



North American Hazardous Materials  
Management Association

## Southwestern Chapter Meeting Minutes February 7, 2013

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### **SW Chapter Member Present/Roll Call:**

1. Diane Abrams, Stericycle
2. Sam Bellamy, Tempe/Clean Harbors
3. Frank Bonillas, Tucson
4. Don Campbell, Tucson
5. Jeff Gibbons, Stericycle
6. Lauren Hertz, Flagstaff
7. Sandra Keil, Earth 911
8. Curt Lock, Clean Harbors
9. Jack Minkalis, Gilbert
10. Rita Perini, Brevard County
11. David Ramirez, Gilbert
12. David Tavares, Tempe

*Note: Scott and Christie Logan were not in attendance due to a family emergency.*

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**Introductions:** SW Chapter members present were asked to give a brief introduction/bio as to where they are, what facility they operate at, how long in the field, background and any other pertinent information they were willing to share.

- *I have asked that SW Chapter members also email this to me and I will add it to the spreadsheet.*
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**Chapter Business:** Rita reviewed some of the requirements that the SW Chapter will need to implement in the future, such as:

1. Defining our goals as a chapter
2. Defining our SW Chapter work plan (reviewed annually), examples of other work plans will be emailed to you for review at a future meeting.
3. Board members-to be voted on at a later date
4. [Committees](#) (Communications, Chapter, Membership, Planning...)

I have that SW Chapter members think about the goals that we should consider for our next meeting. Frank Bonillas mentioned Training and Information Exchange. Great ideas Frank, thank you.

- *Please all think about goals and we will discuss at our next May meeting.*

## 5. Membership Outreach

- a. I discussed the idea of the Rocky Mountain Chapter joining into our chapter as this was asked by Hillary Collins of the Rocky Mountain chapter. She was invited to our initial meeting but was not in attendance. I also believe now that the RM Chapter is attempting to begin again separate from the SW Chapter. This may be an option for future discussion.
- b. Currently the SW Chapter has 2 members from New Mexico, Scott and Christie Logan of [Curie Environmental Services](#). *I will ask Scott and Christie to reach out to potential members letting them know about [NAHMMA benefits](#) and gauge interest in the NM Region to join our new SW Chapter.*
- c. Additionally, Sam Bellamy offered to reach out to other communities in the Phoenix area such as Scottsdale, Peoria, Mohave, Goodyear. Brad Fisk was mentioned as he used to work in Prescott but maybe worthwhile to pursue as a SW Chapter potential member.
- d. Anyone have contacts in NV?
- e. Anyone know if Chandler is interested?

As part of a future goal/objective to increase NAHMMA membership, I encourage all of you to engage the folks you know and work with to consider NAHMMA. I put this in a newsletter to my business contact recently:

North American Hazardous Materials Management Association or [NAHMMA](#) is a membership-based organization that provides members with an opportunity to discuss and give input into the development and analysis of policies, issues and events throughout North America.

Membership in [NAHMMA](#) is open to everyone involved in the reduction and management of hazardous wastes from households and small businesses. Therefore city, county, state and federal governments in addition to nonprofit organizations, environmental consulting firms, manufacturers, educators and educational institutions can join.

[Benefits](#) include training discounts, monthly webinars (past and present), networking, conference opportunities and databases of training, presentations and members. The benefits for me personally have been priceless and often times I learn about new waste recycling/disposal methods or vendors which typically result in cost savings. If you would like to learn more about hazardous materials management, feel free to check out the [NAHMMA](#) website or contact me ([link to your email](#)) if you have any questions.

### **Resources:**

We discussed use of the NAHMMA NW listserv as a resource to share information and questions regarding HHW and CESQG waste. I find this a great resource that often sparks articles for the Communication Committee to post in the NAHMMA newsletter.

- This link will take you to the webpage regarding etiquette and participation: <http://nahmma.org/login.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=110>
- This link will take you directly to the subscription page: <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=HHW-CESQG>

**Next Conference Call: Tentative May 9, 2013 at 10 AM**