



CTACHMM NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

New Year for Our Chapter

Thanks for re-electing me as your Chapter President for another year. As for the other officers, I'd like to thank **John Rie** for his service as Vice President in 2005. **Gene Metti** has been elected our new Vice President for 2006. We have **Rose Coggeshall** as Treasurer for another 2-year term and **Winston Brown** will be serving the second year of his term as Secretary. Other noteworthy Board members who have been committed to serving you include **Nick Zackeo** and **Paul Simonetta** as Directors-at-Large. Paul is also the website committee chairperson. **John Murray** has been our Membership Development Committee chair for a number of years and continues to provide us with job opportunity news. **Matt Twerdy** is the Government Affairs Committee Chairperson and has been providing us with periodic regulatory news. My thanks to everyone for their efforts.

2005 In Review

2005 began with Board planning meetings. We reviewed the member survey and tried to plan events for the year based on the majority responses. Our first event was the General Membership Meeting and Seminar on March 16. Photos of that event are on page 3. Thanks to **Rose Coggeshall** for making the arrangements, getting door prizes, and sending out reminders. **Winston Brown** handled signing in the guests the night of the dinner and recording minutes. You might be interested to know that

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Introducing our newest Board Member

Mr. **Gene Metti** has been elected our new Vice President for 2006 and will serve as President in 2007. We learned that Gene has over 30 years of experience in industry managing environmental and safety programs, training, and most recently is doing private consulting work. He lives in Danbury, CT with his family. Welcome Gene!

Need Certification Points?

You can . . .

- Attend the Chapter's general membership meetings;
- Attend CTACHMM-hosted seminars;
- Be an instructor for the CHMM review course;
- Attend National meeting, in Orlando, Florida in 2006;
- Make a presentation at a general membership meeting.



Just hanging out with the 'goyles.

three guests (not Chapter members) were DEP employees. More DEP interaction I think is a good thing. After dinner, **John Murray** explained some of the pitfalls of mold recognition and testing. You could tell he was speaking from a number of personal experiences. **Nick Zackeo** spoke about the CHMM credential and its importance to Connecticut stormwater permitting and aquifer protection.

Later that month, **John Rie, Paul Simonetta, Larry Secor, David Jermakian, Winston Brown, and Nick Zackeo** ran the Chapter Booth at the CBIA conference on March 31st. I heard the conference was lightly attended but our booth got enough interest to give away most of our literature. We use this conference as a way to publicize our organization to a wider audience of Connecticut businesses and solicit more members. Winston was a good sport in that he managed to deliver the booth containers to the conference in his vehicle which was already full of his work equipment. Thanks for "fitting us in", Winston. John and Winston again successfully thwarted disaster as they were able to erect the booth without written directions. I'm sorry I don't photos of that.

On May 6th we held a breakfast meeting at which we presented a couple of waste management topics (rated number one in the 2004 survey). **Nick Zackeo** presented the new CT Universal Waste Rule and yours truly talked about Satellite Accumulation Area management.

In August we met with two CTDEP Bureau Chiefs to let them know about our credential and explore ways in which CHMMs may serve their mission. **Paul Simonetta** and **Nick Zackeo** and myself met with **Mike Harder** and **Ozzie Inglesse**. We came away with a strong feeling that the CHMM role in compliance certification is a real possibility and an agreement to continue communications.

In September we hosted a seminar on Emergency Preparedness in Connecticut presented by **Patrick McCormack**, the Director of Health in the Norwich/Montville area. It was held at the Northeast Utilities Office conference room in Middletown. Despite the light attendance, there was a lively discussion after the presentation that you can do only in a small group.

Also in September a number of Chapter members attended the National Conference in St. Louis. **John Murray** gave a presentation. I was the Chapter Delegate and had to go to a couple of business meetings. While I thought they might be boring, I found them to be very

informative. I've written a separate report on my attendance for your interest on page 4. I really would like another Board member or a member who might be interested in being more active in the Chapter to act as delegate this year. Remember, that you get your conference fee waived if you go as a Chapter Delegate. In 2006 the conference will be held in Orlando Florida. Isn't that incentive enough? Please let me know if you are interested and I will write a letter of appointment for you.

In October, chapter members supported the Review Course by being instructors. What a rewarding way to earn CMPs.....through molding the minds of future CHMMs.

The Board spent the rest of the year making plans for 2006 and making sure we had a full slate of Officers.

Operating Plan for 2006

Goals and Objectives

- Continue to upgrade new Website
- Revise Chapter Bylaws
- Support Leadership Workshop in Boston, Spring 2006
- Continue to dialogue with CTDEP
- Establish a record of member participation for Points verification
- Submit Incorporation and Tax Exempt status documents
- Increase Membership Participation

January

- Annual Reporting to National Academy due Jan 31
- Board of Directors Planning Meeting – Jan. 6
- Board of Directors Conference call – Jan. 20
- General Membership Dinner/Seminar – Jan. 24

February

- Board of Directors Planning Meeting – Feb. 17th
- Quarterly Regulatory Update
- Winter Newsletter – February

March

- Board of Directors conference call- March 17th

April

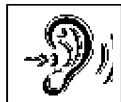
- General Membership Meeting/Seminar - Apr 7th
- Regulatory Update

May

- Board of Directors conference call- May 19
- Spring Newsletter
- Quarterly Regulatory Update

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Heard it Through the Grapevine.....



We have three new Chapter members
this past month:

Michael Balda

Kevin Bogue

Stefan Wawzyniecki, Jr.

I would welcome them personally, but we did not receive their contact information. If any of you are acquainted with them, please pass this message along and ask them to contact us.

This may be old news, but **Joseph Golden, Jr.** was appointed by the National Board as Chairman of the new Homeland Security Committee in 2005.

If you have any noteworthy personal news that you wouldn't mind sharing, please send it to: tpayne@snet.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF
CONNECTICUT WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 23, 2006 5:30 PM
HAWTHORN INN
2421 BERLIN TPKE, BERLIN, CT
GUEST SPEAKER: CHARLES MCKAY JR., MD
DEPT OF TRAUMATOLOGY & EMERGENCY
MEDICINE, HARTFORD HOSPITAL
TOPIC: CHEMICAL TERRORISM
CONTACT: NANCY SULLIVAN (860) 349-8995
76032.660@COMPUSERVE.COM

CTDPH WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR'S TRAINING
MARCH 28-29
FOR MORE INFORMATION: DPH WEBSITE DRINKING WATER LINK

RISK COMMUNICATION ALL-DAY CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY
CONN. AIHA CHAPTER
PRESENTER: VINCE COVELLO OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
LOCATION: RENNSALAER AUDITORIUM
APRIL 24, 2006

ACHMM NATIONAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2006
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL,
RADIOLOGICAL/NUCLEAR, AND EXPLOSIVE INCIDENTS COURSE
ACCREDITED 5 DAY INTERACTIVE COURSE DESIGNED TO INFORM AND
EDUCATE HOSPITAL BASED PROFESSIONALS IN THE PLANNING AND
MANAGEMENT OF MASS CASUALTY INCIDENTS.
24-28 APRIL 2006
[HTTP://CCC.APGEA.ARMY.MIL/COURSES/CBRNE](http://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/cbrne)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE AN EVENT, PLEASE SEND THE
INFORMATION TO ELSA PAYNE AT TPAYNE@SNET.NET

Mark Your Calendars . . .

ACHMM National Leadership Workshop Where: Boston When: Spring 2006

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June

- General Membership Meeting #3 -June 2nd

July

- Board of Directors conference call- July 21
- President Appoints Nominating Committee

August

- Board of Directors conference call - August 18th
- Regulatory Update
- Summer Newsletter – August

September

- ACHMM National Conference
- Board of Directors Conference call-September 8th
- Call for Nomination of Officers for 2007

October

- General Membership Meeting/Seminar #4 –TBD
- Send out ballots Officers and Directors for 2007

November

- Regulatory Update
- Fall Newsletter- Nov.
- Board of Directors Conference Call- Nov. 4th

December

- Board of Directors Planning Conference Call – Dec.2nd
- Secretary reports election results

Are you lonely ???

Don't like working on your own ?
Hate making decisions ?

Then call a MEETING !!

You can
SEE people
DRAW flowcharts
FEEL important
FORM subcommittees
IMPRESS your colleagues
MAKE meaningless recommendations
ALL on COMPANY TIME !!!!



MEETINGS

THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK.



NEWSLETTER POSTINGS

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Know of opportunities you wish to present to the membership? You can have it distributed to fellow CHMMs by forwarding the information to John Murray at john.murray@bhs.org

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

FEBRUARY ISSUE: JAN 15
MAY ISSUE: MAY 15
AUGUST ISSUE: AUGUST 1
NOVEMBER ISSUE: OCTOBER 20

PLEASE SEND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS TO ELSA PAYNE AT tpayne@snet.net



CHMM Review Course

WHEN: 3-5 April 2006

WHERE: University of New Haven

The CHMM certification exam date will be scheduled shortly after.

If you're interested in being an instructor, please contact Mike Ziskin at (203) 483-6003.

Instructors earn 0.5 CM points.

A CHMM IN ST. LOUIS

Elsa Payne

The National Conference was held in St. Louis in September 2005. I attended as your Chapter Delegate along with about a half-dozen other CTCHMM members including John Murray who was a presenter at a technical session. The event was held in a part of a renovated historic train station in downtown St. Louis within walking distance of three huge sports venues. Most attendees stayed at the hotel within the facility but I had the pleasure of staying at a place about a half-mile down the road. For the most part, the city was very walkable.

During the first day of the conference, I attended a Chapter Development Meeting. I learned that our Chapter is one of 21 that owe the National Organization documents such as Articles of Incorporation and we will run the risk of getting our

Charter revoked if we don't provide them soon. It was also indicated that CHMMs may be refused CMPs for attendance at these Chapter events. **Stu Manley** has since taken on the important task and is finding his way through the quagmire of paperwork to make this happen for you. Major announcements included that the Academy has gone global. The India Chapter is the first international group to apply for a Charter. A program called CHMMunity started by the North Star Chapter conducts community outreach projects through member donated resources. Check out their website if you are interested. The Cyberchapter for those who want to participate in chapter events through cyberspace, currently has 92 members. This was seen as a major accomplishment.

The technical sessions at the conference that I attended were all very good, though the number of sessions has been reduced from previous conferences that I attended.

They replaced some of the technical sessions with large general sessions with paid professionals and regulatory authorities. There was a general session in which we learned some interesting things about human behavior and safety. Another lively session happened when an attendee challenged an EPA representative as to why the All Appropriate Inquiries regulation called out P.E. specifically as qualified to certify the work but did not name the CHMM even though the CHMM would qualify under equivalent experience clause. As Roger Dangerfield would say, "we get no respect."

We had a Conference-sponsored outing one evening that took us to the City Museum which is truly unique. It is literally a museum of the city of St. Louis. In recent times the city has torn down a lot of old buildings with interesting architectural features. The museum stores and displays the items that were salvaged in an old industrial

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When all the meetings were over.....



Annual Membership Meeting

January 24, 2006 at the Yankee Silversmith

We kicked off the year with a successful dinner meeting and seminar at the Yankee Silversmith in Southington. The Chapter event was attended by approximately 20 people. We had three guest speakers that spoke on wastewater issues. **Matt Nozzolio** described the problems associated with sewers that combine wastewater and stormwater and how the Metropolitan District is planning to solve the problem. We all got an appreciation for a very large issue and a very complicated solution. **Nick Zackeo** followed Matt with a discussion of stormwater permitting in Connecticut and then **Paul Simonetta** provided the Federal perspective on stormwater discharge permits. There were a number of questions that sparked a dialogue, which is always a good sign after speaking. During the discussions, Matt Nozzolio invited us to tour the MDC facilities. The group seemed interested and we proposed it for the April membership event. More details to follow. The meal was great. I overheard Winston looking to book the place for his Tennis club. I hope we get invited.

Putting this evening together required a team effort. Nick Zackeo shopped for the door prizes, **Rose Coggeshall** made the restaurant arrangements and collected the money. **Winston Brown** took meeting minutes, passed out name tags, and made sure everyone signed in so that we can certify members' attendance for CMP points. It is great to share experiences with other CHMMs and a drink or two. Hope you can join us next time.

HOW TO EARN CMPs

	POINT VALUE
• ADDITIONAL DEGREE:	4.00
• COLLEGE COURSE (PER SEM. CREDIT HOUR)	.50
• ATTEND ACHMM ANNUAL MEETING:	1.25
• WRITE TECHNICAL PAPER/LECTURE	.50
• ATTEND TRAINING (PER 4 HOURS)	.25
• CHAPTER LEADERSHIP POSITION	2.00
• CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP	1.00/YR
• NEW LICENSE/REGISTRATION	2.00
• EMPLOYMENT	10.0 MAX
• AWARD RECIPIENT	2.00
• PATENT REGISTRATION	2.00
• COMMITTEE MEMBER (PER YEAR)	1.00

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building. Recycled materials from the demolitions and other apparent discarded materials were used to build a three-story playscape big enough for adults including a ball pit that was filled with playground balls. Great fun!

I attended another useful presentation by **Michael Kay** who described some of the criteria for earning Certification Maintenance Points (CMPs). As this is my year to re-certify, I paid close attention and took some notes (see below). Check out www.IHMM.org for a form to conduct an assessment. Documentation is needed for each point claimed.



We made some new friends in St. Louis.



Winter lingered so long in the lap of Spring, that it occasioned a great deal of talk.

Bill Nye