



North American Hazardous Materials
Management Association

Southwestern Chapter Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2014

HAPPY SPRING ALL!

1. SW Chapter Member Present/Roll Call:

1. Diane Abrams, Stericycle
2. Sam Bellamy, EQ Online
3. Lauren Hertz, Flagstaff
4. Scott Logan, Curie Environmental Services
5. David Ramirez for Jack Minkalis, Town of Gilbert Environmental Services
6. Frank Sanchez, prospective member from Advanced Chemical Transport

I. SW Chapter Future Meeting Schedule:

- It was agreed among call participants that future meetings will be held on a quarterly basis, on the 3rd Thursday of that month at 1PM. Future meetings for this 2014 will be July 17th and October 16th.
- In addition to quarterly conference calls, we discussed an in-person meet and greet conference possibly Thursday, June 19 hosted by the Town of Gilbert. Please mark your calendars for this tentative date. More details will follow.

II. Chapter Goals/Workplans – Examples, Expectations and Questions:

- As requested I am resending the workplan examples previously sent out. Although they are pretty similar, **please review the attached workplans** and extract what you think works and what does not. At the June in-person SW chapter meeting, we will need to hammer this out to make it our *own* guidance document. It will be finalized at our July 17th conference call meeting and submitted to the NAHMMA board for review. This is required prior to the NAHMMA annual conference.

III. Leadership Updates:

- 573 active NAHMMA members. 9 SW Chapter members. 8 is the minimum for a chapter to exist. If the SW chapter falls below 8 members there are two options:
 - Be absorbed and join another chapter in proximity (most likely Rocky Mountain)
 - Dissolve and existing member become independent NAHMMA members
- **Please review the attached membership spreadsheet, your membership status and all associated information.**
- **Please reach out to your contacts** and inform them about [NAHMMA's membership benefits](#) or check them out for yourself and see what you've been missing out on. Thanks.
- NAHMMA newsletter updates can be sent to [Donald Hardee](#) or [Dan King](#). Great opportunity to highlight your staff, programs or regional events.

- NAHMMA NewsWatch – great monthly opportunity to advertise like Scott Logan of Curie Environmental Services. His ad is one of the first items subscribers see and reaches members and businesses across the country. NewsWatch also has feature articles to keep you informed. You can contribute as well. [Subscribing is free](#).
- I offered to be trained to learn the NAHMMA website so I can update our pages and progress. I have website experience and enjoy the work. I'd like to ask you all for photos of what you do or where you work. These I hope to post on our SW Chapter page. It needs some personality. **Please send me a few photos**. Thanks.

V. NAHMMA Committees

- **Please review these brief overviews of the [NAHMMA Chapter Committees](#).**
- Committees meet like ours on a quarterly or every other month basis for about 30 minutes. They do vary dependent upon the work load.
- Each [NAHMMA Committee](#) has one scholarship per year to assist with annual conference costs. I want to say this is up to \$500.00 funds permitting.
- I encourage all of you to review the chapter committees. I am looking for at least once SW Chapter member to join the communications committee to keep us informed. I was on this committee for 3 years and will continue to do so now that a new chair has been appointed but I'm looking for help as I'm on the Leadership committee as well. Who can help?

VI. and VII. National Conferences:

Scott Logan of Curie Environmental Services shared his thoughts on the past Minnesota conference; small and organized. Granted this was Minnesota's first conference, I heard positive comments all around with the exception that seminars were lacking a bit-not enough of them. But...

this year's NAHMMA National Conference-August 18-21, 2014 – Orlando, Florida at the Buena Vista Palace Resort and Spa, <http://www.buenavistapalace.com> should be a grand opportunity. Florida is a very active chapter with a huge # of members and large amount of local, regional and national vendors participating.

- Once again if you are interested in representing the SW chapter as our chapter delegate, please let me know. You will be required to attend particular meetings but will have plenty of time to enjoy the weather, seminars, ceremonies, trainings and tours. Last year Jack Minkalis (from Gilbert) attended as our delegate and received a financial scholarship for some conference costs. So let me know. Thanks!

As always if you have suggestions, comments or concern feel free to contact me at your convenience either by email or directly at 928.707.1139. Please note my new contact # and email.

Thanks everybody! Work hard and Stay SAFE!

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