

Date of Submittal: April 17, 2009

## Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals National Awards Nomination Form

**!!Carefully read the General Requirements and Guidelines for Nominators and Nominees before completing this submittal!! See: <http://www.achmm.org/awards.htm>**

**The first page of this form must be completed for all nominations except the Champion of Excellence and Honor Roll of Champions nominations (see separate forms on the web for these two criteria awards.)**

Award Nominated for: Pete Cook Founders Award

<b>Name:</b>	<u>Candidate</u> <b>Ken Manchen PE, CHMM, Fellow, Distinguished Diplomate</b>	<b>Nominators:</b> <b>Northeast Ohio Chapter of Hazardous Material Managers ("NEOCHMM")</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<u>220 Senlac Hills Drive</u>  <u>Chagrin Falls, OH 44022</u>	<u>Mark Baumgardner, CHMM— Past President mbmcehs@roadrunner.com</u> <u>Venky Venkatesh, CHMM— President vvenkatesh@neochmm.org</u> <u>Elsie Allen, CHMM-- Secretary of AHMP</u> <u>Allison King, CHMM—IHMM Board</u>
<b>Phone/fax:</b>	<u>440-247-1149</u>	
<b>Email:</b>	<u>kmanchen@premierfarnell.com</u>	

Candidate's Supervisor Name and Address:

Joe Daprile  
Vice President & General Counsel  
Premier Farnell Corp.  
4801 N. Ravenswood Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60640

Nomination of Ken Manchen, CHMM for the Pete Cook Founder's Award, *con'd*

**Name of Local Newspaper or Business Journal:**

**Cleveland Plain Dealer**  
Plain Dealer Plaza  
1801 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2198  
Business Editor  
Randy Roguski  
[rroguski@plaind.com](mailto:rroguski@plaind.com)  
216.999.4886

*Crain's Cleveland Business'*  
700 W. St. Clair  
Suite 310  
Cleveland, OH, 44113  
216-522-1383

MARK DODOSH  
Fax: Editorial

EDITOR

 216-771-5358  
Staff: 216-522-0625

---

**Candidate's Certification Level/Number:**

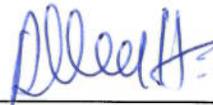
Master Level #430

**Chapter Affiliation\* :**

NEOCHMM

**Signature of Local Chapter President\* :**

Venky Venkatesh, CHMM

 4/21/09

\* If nominee is not currently affiliated with a local chapter, contact the ACHMM national office for a referral.

**Candidate: Ken Manchen PE, CHMM, Fellow, Distinguished Diplomat**

**National Awards Nomination Form**

Please provide a narrative describing the candidate's (chapter's) qualification for the Award Nomination. Review criteria for awards and include any relevant documentation with narrative. Please make your nominations concise and legible.

The Pete Cook Founders Award is given for "distinguished service or achievement in support of the AHMP". The award honors a "peer nominated member of the AHMP who has made outstanding accomplishments in support of the AHMP, by providing long-term service or

Nomination of Ken Manchen, CHMM for the Pete Cook Founder's Award, *con'd*

continuous professional achievements while promoting the vision & mission of the AHMP and the integrity of the CHMM credential". We feel Ken is a deserving choice for this award.

Ken became a CHMM when the CHMM exam was first offered in 1984. Since he became a CHMM, he has served in a major national (AHMP, IHMM or local chapter) **leadership role for 25 consecutive years. *Ken has a unique and special link to Pete Cook.*** He served as the first elected Secretary-Treasurer of ACHMM and then succeeded Pete Cook as ACHMM President. He served with Pete Cook on both the ACHMM and IHMM Boards. He co-founded a local AHMP chapter (NEOCHMM) in Northeast Ohio and recently assisted in the establishment of AHMP's first international chapter in Bangalore, India.

Nomination of Ken Manchen, CHMM for the Pete Cook Founder's Award, *con'd*

Ken served **two years as an ACHMM President**, has served for 20 consecutive years on the IHMM Board of Directors, chaired the IHMM Board for 5 years, has been a local Chapter (NEOCHMM) President, has been an **active lifetime member of NEOCHMM**, and is a lifetime member of the ACHMM India Chapter. For the past two years Ken as the CHMM program representative on the Council of Engineering Specialties Board, the Board that accredits the CHMM credential.

Ken has also made numerous professional contributions to the hazardous materials field. He has published 20 journal articles, **written chapters for the ACHMM desk reference book** and the IHMM Handbook, taught numerous review courses, visited **India** in 2006 and 2008 with an ACHMM contingent to give support and assist with chapter start-up. He served last year on the **ACHMM Re-Branding Task Force** and helped the organization pick a new name.

Ken recently applied for his fourth AHMP **Champion of Excellence** award. Ken was named an **"Honorary Fellow"** of the Institute in 1996, and a **"Distinguished Diplomate"** in 2001. Ken has done much over the years to help IHMM, ACHMM and NEOCHMM grow and prosper. He has also done much to enhance the integrity of the CHMM credential and the hazardous materials field.

### **Background information**

Ken is a **CHMM** and licensed **Professional Engineer** with a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering and a Master of Business Administration (**MBA**) degree.

Ken began his career by working for 10 years for a multinational manufacturer of electronic, automotive and truck equipment (**Eaton Corporation**). His title was Corporate Environmental Engineer. He worked for the corporate office and assisted Eaton facilities across North America with their environmental requirements. He designed treatment systems and helped them comply with environmental laws such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, RCRA, Superfund, and UST.

He next worked for 5 years for a consulting firm (**Groundwater Technology**). He managed their Ohio consulting office, and then acted as National Accounts Manager. In his later position, he oversaw work performed by his company for major corporations across the United States. His corporate accounts included Mobil Oil, Baxter Healthcare, Rockwell, GM, Ford, Cummins Engine, Anheuser Busch, ITT, Safety Kleen, Ashland Chemical, Meier Superstores, and Goodyear.

Ken currently works for a UK based multinational electronics distributor, **Premier Farnell Corporation**. He works at their North American headquarters in Cleveland, OH. His title is Corporate Director of Safety, Health and Environmental Affairs – *Americas*. He has safety and environmental responsibility for the company's five North American divisions. His company sells a full-line of electronic goods, and also provides alternative environmentally friendly electronic products (ones with low hazardous substance content, low energy using products, etc.). His company has won numerous safety and environmental awards, and has a reputation as an environmentally friendly company. He is a big reason for that. He is currently helping lead an effort to reduce the company's global greenhouse gas emissions.

## Ken's ACHMM and NEOCHMM Activities

ACHMM members elected their first set of officers in 1988. Pete Cook was its first member elected President, and Ken its first **Secretary-Treasurer**. *Pete Cook was Ken's mentor*. At Pete's urging, Ken ran for and was elected to succeed Pete as ACHMM National President. Ken served as ACHMM Secretary-Treasurer from 1988-1990, and ACHMM President from 1990-1991. During Ken's tenure as President, ACHMM established a financial reserve and wrote and instituted ACHMM by-laws.

While serving as ACHMM President in 1991, Ken was approached by fellow CHMM Elise Allen-Frankenfield. Elise wanted him to start an ACHMM chapter in his hometown of Cleveland, OH. Ken, Elise and Mike Paessun joined together and **co-founded** the "Northeast Ohio Chapter of Hazardous Materials Managers (**NEOCHMM**)" in the fall of 1991. Additional details can be found on the [NEOCHMM website](#). Ken has been an active NEOCHMM member and supporter ever since. He served as NEOCHMM Treasurer from 1991-1994, Vice President in 1995, **President** in 1996, and served on the NEOCHMM Board of Directors from 1991-2000 and again in 2002. Ken has hosted Chapter meetings, been a speaker at numerous meetings, and acted as a review course instructor at Chapter sponsored review courses. While NEOCHMM President, he started ACHMM's first ever student chapter (reporting to NEOCHMM). Ken remains an active NEOCHMM chapter member. In January of 2009, he hosted a meeting and gave a presentation on "*Green Reporting, Why are Companies doing it?*" One of the most outstanding leadership quantities exhibited by Ken is his ability to recruit, train and motivate new members of the NEOCHMM Chapter. **These chapter members have gone on to serve on the ACHMM Board, ACHMM Committees and as NEOCHMM officers.** Ken is able to maintain the "big picture" and "forward looking" dimensions of management, yet still motivate Chapter officers when times have been rough.

Ken's ACHMM activities are numerous. Ken was instrumental in working out a mutually beneficially **affiliation agreement between ACHMM and IHMM** when the two parties separately incorporated in 1996. As a representative of the IHMM Board of Directors, Ken worked with then ACHMM President Rich Cartwright (in 1996), at a particularly tense and contentious time, in reaching a mutually beneficial affiliation agreement between the two organizations. This agreement has remained in effect ever since, and has been a key to the success of both organizations. He received an **ACHMM Dedicated Service Award** in 2001, was named an ACHMM Champion of Excellence in 1998, 2007 and 2008 (and hopes to be named once again in 2009). While IHMM Board Chairman in December 2005, he arranged and hosted the first ever co-meeting of the IHMM and ACHMM Boards.

Ken is a regular at ACHMM Annual Meetings. He helped ACHMM launch its first international chapter (the ACHMM Bangalore, India Chapter) in February 2006. While serving as Chairman of IHMM's Board of Directors, he **attended the India Chapter start-up meeting** in Bangalore in February 2006 with Tom Brown and Mike Mandracchia. He participated in opening and closing ceremonies, met (along with fellow ACHMMs) with representatives of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, gave opening and closing remarks, and gave a presentation on the benefits of the CHMM credential.

Nomination of Ken Manchen, CHMM for the Pete Cook Founder's Award, *con'd*

Ken returned to Bangalore in February 2008 when they held a review course and environmental conference. The ACHMM contingent once again included ACHMM's Mike Mandracchia. Ken gave two presentations at the conference, one on electronic waste (e-waste) rules, and one on his company's Corporate Social Responsibility practices. He also brought a UK based colleague who lent his support to this new chapter. He spoke on European Union environmental regulations (RoHS, WEEE, EuP and REACH) affecting the worldwide electronics industry.

Ken has **provided much assistance** to the India Chapter since its start-up. He helped arrange for an NEOCHMM colleague and Bangalore native (Venky Venkatesh, CHMM), to be a speaker at an India Chapter meeting in Bangalore in 2007. Venky (now NEOCHMM President) returned to Bangalore this past summer and once again was an India Chapter speaker. Ken became a lifetime member of the ACHMM India Chapter, and has provided personal monetary contributions to the India Chapter. He has also provided logistical support to India Chapter members when they visited and attended the 2006, 2007, and 2008 ACHMM Annual Meetings. He personally funded and accompanied them on ACHMM field trips at the Annual Conference. He plans to provide assistance to India Chapter visitors once again at the 2009 meeting.

Although Ken was unable to accompany the 2009 AHMP team that visited the India Chapter in Bangalore this past February, he is currently assisting the team in preparing training modules for India hazardous materials professionals. He is authoring a training module on "Electronic Waste" handling, and is acting as a reviewer of several other training modules being developed for India professionals.

Ken recently assisted the ACHMM Board by serving on the 2008 ACHMM Re-Branding Task Force and assisted in selecting the new AHMP name for the organization.

2009 will mark the fourth year Ken has qualified as a Champion of Excellence.

### **Ken's IHMM Activities**

After passing the CHMM exam in 1984, Ken was asked by CHMM's founder, **Hal Gordon, to assist in the formation and administration of IHMM**. He served on IHMM's Advisory Board from 1984-1990, and then chaired that Board from 1987-1990. In December of 1989, **Pete Cook and Ken were elected to IHMM's Board of Directors**. Ken has been a member of the IHMM Board of Directors ever since. He was named a "Fellow" in 1996. He then received one of the highest honors given to a CHMM when he was named a "Distinguished Diplomat" in 2001. Ken served as IHMM Board Secretary from 2000-2001, Vice Chair from 2001-2002, and then Chairman from 2002-2007. He is currently a **Board member** and "past chair". He chaired the IHMM Marketing Committee in 2002-2003, and established a joint ACHMM-IHMM Marketing Committee in 2002. His committee prepared a CHMM marketing plan in 2003 with recommendations for addressing the declining number of CHMMs. It was provided to both the IHMM and ACHMM Boards. In December 2005 he **worked with Allison King** in holding the first ever **co-meeting** of the IHMM and ACHMM Boards. In 2006 he chaired an IHMM committee that interviewed organizations offering certifications internationally, and recommended ways to cost effectively offer the CHMM exam internationally. It issued its report in December 2006. At IHMM request, Ken will soon organize a CHMM task force and conduct a marketing study to identify potential growth markets for the CHMM credential (or a closely related credential).

## References

ACHMM members that are familiar with Ken's contributions to ACHMM, NEOCHMM and/or IHMM and can be contacted for input are as follows:

### All previous winners of the Pete Cook Founder's Award

- **Al Arnofsky**, (friend of Ken's, served with Ken as member of the ACHMM Re-Branding Taskforce)
- **Allison King** (friend of Ken's, co-arranged first ever sit down co-meeting of IHMM and ACHMM Boards, serves with Ken on the IHMM Board)
- **Daryl Dierwechter** (friend of Ken's, served with Ken as IHMM Board member)
- **Richard T. Cartwright** (friend of Ken's, was his ACHMM Vice President, and with whom he negotiated the IHMM-ACHMM affiliation agreement in 1996)
- **Doye Cox** (friend of Ken's, Ken has authored two different chapters in the handbook)
- **Alan Eckmyre** (friend of Ken's, ACHMM President at time of joint ACHMM-IHMM Marketing Committee)
- **Lee C (Charley) Kubler** (friend of Ken's, served with Ken as member of the ACHMM Re-Branding Taskforce)
- **Cindy Savage** (friend of Ken's, serves with Ken on the IHMM Board)
- **Chuck Bessey** (friend of Ken's, served with Ken as member of ACHMM Re-Branding Taskforce)
- **Pete Cook** (deceased friend)

### NEOCHMM officers

- **Venky Venkatesh** – NEOCHMM President
- **Herb Mausser** – NEOCHMM Past President
- **Mark Baumgardner** – NEOCHMM Past President
- **Elise Allen-Frankenfeld** – NEOCHMM Co-Founder and current ACHMM Board Member
- **Mike Paessun** – NEOCHMM Treasurer and NEOCHMM Co-Founder

### ACHMM officers/officials

- **Mike Mandracchia** – ACHMM Past President (visited India Chapter with Ken in 2006 and 2008)
- **John Mitchell** –ACHMM Past President (served with Ken as head of the 2008 ACHMM Re-Branding Taskforce)
- **Rampur Viswanath** – ACHMM International Ambassador, ACHMM Bangalore (India) Chapter President (visited India Chapter with Ken in 2006 and 2008)