



# MEETING MINUTES

## May 18, 2017

### **Pennsylvania Capital Area Chapter of the Certified Hazardous Materials Managers**

**Business Meeting:**

**@ Pennsylvania Emergency Management  
Agency, Harrisburg, PA**

**Social Event:**

**@ The Millworks, Harrisburg, PA**

**Attendees:** See attachment

- Bruce Kuhn, State EOC Coordinator, and Fred Boylstein, Director of the Central Area Office of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), provided a tour of their command center and discussed how local, state, and federal agencies collaborate and respond during emergency incidents in Pennsylvania. There was a question and answer session, followed by a discussion of chapter business.
- Mark Bruce was pleased by the meeting attendance, especially from the Philadelphia CHMM Chapter, and attendees agreed that there should be more regional collaborative efforts in the future.
- Mark Bruce has been reaching out to local associations to increase CHMM chapter membership. Mark and the AHMP have also been working to build student chapters.
- The ABIH, the credentialing body for Certified Industrial Hygienists, and the IPEP, the credentialing body for Qualified Environmental Professionals, are collaborating with AHMP to reach a wider audience of professionals. IPEP does not have a member association. The AHMP continuing education platform could be useful to both IPEP and ABIH.
- Paying dues is very important because it pays for member functions. Payment of AHMP dues will grant members free access to the continuing education programs of the Cyber Chapter. The Cyber Chapter is also hosting a CIH exam workshop.
- The chapter can work with college seniors interested in IPEP Environmental Professional Intern (EPI) credential to make the exam and certification available.
- The ASSE and AHMP have an agreement to reciprocate marketing and to avoid IRS tax issues as a 501 (c) (3), non-CHMM members of AHMP can now have a voting board position. The Central PA ASSE chapter was invited to this meeting, but did not forward the invitation to members.
- Mark noted that nationally AHMP membership and revenues are down since 2009. Members want meetings that are value added.
- There is room for improvement in the chapter's website and social media. There was discussion of how to increase capital chapter area member interest. Web meetings are a possibility.
- Mark noted the importance of submitting the IRS postcards for non-profit agencies.
- Future meeting dates and locations were not formally discussed. Any suggestions from the membership are welcome.

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