



## NYPenn Chapter of ACHMM

Minutes from the February 21, 2007 Meeting  
Recorded by Bryan Seal, Secretary  
Aiello's Ristorante, Whitney Point, NY

Attendees: Bryan Seal, Jerry Gordon, John Ruspantini, Amy Twiss, Tracy Blazicek, Stacey Whallon, Kim Stamberger, Julie Harrington

1. Election of two (minimum) Directors-at-Large:
  - a. Kim Stamberger
  - b. Tracy Blazicek
  - c. Julie Harrington

All three were nominated and confirmed.

2. Region 1 and 2 ACHMM Quarterly Conference Call held on 2/2:
  - a. New CHMP credential at the technician level
  - b. The exams are moving to a computer-based process. Still no word as to where the exams will be available the change is scheduled to take effect 4/1/07.
3. Scholarship Program
  - a. A formal scoring system to include GPA/Class Standing, Planned Major, and the Essay will be formulated (John Ruspantini). Each category will be rated 1-5.
  - b. The Scholarship committee (John, Chair; Kim Rick, Tracy, Bill, Amy) will formulate and propose to the Executive Board for approval.
4. Chapter Website/New Logo
  - a. Working on a new Chapter Logo – any suggestions are welcome. Design services will likely be needed.
  - b. The chapter website is up and running Jerry Gordon with our webmaster. Jerry welcomes any comments are ideas. Area photos suggested.
  - c. Officers will be submitting their bios for the website
  - d. Corporate sponsorships are available. The company will get a link from our website to theirs as part of the sponsorship.
5. 2007 Review Course (August 9, 10, 11 @ Cornell University) – Bill Perkins elected committee Chair in absentia. Committee members - Jerry, Kim, Bryan (maybe).
  - a. The flyer is almost complete. Please pass on the dates to anyone interested.
  - b. Tuition will be collected by the Chapter and a Paypal account is being set up for the Chapter. This will enable the Chapter to accept more forms of payment to include credit cards.
  - c. Price ranges from \$625 for Early Bird to \$725 for later registrations.
  - d. Books will be handed out at the start of the course.

6. The Finger Lakes CHMM Chapter is sponsoring a Pesticide Course in April 2007.  
Please see their website if interested [www.flachamm.org](http://www.flachamm.org)
7. Permanent Chapter Address will remain at Tracy's home address.
8. Conferences: The group tabled the conversations on sending representatives to:
  - a. ACHMM Leadership Meeting in Albuquerque, NM – April 18-20. (Amy – possible attendee. Bill may also be going)
  - b. ACHMM National Conference in Arlington, VA – August 12-15 (Julie planning to attend)
9. NYS Corporation Status: John will check with National and Bill Perkins for more guidance
10. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws can be found on the Chapter Website.

The Chapter Officers:

John Ruspantini – President  
Amy Twiss - Vice President  
Stacey Whallon – Treasurer  
Bryan Seal – Secretary  
Rick Kumpon – Immediate Past President  
Tracy Blazicek – Director  
Kim Stamberger – Director  
Julie Harrington - Director