

EWC-ACHMM NEWSLETTER



**Eastern Washington Chapter of the
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I wish everyone a happy new year. I consider it an honor and privilege to serve as the President of the Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers for 2007. I will do my best to carry out the chapter's mission of providing a balanced program for Certified Hazardous Materials Managers in the areas of Environmental Health and Safety; Regulatory Compliance and Policy; Science and Technology; and Materials Handling, Emergency Response, and Remediation.

Robbie Tidwell did a great job as President in 2006, leaving us with high hopes for 2007. Our December banquet was a great success. I want to again congratulate all of the 2006 award and scholarship winners.

I also want to thank all of our 2007 board members and chairs for being willing to contribute their time and energy for the coming year. We are beginning the year with some experienced members and with some new members volunteering to hold committee chairs, or help where they can. All of this activity is much appreciated and is the key to keeping this organization going. We are lucky to have Mike McCoy and Chris Kemp staying on as treasurer and secretary and Robbie moving onto Past President. I welcome Mark Riess as VP. I am going to be counting on all the chairs and board members, both returning and new, to make this a successful year. Some background information on the board is being provided to you through this and the upcoming newsletters. Feel free to contact any one of them about the EWC and provide your suggestions. What have you liked in the past and what can you suggest for our future?

Our first general meeting was held on January 31st; it was a dinner meeting with Mark Radonich discussing Risk Communication. A dinner meeting is something new for the chapter and we solicit your feedback on this style of meeting. Is it something that we should offer again in the future?

Upcoming events for the year include providing a Hazardous Materials Management Overview course (which is also useful to anyone just interested in learning more about the field of hazardous materials management), hosting a booth at Expo, providing scholarships to local students, and presenting awards to outstanding local hazardous materials managers. Additionally, attendance at local chapter meetings provides credits for recertification. Our board meetings are open to all members to come and share their ideas and get involved.

And finally, please remember that a CHMM is a unique, highly diversified, and much needed individual. CHMMs continue to be in the forefront of environmental issues. A CHMM certification assures the public that there are folks that can handle and manage hazardous and radioactive materials safely. So a good new years' resolution is to be more professionally proactive and work to enhance your personal reputation and the reputations of other CHMMs by becoming more involved in the local CHMM chapter.

Meet the EWC 2007 Board

For those of you who do not know the EWC board members, here is your opportunity! Your board members are busy developing goals for the Chapter and meeting on a regular basis each month to better serve you, the CHMMs. As board members, they are continually striving for opportunities for the EWC to be more successful. Various committees such as scholarships, professional development, public and community relations, education, government liaison, etc. meet regularly. So, if you are looking to get more involved, in EWC, give one of these people a call today.

President - Andrea L. Prignano

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Andrea Prignano is an Environmental Scientist for Fluor Hanford. She has worked at Hanford since 1986, including a stint the 222-S Laboratory many years ago. She has an ScB, Chemistry from Brown University and an MS and PhD, Chemistry, from Northwestern University.

Andrea's work specialty is in environmental protection, regulatory permitting and compliance, and she is also one of Fluor Hanford's TSCA/PCB Subject Matter Experts. Andrea was born and raised on Cape Cod in Massachusetts. She is married to Mark Kerns (the 2007 Scholarship Chair). They have an 11 year old daughter, Stefanie, as well as two dogs, a cat, and a hamster.

Past President - Robbie L. Tidwell

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Robbie Tidwell, an Operation's Specialist, has been at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) for 21 years. She has a B.S. in Safety Engineering, from Kennedy-Western University. Her career path for the past 13 years includes staff training, laboratory self-assessment, and hazardous material coordination (including chemical procurement and tracking). She currently specializes in

chemical and gas cylinder management for PNNL, and acts as an advisor for the continuous improvement and implementation of effective chemical management. Robbie and her husband have two children and three grandchildren. She also serves as secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary in Benton City. She has been a CHMM since 2003.

Secretary - Christopher J. Kemp

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Chris Kemp is an Environmental Lead for Closure Operations for CH2M Hill Hanford Group, Inc. He has a B.S. in soil physics, M.S. in Environmental Sciences, and has been a CHMM for 3 years. He is also a Certified Professional Soil Scientist/Agronomist from ASA/CSSA. His work involves environmental protection of all pathways, from high level tank retrieval and management, to soil physics of contaminants in the vadose zone. Chris currently is the environmental lead for the single-shell tank component of the Hanford Tank Farms. He has previously worked for the Environmental Restoration Contractor as a project environmental lead, the Washington State Department of Health, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratories doing surface barrier research. Chris has also done revegetation and restoration projects at the Hanford Site. Originally from Huntley Montana, Chris is married and has a son and daughter. He enjoys family activities, motorcycles, and fishing/golf.

Professional Development - Mike Schmoltdt



Mike Schmoltdt is an Industrial Hygienist and Respiratory Protection Program Administrator for Fluor Hanford. Mike has an M.S. in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI and an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA. He also has an MBA from Edgewood College. Madison, WI. As for certifications and registrations, Mike has been a CHMM *since 1988*, is a CIH, a CPEA, and a PE (Wisconsin). He has been the Regional Health and Safety Manager and designated

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EWC Hosts a Risk Communication Presentation in January

The January EWC General Meeting presentation included a wonderful buffet dinner that offered a new format for our Chapter. Our presenter was Mark Radonich, a health physicist and risk communication expert. He is also the founder of *Cultural Effect Consulting* in Seattle. Mark holds a nuclear engineering degree from Arizona State University. His presentation provided insights into how communicating risk can resolve conflict, as well as reduce stress, mistrust, and fear. There is often a gap of understanding between the experts and those involved in developing public opinion and/or policy. For example, difficulties may arise when discussing hazardous substances exposure. Many people do not agree with expert scientific/technical analysis. In order to be successful communicating risk, factors that go beyond mathematics and models can be employed. Insights may include social science, ethics, epidemiology, risk analysis, and statistical assessment. Unsatisfactory outcomes can often be prevented with good risk communication skills. This is a knowledge process that can bring a wider wisdom to the participants. Risk communication is defined as the “study and practice of collectively and effectively understanding risks.” This meeting was held in conjunction with the Tri-Cities Technical Council and member organizations.

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environmental regulatory compliance and Health and Safety Coordinator for contractors to U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers. (US, Canada, Mexico, Korea, Italy, Peru). He has also been an environmental engineer and industrial hygienist for NASA’s Plum Brook Nuclear Reactor Facility & Labs demolition and decommissioning project.

Public and Community Relations - Robert Terry Winward, Sr

Terry is an Environmental Engineer and works for Fluor Hanford. He has been at Hanford since 1984. He has a BS from the UofU (1966), and a PhM from the U of Utah (1974). He has been a CHMM since 2001. Terry's is also a Sr. Certified Manager (Sr. Cm) and is the only one in the state of Washington. His work expertise involves handling all environmental laws, lab chemistry, and environmental quality assurance. Terry is married and his wife's name is Della. They have five



kids and 12 grandkids. Terry grew up in Utah and moved to Tri-Cities in 1984. Terry is very active in the National Management Association and several other community programs. In fact, Terry brought Junior Achievement to the Tri-Cities. He is very active in Church activities, and likes to fish, hunt, and collect rocks. He is also into genealogy and family history. He has traced his lines back to Adam.

Membership Development - James R. Jewett

For the past 30 years, Jim Jewett has had the great pleasure and privilege of providing chemical information and chemical solutions to support Hanford production and waste management activities. He has occupied chemist and management positions and has worked on both analytical and process chemistry problems. He has served at the 222-S Laboratory, PUREX Plant and the Plutonium Finishing Plant. Jim is currently supporting Hanford groundwater and soil remediation activities. Jim holds a PhD degree in Chemistry from Oregon State University and has recently become a CHMM.



Public and Community Relations

By Terry Winward

We are looking for ideas of how to improve/expand our public and community relations. Recently we had a Chapter spotlight on the Radio, which was a good start in the right direction. We will also have a booth at the Hanford Safety Expo again this year. Your ideas are being sought so we can reach out more to the community at Expo.

We would like to expand our base in getting announcements into various papers. If you have a company paper that would publish such announcements please let Terry Winward know and he will work to get the information to your company.

Please brainstorm ideas to increase the public awareness to what we have to offer. We can approach TV and Radio with some of our activities, potential activities and partnerships. What areas of interest do you have that you would like us to explore? Our Chapter includes all of you and we would like to explore your ideas. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

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ACHMM National Awards Nominations Due by April 20th

Each year the ACHMM identifies individuals and chapters worthy of recognition for outstanding accomplishments in the field of hazardous materials management. The ACHMM National Awards process promotes and improves hazardous materials management as a profession through the recognition of superior accomplishments in the areas of education, training, research, and performance. Within the Academy National Awards Program there are seven different individual awards and four group awards. This year's awards will be given in August to the recipients at the Annual ACHMM national meeting in Arlington, Virginia. The nominees and recipients of these awards are commended for their efforts that elevate the CHMM credential and cultivate the success of their local chapters and the ACHMM.

EWC 2007 Meetings

- January 18 - Board Meeting (Complete)
- January 31 - **General Meeting** (Complete)
- February 15 - *Focus Meeting* (Topic: Plan 2007)
- February 28 - Board Meeting
- March 15 - *Focus Meeting* (Topic: Website)
- March 28 - Board Meeting
- April 19 - **General Meeting**
- April 25 - Board Meeting
- May 17 - *Focus Meeting*
- 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.