



NYPenn Chapter of ACHMM

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**Minutes from the November 7, 2007
Meeting**

**Recorded by John Ruspantini, Pres.
Aiello's Ristorante, Whitney Point, NY**

Attendees: Jerry Gordon, Julie Harrington, Rick Kumpon, Caroline Masia, John Ruspantini

Read and adopted minutes from 9/18/07

1. Insurance

- a. Report of meeting with Atty. Greg Gates – on 11-6-07 (attended by John Ruspantini, Bill Perkins and Rick Kumpon)
 1. Greg advised to us to get General and Professional Liability Insurance (see John's email attachment of 11-7-07 for detailed answers to questions)
- b. Forming an "Insurance Investigation Committee" – Bill Perkins nominated chairman; John and Rick will be committee members
- c. Need to contact National to find out who their insurer is. Contact National's insurer to see if they will provide us with a quote. May need to solicit quotes from other insurers.
- d. Present quotes to the board for review and vote

2. Report on joint meeting with CNY AIHA conducted on 10/3 in Cortland

- a. CNY AIHA is already collaborating with other groups such as ASSE
- b. Topics with wide appeal difficult to nail down
- c. Difficult to get people to come out for meetings for various reasons
- d. Propose dinner meeting late March 2008 in Cortland
- e. Possible topics: Spill Response, Site Investigation/Remediation, Reg issues/Haz waste mgmt, Hazwoper
- f. Group present agreed it would be a good idea

- g. Caroline volunteered as a possible speaker. Will forward presentations for consideration. (need to get these to Tom and Herrick of CNY AIHA)
 - h. Regulatory community perspective?? (DEC, DOH, DOL, OSHA – Bryan Seal??)
 - i. John will send out email to solicit topic – need to coordinate this with AIHA

- 3. Speakers for upcoming NYPenn meetings
 - a. Corporate Sponsorship speakers?
 - b. Tour of Cornell U. nanotech facility – Jerry can arrange
 - c. Needs to be a goal for 2008

- 4. New Member Recruitment
 - a. Pizza party in 2008?
 - 1. Send out post card invitation w/new logo
 - 2. Possibly at Aiello's – late spring
 - b. John to contact Nina at National for list of new certs in our territory
 - c. Continue to use email list

- 5. Corporate Sponsorship
 - a. Letter drafted by John
 - b. Need names/addresses of potential sponsors –
 - 1. Jerry agreed to share CUHWC database
 - 2. Rick to contact BC Chamber of Commerce
 - 3. Any member employers interested???
 - c. John still needs to set up sponsorship levels

- 6. Webpage updates
 - a. "Members Page" w/photos & bios (like the officer page) – still need member bios and photos? Little interest to date – will go with simple directory with name and place of employment
 - b. Website Service Renewal – agreed to renew for two years
 - c. Logo to appear on every webpage
 - d. Bill to provide Jerry with information from CHMMunity page.

7. 2008 Scholarship Program

- a. Motion made to bump up amount from \$500 to \$1000??
- b. Go to University Level (BU, Cornell, BCC, TC3, Ithaca College, Elmira College)
- c. Committee needed to solicit applicants and review applications
- d. John to send out email on this topic soon

8. Election of Secretary for 2008/2009

- a. Julie Harrington and Caroline Masia expressed interest
- b. John will solicit email nominations for others
- c. Hold e-mail election in December 2007

9. NYS Corporation Status – do we need to file? (Bill and Stacey looking into) What about Federal 501C Status?

- a. Bill and/or Stacy – still looking into??
- b. 501C status very important to board members for getting NYS statute applied for board member liability

10. CHMMunity

- a. Career Days, Odyssey of the Mind, Science Fairs, Girls in Engineering
- b. Group would prefer something less time intensive, such as a one-time only event
- c. Does have to be an activity related to hazardous waste management as set forth by National
- d. Bill nominated as chairman to set up “offline” discussion committee about opportunities and present at an upcoming meeting

2007 Holiday Dinner – Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at Aiello's. Open to all paid Chapter members. Please RSVP (to John via email) by November 15, 2007.