



North American Hazardous Materials  
Management Association

# Southwestern Chapter Annual Conference Meeting Minutes June 19, 2014

Hosted by Town of Gilbert, Jack Minkalis

## I. Sign In, Roll Call and Networking:

<u>SW Chapter Members Present</u>	<u>Potential SW Chapter Members and Guests</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Anne Reichman, ASU</li><li>2. David Tavares, City of Tempe</li><li>3. Diane Abrams, Stericycle</li><li>4. Greg Edwards, City of Mesa</li><li>5. Jack Minkalis, Town of Gilbert</li><li>6. Lauren Hertz, Flagstaff</li><li>7. Scott Logan, Curie Services</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Albert Alvarez, City of Phoenix</li><li>2. Cherri Taylor (CA), PSC/Stericycle</li><li>3. Christie Logan, Curie Environmental Services</li><li>4. Dave Bennett, City of Scottsdale</li><li>5. David Ramirez, Town of Gilbert</li><li>6. Frank Sanchez, Advanced Chemical Transport</li><li>7. Mark Caliendo, EQ Online</li><li>8. Mike Dutra, Town of Gilbert</li></ol>
<u>SW Chapter Members Not Present</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Frank Bonillas, City of Tucson</li><li>2. Jeff Gibbons, Stericycle</li><li>3. Lily Bermejo, APS</li><li>4. Sam Bellamy, EQ Online</li></ol>	

b. Meeting Purpose: The SW Chapter of NAHMMA meets as a local/regional forum at least on an annual basis b/c we all have an interest in responsibly managing hazardous waste. We have come together to meet and greet our peers and like-minded professionals. We are here to exchange ideas, information, learn about and support NAHMMA, foster positive communication to engage members and review some chapter business. We did not come together today to market our business or solicit customers. We are here today to participate, engage and learn. Thanks for being respectful.

c. Thanks again to Jack and his staff for sponsoring our first annual in-person event and thank you to Stericycle for sponsoring our BBQ lunch.

d. Brief Introductions/Fun Facts:

- Albert Alvarez, SWANA member, raising kids and holds multiple HHW events per year
- Anne Reichman, Been on national NAHMMA board & currently works with sustainable entities
- Cherri Taylor (CA), Chapter President for CA NAHMMA and races sailboats
- Christie Logan, Travels a lot!
- Dave Bennett, SWANA member and new to NAHMMA
- David Ramirez, Been with Town of Gilbert for 8 years and enjoys Martial arts
- David Tavares, Been w/Tempe 16 yrs., Tempe HHW 1<sup>st</sup> in Valley & NAHMMA member since 1998 and challenges us all to reach out to our contacts, let them know and increase membership
- Diane Abrams, Goes to new country every year, 26+ yrs. exp. & HHW mgmt. is in her blood

- Frank Sanchez, Worked for PSC and coming back to NAHMMA. Member from 1993-1998
- Greg Edwards, Been with the City of Mesa for 10 yrs. and has been to all 50 states
- Jack Minkalis, Has multiple roles with Gilbert, has over 16+ yrs. exp. in field and likes to travel
- Lauren Hertz (LH), Been in industry 12+ yrs. and NAHMMA member since 2007
- Mark Caliendo, Worked for Safety Kleen, new to NAHMMA
- Mike Dutra, Been with Town of Gilbert for 8 yrs. and been to 48 states
- Scott Logan, Travels a lot!

## **II. SW Operating/Workplan:**

Our chapter workplan is a fluid document and will evolve over time to meet the needs of the SW Chapter and to support the goals, mission and purpose of NAHMMA. Lauren reviewed a total of 6 chapter's past and present workplans for a total of 11 document reviews. LH took elements from all and combined them into one workplan for us to discuss. Nothing is set in stone and your participation is key. Because of open discussions the workplan was not reviewed in detail. Rather it was distributed for review with Draft Key Dates set as followed:

- **June 19, 2014** – workplan distribution and review
- **July 3, 2014** – submit comments, and questions to LH for inclusion into draft
- **July 14, 2014** – LH to revise draft with submissions
- **July 17, 2014** – Final review, comments and approval at conference call
- **August 1, 2014** – Submit final SW Chapter workplan to Leadership

## **III. Open Discussions:**

- Cherri Taylor to send link on Used Oil Recycling conference/ HHW California from April meeting.
- Increase partnerships and discussions with ADOSH and ADEQ with reciprocal relationships providing outreach and workshops. Add good value to NAHMMA and chapter visibility.
  - ADEQ has been more proactive and more open to assisting members and may like to participate.
    - Frank Sanchez to check with appropriate ADEQ staff to invite and include.
  - Honorary membership for ADEQ paid for by SW chapter?
  - Or something like host a workshop and get a membership?
  - May want to add as regulatory update as an agenda item for ADEQ
- Should include NM and NV government agencies for information about HHW and CESQG. LH informed and invited ~25 different AZ and NV organizations last week. Hoping that Frank Sanchez and the Logan's can reach to NM Gov. and contacts.
- Paint Care was discussed. Topic to be further discussed if chapter wants to reach out to them. Could be an item for regional stewardship legislation.

## **IV. Elections, Nominations and Outreach:**

- Hold off until we have more SW members with paid up to date memberships-possibly October
- We need more members for voting and to fill committee positions as designated in workplan.

- Dave Bennett suggested branding an outreach message for the SW chapter group.
- Christie Logan suggested a “Speaker Bureau” for doing outreach for community events and with types of subjects. This would help get the NAHMMA name out in the community.

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## **V. National committee updates, National Conference and Future SW Chapter meetings:**

### a. Membership and Benefits

- Currently 11 members and hope to double membership by end of 2014.
- LH to check on “Member get a Member” campaign with Leadership and National Board.
- NAHMMA benefits include:
  - Training discounts
  - Webinars-online and archived
  - Networking and contact lists
    - LH discussed utilizing industry expert professionals who provided information to her so she could create explosive SOP. No need to reinvent the wheel. The information is already out there. LH to share SOP with Gilbert.
  - Conference opportunities-engaging and fun. Don’t forget HHW Olympics.

### b. NAHMMA NewsWatch, Website and Social Media

- NewsWatch has relevant articles at local, regional and national level. Subscription is free.
- Curie Environmental were sponsors of NewsWatch unfortunately no leads were procured. LH to check with NewsWatch.
- LinkedIn-NAHMMA has 450 online members-great professional network!
- Facebook-utilized but not keep so current. ☹
- Monthly webinars are coming back soon. The Communications committee is working on this.
- [SW Chapter website](#) needs photos/bios to spotlight members **by July 17th**. If you want to announce something, recognize an employee or program. Please [email](#) updates to LH.
- Open discussion on chapter having an open repository of documents that could be used and accessed

### c. National Conference-August 18-21 in Orlando Florida, sponsored by Florida/Caribbean Chapter

- Jack Minkalis will be our SW Chapter representative.
- Scholarships are available to assist with conference costs.
- Training at conference includes Train the Trainer in Hazwoper, facility design, RCRA and DOT.
- Please send any local-SW regional items for the SW auction Basket **before August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014** to Jack Minkalis 4760 S. Greenfield Road, Gilbert, AZ 85297.

### d. Future 2014/2015 conference calls next call is **July 17, 2014 at 1 PM.**

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## **VI. Other Chapter Business** - Financials not reviewed in detail and 1<sup>st</sup> conf. small but later to expand!

## **VII. HHW Tour/Networking and Adjournment**

- Great HHW facility tour led by David Ramirez and Mike Dutra. Spotless facility.
- 3pm Adjournment and Thanks all for coming and your participation! [Survey](#) to follow.