



NYPenn Chapter of ACHMM

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**Minutes from the May 12, 2009 Meeting
Recorded by Julie Harrington, Secretary
Aiello's Ristorante, Whitney Point, NY**

Attendees: Julie Harrington, Rick Kumpon, Jerry Gordon, Amy Twiss, Kim Stamberger,
Bill Perkins

Minutes:

Read and Adopted minutes from February 25, 2009 Meeting

1. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Checking Account. The current balance is \$6130.84.
- b. Savings Account. The current balance is \$3354.58.
- c. Outstanding issues:
 1. New Visa Debit card - issued to the current Treasurer for small, on-going Chapter expenses.
 2. Purchase Quicken

2. Website Updates/Teleconferencing Meetings:

a. Webpage Updates:

1. Webpage:

- **Renewal of the website package.** The group agreed to renew the website for a 5 year term at the cost of \$499.95 (includes free domain name).
- **New Domain Name?** Right now, our domain name is nypennachmm.org. If we want to change it to nypennahmp.org, we can do that, we could also keep the nypennachmm.org and Jerry can easily have it point to the same website. If we want to purchase this new domain name, then here are the prices:
 1. 1 year = \$19.99
 2. 3 year = \$59.97
 3. 5 year = \$114.95

2. **Teleconferencing:** We may have to change the venue to do this. Bill Perkins has free teleconferencing links that he can send to the group for evaluation.

b. Scholarship to BCC

1. John Ruspantini attended the presentation of the award to Rachael Cornick on May 7, 2009. John did speak with Jessie Stone-He. Jessie indicated that progress toward the development of the Environmental studies program has been slowed due to some recent administrative position shuffling. John renewed the chapter's interest in helping to cultivate this program. The group decided to wait until they've selected a President to send a letter to further emphasize our willingness to assist them with their program and perhaps a listing of what we have to offer.
2. Scholarship mailing list provided by Becky Corbin. The group discussed creating a flyer and expanding the program beyond Binghamton/Cortland even though no applications were received from Cortland this year. The group also discussed paying for the exam and review course cost for a member that has not achieved CHMM certification as of yet.

c. Director's at Large Election:

Becky Corbin expressed interest in this position. The position responsibilities have not been updated. The group discussed that this position would not have to attend every meeting.

d. Review Course opportunities:

1. Memo from Rich Cartwright about a course at Albany. Group is considering October 26-30 in Albany.
2. Opportunity at Onondaga Community College. Becky Corbin spoke with Paul Tranchell of OCC and Soaring Eagle Safety Consultants (www.sesc-safety.com) about the CHMM prep course and he would like to know more about the program.
3. Bill will contact DEC and ask about having the course in Albany as Rich is very interested. Bill will also follow-up with Paul Tranchell about the OCC and ESF draw.

e. Board Member visit: Possibly in late June. We are aiming for **June 23** and are in contact with Alison Heron from the AHMP. We requested that Harry Kemp visit with our chapter. Shall we have the meeting at Aiello's as usual or shall we change our venue to another location for a 'board-room' style meeting? Any suggestions for a location? FLACHMM had their meeting 5/12/2008 with Harry. Rob Aiello attended on our Chapter's behalf. "Rob's comments from Amy: He came away very confused. Perhaps it was good he went to hear Harry Kemp before making any further decisions? I think things are as clear as mud for him (Rob) as to the purpose of the AHMP. His thoughts after this meeting were that the National chapter is effectively undermining the local chapters. Initially, he understood that the role of the local chapters was to recruit membership, then everything became murky after that. Rob said about 16 people were at the meeting and the general feeling was that of ambivalence (malevolence?) toward the AHMP and the changes that occurred as a result of the name and leadership change. He is reviewing his notes after our chat and will give me some sort of synopsis to provide to OUR members."

- f. New Members:** Speaking of Rob Aiello, he recently took the exam and passed. He is on the recent listing from the AHMP for those that passed the exam. There are several from NYS that passed the exam.
- g. Opportunities for workshops/presentations:** Cornell is hosting a workshop at Cornell for the one day Lion Technology Class - Managing Hazardous Waste in New York, on Tuesday, June 30th. The group decided to help subsidize cost for members and will pay \$100 of the cost for each member in good standing (paid member as of May 12).
- h. AHMP National Conference**
1. Amy Twiss, Julie Harrington, Rick Kumpon, Kim Stamberger, and Bill Perkins showed interest in attending.
 2. It was agreed by the group that the Chapter will fund each attending member in good standing \$500 to help defray costs associated with attending.
- i. Digitizing the Secretary's books.** Julie Harrington turned over the older binders of Secretary's books to Jerry Gordon at the meeting. Jerry offered to utilize his student staff unit to scan and catalog the meeting minutes and chapter historical documentation on the webpage for future use by members for recertification and annual reporting. This will protect the history of the chapter as the position of Secretary moves through the membership.
- j. Old Notes to Carry Through:**
1. **Reflect name change from ACHMM to AHMP.** It was decided to hold off voting for adopting the name change to be consistent with National until more information is provided detailing our options. There are supposedly fees associated with changing our name affiliation to AHMP. To keep the ACHMM logo, we may have to negotiate a contract with the IHMM and there may be fees associated with leaving ACHMM in our chapter name to IHMM, specifically the CHMM portion.
 2. **Logo change? Should it also reflect the AHMP acronym?** It was decided to hold off on the logo change until the name change issues have been resolved.
 3. **Update on Corporate Sponsorships. The group decided to hold off until a decision about a name change has been made.**
 4. **Conference Call Service.** The group liked the idea of a conference call style meeting similar to the one in January 2009. Jerry provided pricing as follows after the meeting. The conference call service that SEHSA uses and it works great is: Budget Conferencing <http://www.budgetconferencing.com/>
 1. The cost is \$0.12/min per participant and includes an 800 number. It is very easy to use, just call the 800 number and enter in the pass code.
<http://www.budgetconferencing.com/conference-call-rate.php>
 2. They also have webconferencing:
<http://www.budgetconferencing.com/web-conferencing.php> at

\$0.15/min per participant. Jerry has not used this with them so he is not sure how well it works.

5. **Tours/Training.** The group agreed that a tour and a training session would be beneficial to the group this year. Brian Donnelly offered the group a tour of the Broome/Tioga County Household Hazardous Waste Facility in the spring. Jerry Gordon offered the group a tour of the Cornell Lake Source Heating project. Rick Kumpon offered to do a presentation on Vapor Intrusion.
6. **Chapter goals for the year** – position descriptions...treasurer completed.

Sign-in sheet attached for points maintenance: