

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

Minutes

April 26, 2007

1. The Old Dominion Chapter conducted its second quarterly meeting of 2007 on April 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Afton Chemical Research Center, 500 Spring Rd, Richmond, Virginia.

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

Mike Gordon  
Lindsay Tycer  
Gene Kostinas  
Dave McCrumb  
Brian Puse  
Bill Street  
Ted Puchalski  
Anna Jolly  
Don Rodgers

3. Mike Gordon officially opened the meeting at 7:20 PM and welcomed all in attendance and initiated introductions of those present.

4. Although minutes from the previous meeting were not distributed at the meeting, they had been made available in pre-meeting e-mails. Mike Gordon asked if everyone had gotten an opportunity to review the minutes, and if anyone had any comments on the minutes. Given no comments, Mike Gordon called for a vote on acceptance of the minutes, and all attendees were in favor of accepting the minutes.

5. With no treasurer present, Mike Gordon gave the Treasurer's Report. He said that he has not heard from either our past treasurer, or the new treasurer, and did not even know if a turn-over had been performed. As far as he knew, no new expenditures were paid since the last treasurer's report, so the previous reported balance of \$4,279.15 should still be valid.

6. For the government affairs report, 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 legislative efforts concerning the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) credential, and would attempt to contact him to see what could be done concerning the CHMM credential.

7. Mike Gordon reported that the chapter Board of Directors met via a conference call on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007. The major topics of discussion during the meeting were a chapter sponsored national overview course this spring, and participation in the national conference. The Board of directors decided that providing support to the national overview course being given during the national conference and putting on a national overview course of its own would place too much of a time burden on chapter members; and therefore, the chapter would not give a national overview course this spring.

8. Lindsay Tycer reported that he had been sitting in on conference with the National Capital chapter and the Chesapeake chapter to coordinate participation and support for the national conference. Assistance is needed from chapter members to staff the chapter booth, work the registration desk, stuff packets, and teach modules during the national overview course.

9. Mike Gordon stated that the chapter needed to designate an official delegate to the national conference. Mike also stated that he was through with his committee duties and would be available to serve as the chapter's official delegate. Gene Kostinas made a motion that Mike Gordon be named as the official chapter delegate and Lindsay Tycer seconded the nomination. All attendees voted in favor of naming Mike Gordon as the official chapter delegate to the National conference.

10. Mike Gordon stated that the chapter normally sponsors a second individual to the national conference and that the board of directors would discuss the issue during their next meeting and nominate an individual to be sponsored by the chapter.

11. Mike Gordon discussed a possible summer social event. His recommendation was to have a patio party at a Tides baseball game. He was looking into afternoon games and ran several potential dates past the group. Mike will check availability of the patio area.

12. Gene Kostinas initiated discussions on meeting location. He noted that in general, there has been a steady decline in meeting attendance, and that the attendance seemed to be particularly low when the meeting was held in Chesapeake or Richmond. Gene asked if the group thought having a single meeting site would be beneficial. Most of the meeting attendees were from the Richmond area and parts further west, and several stated that the Richmond area meeting was the only one that they could make. Given that response, Gene suggested that we retain the meeting in Richmond once a year, and hold the remaining 3 meetings in the Williamsburg area. Gene said that he would look into possible restaurant meeting sites.

13. Chief Don Rodgers of the Defense Supply Center Richmond Fire Department gave the group a very informative presentation on the Defense Supply Center, the fire and emergency services his department provides, and the Department of Defense Worldwide Hazardous Materials Hotline that is operated by his department.

14. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Williamsburg area.

15. The meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Gordon, President, Old Dominion Chapter