). This new certification is designed for those EH&S professionals who do not necessarily have a college undergraduate or advanced degree, but have gained sufficient knowledge and competency through their career experience.

Finally, KCHMM has sponsored a "CHMM Exam Review" training course in the past. For those of you planning to sit for the CHMM or CHMP exam, or if you are just a CHMM wanting a good refresher, this course is for you! However, we need at least 10 people to justify the time and expense to implemented.

Feel free to call (502-364-5267) or e-mail me (mark.spaulding@baesystems.com) at any time with questions!

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Beginning this issue, you will be seeing several newsletter changes implemented in order to increase readability and simplify *Hazmatters'* compilation. We encourage submissions to the newsletter by our members; these may include local developments, regulatory changes, member transitions, article submissions, job postings, conferences, and other relevant content. Please send submissions to Bryant Lewis, CHMM via email at lewisbe@cdm.com Thanks!

ACHMM NAME CHANGE: ALLIANCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROFESSIONALS

Press Release : AHMP, Bethesda, Maryland, January 6, 2009

The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) has changed its name to the “Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals™”, announces the association’s leadership today.

The new brand name was confirmed by the membership during a 30-day voting period on a rebranding proposal that ended Dec. 14. Its initial implementation starts this week and will continue over the next six months, says the association’s leaders.

“By changing the organization’s name we will become more inclusive of the environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) industry, thus attracting a broader and diverse base of hazardous materials professionals,” says President Harry S. Kemp, CHMM, who assumed the association’s top leadership post Jan. 1. “The ‘Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals’ brand will appeal to all EHS&S professionals in the industry who have hazardous materials management responsibilities.”

“As a membership association, we have numerous career-enhancing benefits to offer all EHS&S professionals who are involved in hazardous materials management,” says Executive Director A. Cedric Calhoun, CAE. “This organization is probably one of the best-kept secrets in the EHS&S industry. With this new brand identity we will lower this veil of secrecy to introduce all industry professionals to our association and open their eyes to our many outstanding membership benefits.

“Our new brand identity will help us accomplish this goal,” continues Calhoun. “It will help inform all EHS&S professionals that



they can join us and take advantage of the many top-notch professional development and educational programs, industry networking opportunities and other benefits we offer our members.”

The new brand identity comprises the new organizational name; a modern logo; and a tagline: “Global leadership for a sustainable future™”. This new brand identity package was developed by a Branding Task Group, chaired by Past President John H. Mitchell, CHMM, comprised of prominent past and present organization leaders and charged by the organization’s Board of Directors to create “a new organizational name that will appeal to all professionals in the environmental, health, safety and security industry.”

About AHMP:

AHMP (www.ahmpnet.org) is a nonprofit organization that fosters the professional development of its members through educational programs, peer group interaction and recognition of the Certified Hazardous Materials Managers® (CHMM®) credential and other credentials as standards of excellence in the environmental, health, safety and security industry. AHMP is made up of more than 56 chapters in 37 states and more than 4,000 hazardous materials professionals residing throughout the world.

KCHMM HAT SIGHTINGS!



Where has your KCHMM hat traveled? Show us!

Send us your photos (lewisbe@cdm.com) of your KCHMM hat (our special promo gift from the summer 2008 meeting, or available through the lucky drawings at our meetings) in strange, amazing, outrageous, exotic, or interesting locations. You can even be in the picture too! We'll include them in this section in future newsletters.

CHMM NEWS & TIDBITS

- President Barack Obama nominated, and the U.S. Senate confirmed, Lisa Jackson, CHMM, former New Jersey Environmental Commissioner, as the next Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. She is the first CHMM to hold the post.
- Dr. John Frick, CHMM, has retired as IHMM Executive Director. James Gaidry, CHMM, will have been appointed as the new Executive Director.
- The CHMM Program was re-accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards, good through 2013.

BRING A GUEST TO THE MARCH MEETING—WIN A DESK REFERENCE BOOK

Reminder: all members who bring a guest to the March KCHMM Meeting will be placed in a drawing to win a *Hazardous Materials Management Desk Reference*. The Desk Reference is valued at over \$80!

CHANGES TO CHMM RECERTIFICATION STANDARDS

IHMM recently revised the Recertification Standards for maintaining the CHMM qualification. Below are some examples of changes to the Certification Maintenance Points structure, and the number of points now offered for each activity.

Please visit the IHMM Web Site for additional information.

<u>Certification Maintenance Points (CMPs) Required for Recertification</u>		
Years Prior to 2009 = 17 over the 5 years (3.4 per year)		
2009 and Beyond = 200 over the 5 years (40 per year)		
Example Qualifying Activities for CHMM Recertification		
	<u>Years Prior to 2009</u>	<u>2009 and Beyond</u>
Active Professional Practice: CMPs available per year for full-time employment	2	20
Passing College/University Credit Courses: CMPs per 3 College Hour Credit Course	0.5	9
Attending in-house or completing on-line workshops, conferences, courses, or seminars: CMPs per hour of training time	0.0625	1
Presentations, Publications and Papers: Maximum CMPs	6	30
CHMM Examination-Related Activities: CMPs per question accepted	0.1	1
Service on an IHMM Board of Examiners (BOE): CMPs per year	2	10
Participating on a Government or Industry Standards or Advisory Committee(s): CMPs per year	1	10
Registering a patent	2	25
Obtaining a new approved certification	2	15