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ACADEMY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

6:00 PM - No Host Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

Election

8:00 PM - Program

Climate Change in the Northwest: Impacts, Choices and Change

Speaker:

Lara Whitely Binder

Center for Science in the Earth System

University of Washington

LOCATION: ROCK SALT STEAK HOUSE – 1232 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle

DIRECTIONS: Follow I-5 or Highway 99 to Mercer exit; Follow traffic to intersection with Westlake North; (far right hand lane) turn north; restaurant is about 1/2 mile north of the intersection on the lake. Parking is limited – carpool if possible.

MENU: Choose from one of the following menu items:

- 1) Penne Primavera with sautéed veggies in olive oil and garlic
- 2) Tilapia prepared with Cajun spices and served with a mango salsa
- 3) Top sirloin steak, grilled and topped with sautéed mushrooms and onions

All menu choices include Caesar dinner salads. Baby red potatoes accompany the steak and fish.

TO ATTEND: RSVP by 5:00 pm, Thursday, November 29th to reserve your space and provide your menu choice to Mark Menard, menardm@soundtransit.org. When making a dinner reservation, please provide the following:

- Your name and full names of any guests,
- Phone number or e-mail address, and
- Dinner choice for each name given.

Reservations will not be taken after 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date. Make checks payable to: PNWC AHMM. Dinner costs \$30 if you RSVP before the deadline. After the deadline, the dinner cost is \$35.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Our speaker for this meeting will be Lara Whitely Binder, an outreach specialist at the University of Washington's Climate Impacts Group (CIG). Lara assists the CIG with its efforts to disseminate information to decision makers on the impacts of climate variability and climate change on the Pacific Northwest, and to support decision makers in the use of this information. Lara earned her Master's Degree in Public affairs at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs in 2002. Prior to attending graduate school, Lara served as the Groundwater Protection Coordinator for a consortium of public and private groundwater suppliers in the greater Cincinnati, Ohio metropolitan area. As the coordinator, Lara developed and administered a multi-jurisdictional groundwater protection program.

The CIG is an interdisciplinary research group studying the impacts of natural climate variability and global climate change on the U.S. Pacific Northwest. Through these analyses and interaction with the regional stakeholder community, the CIG works to increase the resilience of the Pacific Northwest to fluctuations in climate. Current research focuses on four key sectors: water resources, aquatic and marine ecosystems, forests and coasts. The CIG is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Global Programs with additional financial and technical support provided by the University of Washington.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION HONORED

The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM), in conjunction with its 2007 Annual National Conference held in Arlington, Virginia in August, honored the Pacific Northwest Chapter (PNWC) for 15 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the CHMM program. Thank you all Chapter members for your continuous support!

RECORD-SETTING ATTENDANCE AT NOVEMBER OVERVIEW COURSE

Twenty-four (24) students signed up for and attended the chapter's 3-day "Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management" course last month. The course, formerly known as the "National Overview Course", was held at the University of Washington's Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety on November 5-7.

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Most of the students were from the Puget Sound area, with a few of them traveling from as far away as Lincoln, Nebraska and Tooele, Utah to attend the seminars. The students represented a wide variety of professional areas, from industrial hygiene to construction management. Approximately half of the students signed up for the course to learn about or review the various hazmat compliance areas. The remaining half signed up for the course to prepare themselves for the CHMM examination.

The course netted the Pacific Northwest chapter over \$8000 and potentially increased chapter membership. Local students who pass the examination will be rewarded with a free dinner at a subsequent chapter meeting.

Special thanks to fellow CHMMs Dion Valdez, Mark Menard, Jacqueline Drumheller, Sue Maas, Steven Li, Mike Berg, Katherine Garrison, and John Labadie for generously donating their time and expertise as course instructors. Thank-you also go to Maribeth Moore and her staff at the University of Washington for doing such a terrific job at organizing and marketing the course, and our Education & Certification Committee Chair, Jacqueline Drumheller for coordinate it. We look forward to congratulating future certified CHMMs.

CERTIFIED SIGN-IN – SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 CHAPTER MEETING

Certified CHMMs earn Certification Maintenance Points (CMPs) for attending local chapter events (documentation is required). The following certified CHMMs signed in as “present” at the last Chapter meeting:

Certified Sign-in September 4, 2007 Chapter Meeting (By last name)

Beardsley	Greg	Hafferty	Andy	Roberson	Dave
Berg	Michael	LaFata	Mark	Rowe	Bill
Cook	Benjamin	Li	Steve	Sutton	Alan
Doubt	Roark	Maas	Sue	Thorkildson	Richard
Drumheller	Jacqueline	Menard	Mark	Walton	Warren
Galloway	Gary	Murphy	Janet	Woodke	Mark
Garrison	Katherine	Rainsberger	Al		

If you were present at the meeting, but did not sign in, please contact the Corresponding Secretary to amend the official sign-in. June 2007 attendance correction: Erik Berg attended.

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ELECTION NIGHT / NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers (PNWC-AHMM) is seeking members to join its 2008 Board of Directors. The Board is a seven-member volunteer board that meets quarterly. In addition, there are four advising committees. There are always several openings in the Board since the officers have a term limits of one to two years.

Volunteer board members are the backbone of the local chapter. Board members willingly give their time and energy to our chapter because they believe in the goals and purpose of our organization. These board members receive no payment or special treatment; they volunteer so our institution can thrive and prosper to serve future generations of CHMMs.

The chapter elections will be held at the next chapter meeting on December 4th, 2007. As a member of PNWC-AHMM, you're entitled to nominate and vote for any member, and even run for Board office yourself.

Why be a board member? Among the many reasons: Enjoy a low-cost professional development opportunity and create an additional outlet for your professional skills. Get practical, hands-on experience at leading a non-profit organization. Increase the visibility of your business through volunteerism. Give back to your profession Network with like-minded individuals. Positions that will be open in 2008 are:

Treasurer: Collect, manage and record all Chapter funds and dues paid, and disperse such funds as directed by the Board.

Recording Secretary: Keeps minutes of all Chapter and Board of Directors meetings.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for one of the board positions, please contact Katherine Garrison at katherine.garrison@hexcel.com.

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QUARTERLY CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES ROCK SALT RESTAURANT IN SEATTLE SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. Katherine Garrison, PNWC-AHMM President, introduced herself. Introductions were made around the room of each attendee.

Chapter Business:

1. ACHMM National Conference in Arlington, Virginia: Jacqueline Drumheller went as a speaker and Sydney Randall went as the Chapter Delegate and brought back a Certificate of Appreciation for the Chapter's 15 years of service.
2. Chapter newsletter by mail will only be available on request starting next quarter.
3. We are looking for new Board members next year. Open positions will include Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Director (2 years) and Director (1 year). Any member in good standing interested, please contact Katherine.
4. The CHMM overview course will be on November 5-7 near University of Washington. Please see the website for a link to course information and registration.
5. ASSE is having a Professional Development Conference on September 20 in Everett. Roark will post the information on our website.

Vice President Report -

Mark Menard - Taking speaker suggestions next year.

Treasurer Report -

Sue Maas - Working with Janet Murphy to transfer Treasurer duties for the remainder of the year. We are looking for a new Treasurer next year.

Education and Certification Committee Report -

Jacqueline Drumheller - Working with the University of Washington to organize the overview course. A good turnout is expected. We have not received any new information on the new CHMP certification but candidates could benefit from the overview course also.

Others -

Member Warren Walton made a Department of Ecology job announcement.

Speaker -

Jacqueline Drumheller from Alaska Airlines gave a presentation on 'What EH&S Professionals Should Know About Dangerous Goods' with Q&A at the end.

The next meeting will be held December 4, 2007.

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QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES TAMARIND TREE RESTAURANT IN SEATTLE OCTOBER 10, 2007

Attendees: Jacqueline Drumheller, Katherine Garrison, Elizabeth Huarte (minutes), Sue Maas, Roark Doubt, Dion Valdez, Erik Berg, Mark Menard

Chapter Business:

1. ACHMM Business

- Received a 15-year recognition certificate at the national conference.
- ACHMM announced a Strategic Partnership Program similar to our sponsorship program.
- IHMM sent out an online survey.

2. Member Database

Better use of spreadsheets and the member database for RSVP, payments and attendance was discussed. Elizabeth and Roark will try writing some database format that the Corresponding Secretary, VP and Treasurer can feed data into, without having multiple spreadsheets.

3. Newsletter Mailing

No responses were received by newsletter readers to request a hard copy. The next newsletter will be distributed by e-mail addresses only.

4. Speakers

Mark has lead for December meeting. Discussed topic ideas for future speakers in 2008, specifically more environmentally focused, e.g. e-waste, sustainable business, hydro-cycle, biodiesel.

5. Agency Recognizing CHMM

Discussed a list of agencies recognizing the CHMM certification put out by another local chapter. Erik to distribute to Board members.

6. National Overview Course

Jackie is recruiting course instructors and organizing training materials. The course flyer was sent to the UW department student mailing list and continuing education member database. Katherine needs to sign the agreement and send back to UW.

7. Long-time Members

Dion came up with a list of long-time active members by comparing 1997 attendance to 2006 attendance. Dues payment history were not always available. Roark had more newsletters in archive that may be helpful. Katherine will send the 2005-2007 attendance to Dion for further comparison. How to recognize these members was also discussed.

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Board Meeting Minutes (continued from page 6)

8. Treasurer

Sue will verify if we pay ACHMM for the overview course royalty fee for 2006. There is a new agreement for the 2007 royalty fee. Katherine will sign and send back. Sue will fill out the W-9 form that PSC requested to set us up as a vendor for their sponsorship.

9. New Board Members

Need to recruit for 2008. Need to review by-laws for position terms. Existing members to confirm their commitment for the same or different position next year.

10. Calendar

Move September meeting next year to one week later, so it is not immediately following Labor Day or first day of school. Have the next Board meeting in the second week of January so that it is not following the New Year Day.

Next Board Meeting: Around Jan 8, 2007.

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2007-2008 CHAPTER CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Mark your calendars for 2007-2008 Chapter events: Locations of events are subject to change, please refer to the most current meeting announcement or confirm with a chapter officer prior to attendance.

Date	Event	Location
December 4 (Tue)	Chapter Meeting	Rock Salt Steakhouse
January 8, 2008 (Tue)	Board Meeting	Seattle?
March 4, 2008 (Tue)	Chapter Meeting	Rock Salt Steakhouse
April 8, 2008 (Tue)?	Board Meeting	Seattle?
June 3, 2008 (Tue)	Chapter Meeting	Rock Salt Steakhouse
July 8, 2008 (Tue)?	Board Meeting	Seattle?
September 7-10, 2008	National Conference	Minneapolis, MN
September 9 (Tue)	Chapter Meeting	Rock Salt Steakhouse
October 7, 2008 (Tue)?	Board Meeting	Seattle?
November	Essential of Hazardous Materials Management (Overview Course)	Seattle
December 2, 2008 (Tue)	Chapter Meeting	Rock Salt Steakhouse



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