

EWC ACHMM
General & Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2008

WSU-CIC, Room 210

Attendees:

Andrea Prignano
Bruce Vesper
Chuck Mulkey
Mark Kerns
Roni Swan
Tom Ashley
Jim Dukelow
Scot Adams
Russ Johnson
Linda Petersen

General Meeting started at 6:00 PM. Mr. Fen Simmons presented an informative and entertaining overview of air permitting and emissions monitoring requirements for select waste retrieval activities at the Hanford Site. He is planning to give this presentation at the National Convention this year.

A brief Executive Committee Meeting was held following the General Meeting, at 6:50 PM.

Since both our President and VP were otherwise disposed, Andrea Prignano volunteered to chair the EC Meeting.

General Business – Minutes for May and June were approved by the EC, and Mark gave the Treasurer's Report for June.

Announcements –

- 1) Chuck Mulkey brought good news – all EWC Champion of Excellence petitions were approved by National ACHMM. And, we're on the Honor Roll of Champions - Again! Congrats To All! It seems that our bid to capture the national Newsletter Award fell just a bit short this year. We'll get it next year!
- 2) The EWC has started leaking out the information on the winery event at Airfield, as appropriate. There were some comments on the content of the draft announcement, and some of the content "changed" as a result of clearing up the approach to the Airfield event, and budget. Secretary to incorporate needed changes into current draft, and send to the Big List.

New Business –

- 1) Set schedule for remainder of 2008 (September through December) – Deferred – Andrea Prignano will coordinate with J’nette.
- 2) Discuss LOA for use of ACHMM Essentials Course slides – Deferred.
- 3) Andrea updated us on the status of the Cedric Calhoun visit for our December Meeting. She asked for volunteers to form a small “Entertainment” committee to develop and evaluate alternatives for showing Mr. Calhoun a great time in the Tri-Cities, in an atmosphere conducive to discussing ACHMM-related business. One example of such business may include “Does the local chapter get any remuneration for local folks that take the web course? Bruce Vesper volunteered the assist. The Secretary agreed to send an announcement to the Member’s List in this regard.
- 4) Participation in the MCSF – Discussion centered on a need to develop criteria for any award the EWC may sponsor, and the need to start NOW if we are serious about doing this. A committee was proposed; the Secretary will send out an announcement in this regard, and Andrea will make an announcement at the August Meeting.
- 5) The topic to improve timeliness of meeting announcements evolved into an extended discussion of chapter officer’s roles and responsibilities. If the Secretary is to send out a meeting notice 15 days in advance, and the meeting is a General Membership Meeting, the Secretary must receive a write up on the speaker and presentation PRIOR TO that date. J’nette has the responsibility to arrange for the guest speakers and the necessary write up is considered within that scope. Andrea will assist J’nette as necessary. If we cannot get an announcement out on time, it was suggested that the General Meeting be cancelled. Bottom Line – we must all do what we do with an emphasis on timeliness and effective communication. We need all of us to succeed as a professional organization.
- 6) It was agreed, through formal vote, that the appreciation to be shown to the course instructors would be \$25/presentation. The Treasurer would write the appreciation checks.
- 7) Now that the course instructor appreciation approach has been resolved, J’nette and Mark Kerns will finalize the 2008 budget. The Secretary will distribute the draft 2008 budget, upon receipt, to the EC for review and comment.

Discussion Topics –

- 1) Bruce Vesper participated in the recent Essentials Course. While the course was an obvious success, Bruce did note some room for improvement in content, preparation and hardware. Bruce volunteered to assist with future course efforts.
- 2) Bruce Vesper also agreed to meet with the Professional Development Committee, if a potential National post is not a conflict of interest.

- 3) The budget for the winery event was finalized. Up to \$400 on wine. Roni Swan to arrange for a “drink as you go” approach with Airfield so that we only buy what we drink and don’t have leftovers! Up to \$400 for food, but try to shoot for \$350, depending on how many RSVP we get. The cost is \$10/person. EWC 20008 members will receive free Airfield wine glass.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.