Building a Bridge to AHMP's Future
Creating an Incredible 2020

By Mark A. Bruce, CHMM
AHMP Board Chair

The following column is based on remarks that Mr. Bruce presented at the January 2020 board meeting following his election as chair.

I would like to thank everyone for being here today, in person or from home via Zoom. I know that your being here or there is a sacrifice that should not and cannot be taken for granted.

I also want to give special thanks to past Board members Eric Johnson, Carl Heinlein, and Bruce Donato, whose combined leadership over the last three years has been instrumental in our success. I also want to give special thanks to Becky Neal and Linda Lawhorn who, like myself, like this whirlwind so much, we decided to do it again for another term. Lastly, to a man of very few but extremely meaningful words who also enjoys the rigors of AHMP so much he ran again, Mark Smith. Mark, thank you for your service as our secretary for the last two years. Not an easy position whatsoever.

When first asked to consider being chair, I was excited. When nominated to be chair, I was stoic. When elected as chair, I became nervous, not knowing if I was really the best for the role and uncertain how well I would really do amongst such an amazing group of people and a membership looking for more. I’ve always considered myself a good leader in the private sector, having achieved and exceeded so many goals. But as we all know, AHMP has a life of its own. So many wonderful individuals came before me and sat in this seat and at times struggled. I am aware of the challenges ahead, so I don’t take this responsibility lightly.

Read more about Mr. Bruce’s goals for 2020.

NOTICE: Phishing Scam Affecting AHMP

It has been brought to our attention that some members have recently received phishing emails that appear to have been sent by AHMP leaders and members. These emails ask for gift cards to be purchased on behalf of AHMP.

Please do NOT respond to or act on these emails. These emails are in no way associated with AHMP and/or the individual from whom they allegedly were sent. We apologize for any inconvenience.
Mark Bruce Elected AHMP Board Chair
Joined by Neal, Hausman, Chuah in Leading Organization

Mark A. Bruce, CHMM, was selected by his board of directors peers as AHMP’s new chair during elections held on January 2. Bruce, having served as treasurer the past several years, succeeds Bruce Donato, CSP, CHMM, CECD as the organization’s chief elected officer.

Also elected and joining Bruce on the executive committee are Vice Chair Rebecca (Becky) Neal, CHMM, Secretary Paul A. Hausman, CHMM, and Treasurer Michael T. Chuah, JD, CHMM, PMP, CET. Neal was re-elected to a second term as vice chair, while Hausman and Chuah were newly-elected to their respective officer positions. Each of the four officer terms is for one year. AHMP Executive Director Chip Deale serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the executive committee.

Joining the four officers on the board are five at-large directors. Re-elected last year by the AHMP membership for terms beginning this month were:

- Linda H. Lawhorn, CHMM, CDGP (three-year term)
- Mark D. Smith, CHMM, CIH, CSP (one-year term)

Preceding his election this month as secretary, Hausman was newly-elected to the board for a three-year term.

Continuing their terms on the board are:

- B.J. Atkins, CHMM
- Kelsey L. Forde, CHMM, CIH, CSP
- Amber C. Steed, CHMM

The board also confirmed the appointment of Sarah L. Henderson, CHMM, as an advisory director. This position is non-voting and has a one-year term.

AHMP Board of Directors Targets
"New and Achievable Outcomes"

During its initial 2020 meeting, the AHMP Board of Directors covered, in the words of its new Chair Mark Bruce, “minimal but important ground.” Bruce added that this is how he wants the board to operate this year, “focusing on the little things and targeting new and achievable outcomes.”

Decisions that arose out of the directors’ deliberations on January 11 included the creation of a membership-marketing committee (to better define AHMP’s value proposition and to assess potential new member benefit offerings); exploring the launch of an industry journal or periodical that leverages content from the National Conference; investigating the possibility of government (or other) grants to help underwrite new initiatives; adding a new
category to the Organizational Membership model that is targeted to sole proprietors and small businesses; and producing the newest edition of the *AHMP Hazardous Materials Management Desk Reference* in time for the Omaha conference.

Mark Bruce also challenged each director to commit to and accomplish one goal by the National Conference that is “for the benefit of the membership.”

Board meetings are open to all AHMP national members. Additional meetings scheduled this year are April 16, June 19, August 29, and October 23. The August meeting will be in-person at the National Conference. The other three meetings will be via video conference from 4:00-6:00pm Eastern. Details will be posted on the AHMP website calendar.

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**Honoring and Remembering Al Arnofsky**

Long-time AHMP member and industry leader Albert H. (“Al”) Arnofsky, CHMM, FAIChE, FIHMM died on Saturday, January 4 after suffering a heart attack the previous day.

Mr. Arnofsky had distinguished himself in a myriad of ways during a career that spanned decades. He had been an AHMP National member for 30-plus years, dating to the mid-1980’s, and earned his CHMM designation in 1988. He served as President of the AHMP New Jersey Chapter in 1995; was selected as an IHMM Fellow in 1996; and, in 2008, was the recipient of AHMP’s highest honor, the Pete Cook Founder’s Award, upon which he was bestowed with Lifetime Member status. More recently, Mr. Arnofsky was co-editor of the 3rd edition of the *AHMP Hazardous Materials Management Desk Reference*. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Alliance's Professional Development Committee.

AHMP joins with Mr. Arnofsky's colleagues at Pleasant Hill Consultants in Succasunna, NJ, where he was President, and his countless friends and colleagues in mourning his passing and honoring his sustained contributions to and leadership in the EHS&S profession.

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**AHMP Young Professionals Committee Seeks Supporters to Build Dynamic Content**

Are you a young professional? Are you a supporter or mentor of young professionals in the hazardous materials industry? Do you know a young professional who could benefit from professional development?

If you answered “yes” to any of those questions, then you are invited and encouraged to join the AHMP Young Professionals (“YP”) Committee’s quarterly meetings. Among its goals for 2020 are preparing dynamic content for the National Conference in Omaha, which will focus on professional development topics specific to growing young professionals. The first quarterly meeting this year is Friday, February 21 at 2:00pm Eastern.
Check out the committee’s new video, which highlights the many benefits of attending AHMP’s conference. Make sure to share this tweet with your local chapter and colleagues.

Contact YP chair Aaron Stern or the committee’s Board liaison, Amber Steed, for more information on the committee and participating in its upcoming meetings.

Share Your Expertise and Earn CMPs
Submit an Abstract for National Conference

AHMP members and other industry professionals are encouraged to take an active part in this year’s National Conference in Omaha, August 30–September 2, by submitting abstracts for concurrent technical sessions, roundtable discussions, and full- or half-day conference workshops.

The call for abstracts submission deadline is March 13—so don’t delay! Individuals who are selected to speak will be offered a discounted registration rate to the conference. Presenters also earn Certification Maintenance Points (CMPs) needed to recertify their credentials.

The AHMP National Conference integrates all of the industry’s diverse disciplines and offers you the unique opportunity to present new ideas, share valuable professional experiences and case studies, and explore recent developments, emerging issues, regulatory updates, and trends in EHS&S, hazardous materials and waste management.

Newly-added this year: The conference will now include a management skills track to encourage abstract submittals focused on communication and management skills essential for effective hazardous materials management and advancing a hazmat career. Examples may include leading teams, project management, assessing and communicating risk, conflict management, and facilitating effective meetings.

The AHMP Professional Development Committee, which oversees the abstract review process, encourages submissions from individuals or groups in government agencies, first responders, engineers, scientists, project managers, military staff, university professors and students, and EHS&S professionals in all areas related to hazardous materials. AHMP membership certainly is encouraged but is not a requirement of submitting an abstract.

Registration for the National Conference is expected to open in March 2020.

Don’t Let Your AHMP Membership Lapse
Renew for 2020 Now!

During the rush of the recently-completed holiday season, you might have overlooked some emails that required your action or let some “to do's” fall by the wayside. If one of those actions or to do’s was renewing your AHMP National (and possibly chapter) membership for 2020, then you are asked to refocus on this important task as quickly as possible. Doing so will prevent your membership from falling into lapsed status.

There are five quick and simple steps for renewing:
1. Log on to your AHMP National account.
2. Select “Manage Profile.”
3. Click on “Membership” in the “Invoicing, Payments & History” subsection, and then select “Renew or Upgrade your Membership.”
4. After you are prompted to review your profile, complete the required fields (marked with an *), and then select “Save Changes.”
5. Do a final review, select your payment method, and then click on “Submit Securely.”

That’s all there is to it!

Three items of importance for you to note:

- No dues increase! The board is sensitive to your financial constraints and continues to keep national dues at the same level.
- A new policy waives payment of national membership dues for members dealing with certain circumstances. The policy fully waives the $125 annual dues for a period of one year for current members who are unemployed, unable to work due to a disability, or on active military deployment. Contact the AHMP office if you qualify to claim a waiver.
- AHMP dues and membership are separate from certification maintenance fees paid to the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM). Paying fees to the IHMM if you hold the CHMM, CHMP, or CDGP designations does not mean that you have renewed your AHMP membership.

Contact AHMP’s member services specialist Amy Winter at awinter@msp-amc.com or (240) 404-6483 if you have questions about your membership (such as your username or password) or need help in paying your 2020 dues.

Recognize Outstanding Contributions
Submit AHMP Awards Program Nominations

AHMP Awards Committee chair Willis H. (Bill) Butler, CM, CHMM, has issued a call for industry professionals to recognize the noteworthy achievements of their peers by submitting nominations in the AHMP National Awards Program.

Butler, active in the East Tennessee chapter, also encouraged his fellow chapter leaders to tout their accomplishments by entering the categories designed for AHMP’s affiliates.

The annual program honors individuals, chapters and organizations for outstanding contributions to the Alliance and the profession. There are four individual awards, highlighted by the Pete Cook Founder’s Award, three awards for chapters, and two AHMP “friend” awards.

Those selected for recognition for their achievements this year will be honored during AHMP’s 2020 National Conference in Omaha. Nominations will be accepted through April 30. Questions regarding the program should be sent to awards@ahmpnet.org.

Start the New Year With a New Job
Tap Into the AHMP Career Center!

Give the new year, new decade and your career the kick start you deserve by tapping into hundreds of jobs specifically for professionals like you in the hazardous materials industry. You can easily and confidentially do so by utilizing—for free!—the members-only AHMP Career Center. Here is just a sampling of the hundreds of jobs that currently are posted (as of January 22) on the site:

- Principal Geotechnical Engineer (Anaheim, CA)
- Environmental Compliance Consultant (Boulder, CO)
The Career Center also is a cost-effective resource if you are a hiring manager who has jobs to fill and wants to target AHMP’s highly-qualified membership of certified EHS&S professionals.

### Mark Your Calendar—Upcoming Events

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