



North American Hazardous Materials  
Management Association

# Southwestern Chapter Meeting Minutes

## June 27, 2013

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

1. Frank Bonillas, Tucson
  2. Lauren Hertz, Flagstaff
  3. Victoria Hodge, NAHMMA President/Board of Directors
  4. Cheryl Lofrano-Zaske, Executive Committee
  5. Mike O'Donnell, NAHMMA Board of Directors
  6. Jonathan Stumpf, NAHMMA Communication Director
  7. David Tavares, Tempe
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### **Welcome from NAHMMA Executive Committee:**

NAHMMA BOD / Executive Committee welcomed and thanked the SW Chapter for forming. Mike O'Donnell informed conference participants about the recent NW Annual Chapter conference which included keynote speakers, seminars and training opportunities. We heard it was a great event with good turnout. Our goal would be to start small and maybe next year our chapter can have a ½ day conference. Some funding/training may be provided by NAHMMA, our vendors, contractors and maybe even ADEQ. Let's keep our options open and if you have ideas or suggestions shoot them over. Also, please let me know if you would like to review the NW conference budget sheet or program flyer and I will send them your way.

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### **NAHMMA Committees:** Brief overview of some of the [NAHMMA Chapter Committees](#).

Jonathan Stumpf, the NAHMMA Communication Director discussed the Communications Committee. Jonathan manages NAHMMA social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Linked In](#)), the NAHMMA website and our newsletters. I am on the Communication Committee with Jonathan and a few other NAHMMA members. We conference call 1x/month for about 15 minutes-1/2 hour and discuss current communication methods and ideas to increase outreach and participation. We would love to hear from you if you have a suggestion.

- a. If you have any events, meetings, updates or program highlights, please forward them to [Jonathan via email](#). This is great way to show off your regional programs and events.
  2. The Training Committee designs training opportunities specific to the needs of NAHMMA members. Training opportunities are online webinars, conference presentations and hands-on training (at the conferences). At this year's NAHMMA conference, scheduled trainings include:
    - a. Mercury Reduction for compliance staff
    - b. School Chemistry lab Inspections and clean-outs
    - c. DOT Hazmat refresher
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- d. HHW Administration for Managers
- e. HHW Facility Designs
- f. Explosive and High Reactive chemical recognition
- g. Chemistry for the Non-Chemist
- h. Disaster Debris
- i. Train the Trainer

On a side note, the Communications committee has discussed a GHS training since most folks require the new training by December 1, 2013. Updates on this discussion will proceed as I get more information.

3. Policy Committee-actively engages in external policy issues related to NAHMMA's mission statement. If you have a policy concern or issue you would like to discuss. Please contact [Jim Quinn](#). Recently I contacted Jim about an outreach email I received regarding the Battery Recycling Coalition encouraging the big brand battery makers to become stewards and recycle alkaline batteries. Jim will be forwarding my email to the Policy Committee board for discussion.
4. Many more committees can be view on the [NAHMMA Chapter Committees](#) page.

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### **Membership recruitment/outreach and fees:**

Just wanted to remind all that the new NAHMMA membership fees have been approved and are currently in place:

- \$90.00 associate (from \$75)
- \$250.00 small business/non-profit/agency (from \$175)
- \$450.00 large company (from \$375)
- \$90.00 individual/student/retiree

The SW Chapter is now on the Dashboard for finance, which means a portion of our membership fees comes back to the SW Chapter. As membership increases, so will our budget!

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.

### **How do you get the most out of the NAHMMA community?**

- Attend our conferences. Every year we hold a [national conference](#) that brings together the best and brightest from our industry. A few of our larger chapters also hold just as [impressive conferences](#), too. If you can't attend any of our conferences (really though, you must find a way), we always share the [conference proceedings online](#).
- Attend our monthly [webinars](#) and frequent [trainings](#). And definitely poke around our [webinar archives](#), too.
- Get involved with your [local chapter](#). This is one of the best ways to regularly share ideas and information in face-to-face meetings.
- Get involved with a [committee](#).
- Find questions to work-related issues by contacting your NAHMMA colleagues either through our [listserv](#), [LinkedIn Group](#), or [member directory](#).

- Poke around our [Share Center](#). This is a repository of RFPs, BMPs, SOPs, case studies, outreach materials, and other items your colleagues have used with success in their jobs. And if you have an item to share, [let us know](#).
- If you're in between jobs, looking for a new job, or have a position open at your office, check out our [Job Bank](#).
- Grow your HHW reference library and browse our [Bookstore](#).

If you'd like to learn more, just click the link for the location you're interested in above, or you could always just poke around [our website](#). If you would like a pdf brochure of NAHMMA for distribution, please contact [Jonathan Stumpf](#).

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### **National Conference Reminder:**

## **28TH ANNUAL NAHMMA CONFERENCE - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA,** Monday, September 23, 2013 - Friday, September 27, 2013

This conference is a great way to present your program as well as share your successes and trials. If you're interested in presenting please contact [Rita Perini](#) or [Jonathan Stumpf](#) immediately. I believe the deadline to submit proposals for the conference has been extended to August 31, 2013.

**Also, if you are interested in attending the conference as the delegate for the SW Chapter, please contact me at your earliest convenience. I can be reached directly at 928.213.2156. There may be an opportunity for the registration fees to be waved.**

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### **Resources:**

NAHMMA NW listserv is a resource to share information and questions regarding HHW and CESQG waste. <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=HHW-CESQG>

### **Next Conference Call: Tentative October 2013**

Final Note: Thanks to all that are able to participate in these conference calls. With various time zones I know it is difficult. I will prepare an agenda in advance and list out the different time zones. I think that will help. As always if you have suggestions, comments or concern feel free to contact me at your convenience either by email or directly at 928.213.2156.

**Thanks everybody! Work hard and Stay SAFE!**

**Lauren J. Hertz**