



NYPenn Chapter of ACHMM

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**Minutes from the January 21, 2010
Meeting**

**Recorded by Julie Harrington, Secretary
Aiello's Ristorante, Whitney Point, NY**

Attendees: Julie Harrington, Amy Twiss, Bill Perkins, Becky Corbin

Minutes:

- 1. Scholarship to Broome Community College**
 - a. Letter received from BCC (Patricia Diorio)
 - b. Continue with the same scholarship and process as in the past? Yes.
 - c. Funding needed by March 19th, prior to notification of winner.
 - d. Awards Recognition Ceremony tentative date – May 6, 2010.

- 2. Vote this coming year for – Could not vote due to number of members present.**
 - a. Secretary – Julie Harrington was asked for a second term.
 - b. Directors-at-Large (3) – Becky Corbin for one of the 3 open positions.

- 3. Upcoming Essentials Course Details:**
 - a. April 6-8, 2010
 - b. At C&S Engineering offices in Syracuse
 - c. Rich Cartwright will be presenting

- 4. AHMP Agreement Discussion** – vote via website or email in the very near future.

Pros and Cons:

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Affiliation Agreement with the AHMP

Board of Directors needs to be affiliated with the 'Academy' according to the By-Laws.

Article 12 states: The Chapter recognizes the Academy as the force of cohesion between all local chapters. The Chapter will operate in a manner that will ensure that the standards set for by the Academy will be met. The Chapter will ensure that the most current copy of the signed and dated Chapter By-Laws are on file at the Academy office and will submit to the Academy office an annual report on the required form provided by the Academy. In return, the Chapter expects to receive all consideration and benefits of an Academy in good Standing.

Pros:

1. Following local Chapter By-Laws (Article 12)
2. By-Laws update – a short editing consisting mainly of name changes.
3. National organization established and setting the 'mission' for the Chapter.
4. Tax and non-profit status implication with being a stand alone organization.
5. Time and complication of setting up an agreement directly with the IHMM. Support and Non-profit status implications are unknown.
6. Review course materials and recertification materials would not be available to a stand alone chapter.

Cons:

1. New leadership at AHMP.
2. Name change backlash.
3. Allowing other organizations to join besides CHMMs.
4. No cohesion of group if we do not affiliate.
5. Set up our own program: Affiliation agreement with IHMM primarily. This could be a massive undertaking and we are a small group. We do not know if the IHMM is setting up any affiliations with chapters that do not want to affiliate with the AHMP.
6. Need to completely rewrite the by-laws.

What is the plan if we do NOT affiliate?

1. Timeline.
2. Who will take on the responsibility to determine what we do as a stand-alone tax-exempt organization? Who has the time?
3. Rewrite the by-laws so they do not reflect the AHMP boilerplate.
4. Website Management.

- 5. Future Meeting Presentations:**
 - a. Rich Cartwright
 - b. Dave Nicosia (Binghamton National Weather Service)
 - c. Harry Kemp (AHMP)
 - d. Joint meeting with AWMA?

- 6. Presentation by Assistant Chief Charles Sherman from the City of Cortland Fire Department**
 - a. Hazmat Trailer Acquisition from the Department of Homeland Security
 - b. See attached presentation handout

- 7. Holiday Dinner is cancelled due to lack of attendance.**

- 8. Review of the ‘books’ soon.**

Sign-in sheet attached for points maintenance:



sign in sheet 1 21 2010.pdf

Attachment – Assistant Chief Sherman’s Presentation:



Presentation at mtg 1 21 2010.pdf