

# EWC-ACHMM NEWSLETTER



## Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As this is already the Summer Issue and we are about half way through the year, I thought I would discuss a topic that I am often asked about. That subject is the various dues and payments associated with being a CHMM. It seems that we, as CHMMs, are asked for various amounts of money from various CHMM-related organizations. It can be difficult to understand who is asking for what. So, let me talk a little about dues and fees.

There are three separate entities that will ask you for dues (or fees) as a CHMM: 1) the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), 2) the National Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM), and 3) the local Eastern Washington Chapter of the ACHMM (EWC/ACHMM). I will attempt to explain what each one is and how they are related.

1) **The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM)** is the founding organization and is a non-profit, private group composed of:

- Board of Directors which oversee the Board of Examiners
- Board of Advisors
- Recertification Board
- Research and Publications function.

The Board evaluates the qualifications of candidates, the board monitors and maintains the quality of the exam, administers the exam, grants the CHMM credential, evaluates recertification applications, and grants recertification. IHMM does not conduct membership activities. You must pay your certification fee (\$70 in 2007) each year to maintain your CHMM certification. Payment of the certification maintenance fee does not provide membership into either the National ACHMM or the local chapter. In addition, every five years, during recertification, an additional fee is required (\$75 in 2007).

2) **The National Academy of Certified Materials Managers (ACHMM)** is a separate entity from the IHMM's, however, an affiliation agreement joins the Institute and the Academy. The mission of the Academy is to promote the environmental, health and safety profession, offer professional development and networking opportunities, and to provide value to our membership. As the membership arm of the CHMM program, the role of the Academy is to charter chapters, conduct education and training, provide a conduit for peer interaction and information exchange, and to help define standards in hazardous materials management. The National Academy holds an annual national convention and an annual national leadership training conference. Membership in the Academy is required to vote for National Academy candidates. You pay dues each year (\$85 in 2007) to be a member of the National Academy. Membership in National is not a requirement to maintain your certification. Membership in National does not include membership in the local chapter.

3) **The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (EWC/ACHMM)** has been formed to provide association activities for CHMM Members and Associates in the Tri-Cities area of Eastern Washington. The Chapter is dedicated to the development of professionals involved with

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# Part II - Meet the EWC 2007 Board

This is the second part of the article provided in the Spring Issue. EWC's board members want to find ways to better serve you, the CHMMs. So, be sure to give one of these people a call if you have any thoughts on how to improve the Chapter, or if you are considering joining a committee.

## Scholarship - Mark R. Kerns

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Mark performs hazardous waste management for Energy Solutions and supports waste retrieval from the Hanford Low Level Burial Grounds. He holds a B. S. in Biological Sciences from Washington State University and has been a CHMM for

one year. His work specialty is waste designation, packaging, and supporting field waste operations. Mark is married to Andrea and has one daughter, Stefanie. Born and raised in Richland, Mark's Dad was a meteorologist at Hanford's 200 West weather station for 30 years. He enjoys hunting waterfowl, hiking, camping, and fishing.

## Government Liaison - Rampur Viswanath, Ph. D

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Rampur works for CH2M Hill Hanford as a Senior Scientist and both his education and area of expertise is in chemistry. Rampur has been a CHMM for 14 years. He is also a Registered Environmental Manager (REM). Rampur has held the positions



of President to the Eastern Washington Chapter, and Chairman of the National Awards Committee. He is currently the founder and President of the India Chapter and Chairman of the ACHMM International Task Force. He is also the first-ever ACHMM International Ambassador and was recently selected as "*Fellow of the Institute*" by the Institute of Hazardous Materials Managers. Rampur is an active member of his community and is involved with several volunteer community and professional organizations. These include serving as President of the Richland Rotary Club, President of Hindu Society of Eastern Washington, Board of Directors of La Clinica and a career consultant for the American Chemical Society. He is a member of the *American Chemical Society*, *National Management Association*, and is

also involved with the *American Industrial Hygiene Association* and *Air & Waste Management Association*. Rampur and his wife Treja moved to the Tri-Cities in 1994 from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and they have two wonderful children.

## Newsletter - Rhonda J. (Roni) Swan

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Roni works for Energy Solutions Technical Services as an affiliate subcontractor to Fluor Hanford, Inc. She provides leadership and support to Hanford's Waste Stabilization and Disposition Project with retrieval of wastes from the burial grounds. She has been a CHMM for 14 years, and has experience managing hazardous/radioactive waste, air emissions and liquid effluents. In previous positions, Ms. Swan worked as an environmental project manager and participated in regulatory negotiations with the DOE, EPA, Ecology, and the WDOH. Ms. Swan holds BS and MS (Environmental Management) degrees from USF, and an MBA from the UoP. She enjoys reading and long walks along the river with her dogs.

## Fellow of the Institute Awarded to EWC Member

The Institute of Hazardous Materials Managers (IHMM) has selected Rampur Viswanath from the EWC as 2007 "Fellow of the Institute." This honor recognizes individuals that have provided outstanding contributions to the field of hazardous materials management and the profession. Fellows nominees must have been certified for at least six years and be nominated by at least two current Fellows; they must also have made significant contributions such as: developing or advancing a new technology, apparatus, or device; implementing a new hazardous materials management principle, methodology, procedure, or technique; advancing the value, importance, and recognition of the profession in the marketplace or the media; training or developing training materials that improve workforce knowledge and skills; performing an honorable or heroic deed; or other acts deemed worthy of such recognition.

Rampur was selected because of his extensive involvement in regulatory compliance and hazard mitigation, as well as his other many notable contributions. His name will be added to the "Fellows of the Institute" listing and an article will be prepared for an upcoming IHMM Bulletin. The IHMM provided Rampur with a Fellows certificate and a Fellows lapel pin in recognition of this honor.

# CHMMunity® – Doing More in the Community!

In 2002, the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers - Northstar Chapter launched an initiative to help assess unpermitted solid waste facilities within the state's beautiful Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota. As a result, the chapter provided the National Park Service (NPS) with several environmentally sound recommendations, and so started the CHMMunity® Outreach program.



Because of the chapter's volunteer efforts, NPS received support for a program for which it had no funding.

- CHMMunity® is a win-win proposition: the community benefits and so do the local environmental, health and safety professionals.

- CHMMunity® provides a framework for philanthropic projects and community outreach.

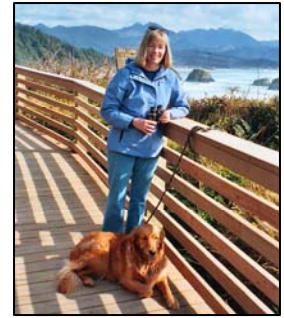
- CHMMunity® gives focus and positive meaning to chapter activities.
- CHMMunity® encourages volunteer participation.

CHMMunity® is a top-notch recruiting tool for new members and can also garner important recognition from the community, local government agencies and media.

When an ACHMM member or chapter finds a potential project, funding may be needed for operations. Funding for the project can come from multiple sources, including: dona-

tions from corporate sponsors, chapter monies, donated services and/or grant support from ACHMM. Grants of up to \$500 are available from ACHMM on a quarterly basis. ACHMM guidelines:

- Not have adequate funding from an internal source
- Be a public, quasi-public or nonprofit organization serving a broad constituency
- Have authority to allow ACHMM participation on the property
- Have a hazardous materials component
- Not require insurance for access
- Have potential to showcase ACHMM and garner media coverage



Additionally, the selected project should provide some guidance and support, ac-

cept recommendations made by ACHMM and provide access to facilities, as needed. To learn more about being more involved in your CHMMunity® (or to apply for a CHMMunity® grant), visit the ACHMM Web site at



## Attend the 2007 National Conference as the Chapter Delegate!

This year's National Conference will be held in Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia, August 12-15<sup>th</sup>. The EWC will sponsor one member to attend the convention as chapter delegate, and will provide financial support towards travel, hotel, and per diem. As the delegate, the conference fee is waived. However, the delegate needs to be a member CHMM and a member of our local chapter. Also, the delegate must either be a member of ACHMM National or purchase a membership prior to the Conference.

All those that would like to become EWC's delegate, please send an e-mail to Andrea L. Prignano (at: [andrea\\_l\\_prignano@rl.gov](mailto:andrea_l_prignano@rl.gov)) or give her a call (at 376-1057). The due date for making a decision is June 15, 2007. Please provide any information that will be useful in making a decision. For example, include information on your participation in chapter activities over the past few years (e.g., attending meetings, assisting at EXPO, and/or any leadership positions you've held).

Chapter delegates have the following responsibilities:

- Attend the Moderator Training/Chapter Development Meeting on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1–5 pm
- Moderate at least one technical session on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>
- Attend ACHMM Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:00 pm

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all aspects of hazardous materials management. The mission of the Chapter is to provide a balanced program for Certified Hazardous Materials Managers in the following four areas: 1) Environmental Health and Safety; 2) Regulatory Compliance and Policy; 3) Science and Technology; and 4) Materials Handling, Emergency Response, and Remediation.

Eastern Washington Chapter activities include: Monthly meetings (alternating between board meetings and presentations or tours of general interest); Annual CHMM training programs and administering CHMM exams; Several annual awards sponsored by local companies; Partnering with the local community; and Providing scholarships to encourage students pursuing a career in the hazardous materials area. You pay dues each year (\$25 in 2007) to be a member of the Chapter. Membership in the Chapter is separate from membership in the National Academy. Membership in the Chapter is not a requirement to maintain your certification. Being a CHMM is not a requirement to be a member of our Local Chapter; non-CHMMs are affiliates members.

Please note that EWC/ACHMM is here to serve local members and the local community. We do not receive funding from National; all of our activities happen thanks to our local members (through dues and volunteerism). For our EWC/ACHMM members, attendance at local chapter meetings provides credits for recertification. Also our board meetings are open to all members to come and share their ideas and get involved.

Each of the above organizations is a separate entity. Memberships in the National ACHMM and the Chapter are completely separate. You can be a member of one and not the other.

# ACHMM 2007 National Conference

## August 12–15, 2007

This year's conference will be taking place at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, just outside Washington, DC. "Participating in the ACHMM Annual National Conference is a terrific way to ensure your continuing professional development, as you are being exposed to the latest and best scholarship and experience," said ACHMM National President Laureen McMurray Boyle, CHMM. "The conference will enable participants to choose from among 56 different technical sessions, covering a very large array of interest areas."

The conference will cover topical areas including Environmental Actions; EHS Management and Management Principles; Safety and Industrial Health, Developments in Emergency Preparedness Response and Homeland Security; EHS Management Systems; Regulatory Requirements, Updates and Legal Trends; and New and Emerging Technologies/International Issues/Developing Countries.

Among the papers selected for presentation are titles such as: "Minimizing Incidents in an Aging Workforce;" "HazMat IQ: Four Steps;" "Changes and Trends in Stormwater Discharge Requirements Across the United States and others representing the newest thinking.

Hope to see you there!

### EWC 2007 Meetings

- May 17 - **General Meeting** (Steve Weil of SAIC presenting 'Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR),' Richland Community Center)
- May 23 - **Board Meeting**
- June 21 - **General Meeting**
- July 19 - **Board Meeting**
- August 16 - **General Meeting**
- September 20 - **Board Meeting**
- October 18 - **General Meeting**
- November 15 - **Board Meeting**
- December - **Holiday Banquet**

*Note: Focus meetings are new this year and specific topics are discussed. All meetings, including board meetings, are open and everyone is invited to attend.*

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