



MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2010

Capital Area Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM)

Business Meeting: @ **Lancaster Brewing Company**
469 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg, PA

Attendees: Scott Ressler, Robert Stockholm, Mark Schaffer, Scott Durnin,
Marcia Thiess, Heath Edelman

- Aside from the good food and beverages the members in attendance were given an entertaining presentation by Richard Cartwright of the AHMP national organization.
- The presentation began with a brief history of the organization and how it has evolved over the years. Mr. Cartwright described how the participation of the membership has declined due to various forces. He stated that the way to get things moving again is with connectivity through the various available electronic media. He described the AHMP discussion group available on LinkedIn. Some other possibilities are Facebook and Twitter.
- LinkedIn can be used to advance our careers and maintain contact with professionals in our disciplines. He stated that we have to become subject matter experts and then be able to sell that expertise to other people.
- The presentation included the association between chemicals and risk and how CHMM's fit into that equation relative to safety and environmental protection.
- He described the next big certification which is the CHMP, Certified Hazardous Materials Professional. This is designed for people that don't necessarily have the education requirements, but have the experience. This

certification is going global. Many emergency response professionals are obtaining this credential and getting training for the exam via publicly available money.

- He suggested that a relatively new credential that would be good for those of us seeking additional certifications. That is the PMP, Project Management Professional.
- The presentation and meeting ended with a good discussion about networking through the electronic media and increasing membership of local chapters through that means and there was a discussion about the recent national meeting.
- Everyone at the meeting felt that there was a lot of good information presented along with some good ideas to increase professional and chapter growth.

Robert Stockholm, CHMM, REP

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