

Old Dominion Chapter  
Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM)

Minutes

January 18, 2007

1. The Old Dominion Chapter conducted its first quarterly meeting of 2007 on January 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Williamsburg Residency located at 4451 Ironbound Road in Williamsburg, Virginia.

2. The following individuals attended the meeting(s):

Mike Gordon  
Tom Numbers  
Lindsay Tycer  
Tony Banks  
Gene Kostinas  
Tim Christensen

3. Mike Gordon officially opened the meeting at 7:10 PM and welcomed all in attendance. Mike Gordon asked if everyone had gotten an opportunity to review the minutes. All parties had reviewed the minutes and Tom Numbers made a motion that the minutes be accepted, Tony Banks seconded Tom's motion. Mike Gordon called for a vote, and all attendees were in favor of accepting the minutes.

4. Mike Gordon gave the Treasurer's Report. He said that he was not aware of any expenditures paid since the last treasurer's report, so the previous reported balance of \$4,279.15 should still be valid. He also mentioned that he had not been able to get up with Mary Sowinski concerning the key to the post office box.

5. Tony Banks gave the Governments Affairs Committee report. He said that he had called the national committee chair, but had not gotten any calls back. Mike Gordon said that all of the chairpersons for the national committees had just changed and that may be the reason why Tony's call has not been returned. Mike also stated that he had made a recommendation that national committee chairs serve a two year term rather than the current one year term to help alleviate some of the turmoil caused by changing chairpersons. Tony Banks said that Russ Dudley had been trying to get a contact in the Virginia General Assembly to see if legislation could be amended to help validate the CHMM credential. Lindsay Tycer said that he had met the individual from the local chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) that had worked on similar legislative efforts concerning the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) credential, and would attempt to contact him on the issue.

6. Mike Gordon began discussions on the National Overview Course (NOC). In addition to possibly assisting with the NOC given at the national ACHMM conference, the chapter would like to put on its own NOC this spring. Two possible sets of dates were discussed for the NOC: May 15 through 18 with the exam on May 19, or May 20 through 23 with the exam on May 24. Tony Banks said that he would check with William and Mary University to see if classrooms were available and to see if any boarding was available as well. Mike Gordon said that he would also check with Christopher Newport. Tim Christensen said that he would look into the availability of training facilities on Fort Eustis. Mike Gordon noted that in the spring of 2007, the testing procedures for the exam will be changing.

7. Mike Gordon announced that on February 7, Andy Winch will be giving a presentation on the CHMM credential to the local ASSE chapter.

8. Mike Gordon announced that the chapter's annual report is due in February. He also mentioned that he would like for the chapter to start thinking of offering some sort of incentives to try to gain new members.

9. Mike Gordon began discussions on the CHMMunity Grant Program. In this program, the national office can give grants of up to \$500.00 to chapters involved in outreach programs with the community. The initial grant was given to the Northstar Chapter for a state park clean-up. Mike said that just about every chapter that applies for a grant gets one, so he would like the members to look for opportunities to apply for one. Tony Banks said he would check with Dominion Power to see if there were any opportunities to partner with them. Mike Gordon said that perhaps Chad Niermeyer could check with Bush to see if there were any partnering opportunities there. Lindsay Tycer said that there may be some opportunities to partner with the Central Virginia Waste Management authority.

10. For the National Conference, Mike Gordon said that he would like to see members of our chapter, and the chapter itself, earn some awards at the conference. Mike said that he had looked over some of the award qualifications and thought that many of the criteria had already been met. Lindsay Tycer said that he had also looked over the qualifications and thought that the chapter had already completed several of the requirements. Mike Gordon will look into the award packages and requirements. Also, the ACHMM is still looking for company names and sponsors for the National Conference.

11. Gene Kostinas initiated discussions on possibly having dinner meetings and keynote speakers at the meetings. The attendees all agreed that some sort of dinner and getting more noteworthy speakers at the meetings would be a good idea. Someone pointed out that many of the local chapters of other professional organizations have dinner or lunch meetings at restaurants. Several ideas were discussed, including having meetings at a restaurant and catering meals at our current meeting sites. Lindsay Tycer said he would look into catering options for the next meeting in Richmond. Gene Kostinas said that he would contact the fire chief at the Defense Supply Center in Richmond to see if he would be willing to give a presentation during the meeting. Gene Kostinas said that he would

also look into meeting or catering options with Sal's Restaurant in Williamsburg for future Williamsburg meetings.

12. Tony Banks said that he needs chapter members to help with the National conference. He said that the chapter may be missing out on good opportunities for participation and recognition. Tony also suggested that chapter members check with their Local Emergency Planning Commissions (LEPCs) to see if opportunities were available to assist the local community. James City County and York County both have very active LEPCs. Members were urged to check with other LEPCs in the Mid Atlantic Coastal Area communities.

13. The Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Richmond Area.

14. The meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Gordon, President, Old Dominion Chapter