

## NMSHMM Committees

To best serve our membership, NMSHMM maintains a number of committees:

**Communications** - provides information about NMSHMM events and other related activities, primarily via newsletters

**Conference Coordination** - organizes and oversees local conferences and the NMSHMM annual meeting

**Education/Professional Development** - organizes the annual CHMM review course and certification exam

**Finance** - monitors NMSHMM investments

**Legislative Affairs** - monitors legislation that may affect the New Mexico environmental industry

**Membership** - maintains a membership database, provides membership applications and renewal forms, and reports membership information as required

**Nominations/Bylaws** - manages the nominations process for open elections and maintains the NMSHMM bylaws

**Northern New Mexico** - subgroup of NMSHMM providing similar services and activities to members in the Los Alamos, NM area

**Programs/Special Events** - provides events of interest to NMSHMM members, primarily in the form of luncheon speakers for monthly membership meetings

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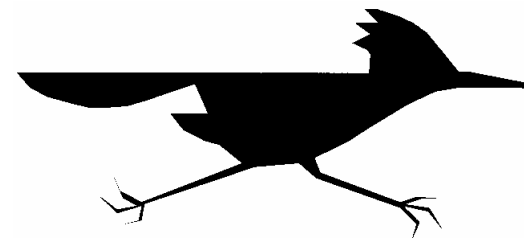
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New Mexico Society  
of Hazardous  
Materials Managers

A Chapter of the ACHMM



## Our Mission

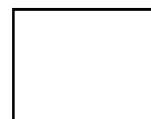
To provide environmental professionals in the Southwest a forum for professional development, education, and networking opportunities; and to offer our community environmental, health, and safety expertise.

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## Chapter History

### A Marriage of Two Organizations

The New Mexico Society of Hazardous Materials Managers (NMSHMM) has an interesting history. NMSHMM was formed in 1998 as the marriage of two parent organizations, the former New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Society (NMHWMS) and the Roadrunner Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM).

### New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Society

The NMHWMS was formed in Albuquerque in 1984 as a professional organization of persons involved in the hazardous waste management field. This organization served as a forum for interaction among professionals of widely varying endeavors and perspectives. Membership included members of academia, employees of our National Laboratories, public employees, and private consultants. Over the years, the NMHWMS established itself as the premier professional organization in the state, at one time claiming over 200 members.

### Roadrunner Chapter of the ACHMM

The Roadrunner Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) was formed in 1996/1997 as the New Mexico Chapter of a nationally recognized environmental certification body. The founders of the Roadrunner Chapter recognized that the goals of the NMHWMS and the Roadrunner Chapter were similar, and approached the NMHWMS in early 1997 with the idea of forming an alliance of the two memberships. The NMHWMS accepted the Roadrunner Chapter as a committee of the NMHWMS charging it with developing additional opportunities for the membership, including the nationally recognized CHMM certification.

### New Mexico Society of Hazardous Materials Managers

With similar missions, members recognized the benefits of the affiliation, and the NMHWMS and the Roadrunner Chapter merged in mid-1998 to form NMSHMM. The merger (and a rewrite of the organization's bylaws) was effected with a majority vote of the membership, with an approval vote of

almost 2-to-1. One of the major goals of the new bylaws was to maintain a membership arrangement that continued to encourage participation and professional growth of CHMMs and non-CHMM members. The national organization require each chapter to have CHMMs as officers. NMSHMM's bylaws incorporate this provision by recognizing two types of membership, Full and Associate. The only difference between the types is that as "Full" members, CHMMs may hold elective offices. "Associate" members (non-CHMMs) still enjoy all the benefits of membership, including the opportunity to serve as Committee Chairs, but may not serve as President, President-Elect, Secretary or Treasurer until the CHMM certification is obtained.

### More Than the Sum of Its Parts

The NMHWMS was a large, well-respected statewide organization with a proud history. The Roadrunner Chapter of ACHMM was a new chapter of a highly regarded national organization with energetic leadership and the support of a national network. The end product of the marriage, NMSHMM, is the premier organization of environmental professionals in the state, with the backing and support of a national accrediting organization and a reinvigorated membership. The new entity, NMSHMM, is positioned to be a leader in the development of the environmental professional in New Mexico for years to come.

## Benefits of Membership

Your \$30 NMSHMM dues payment provides you with:

- A monthly newsletter that includes an extensive regional Calendar of Events,
- A comprehensive web page that includes a Job Posting Bulletin Board, field trips and training opportunities,
- The opportunity to support your community (e.g., providing prize money for student science fairs, working at the booth at the UNM Environmental Health Conference and NM Water Summit),
- Annual membership events including:
  - ◊ the March Dinner and Annual Meeting where new officers are installed
  - ◊ a December Holiday Meeting

## Membership Application

If you are interested in joining, please complete the form below and mail it to us with your first year's dues payment of \$30. Please make checks payable to "NMSHMM" and mail to: NMSHMM, P.O. Box 40353, Albuquerque, NM 87196.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Certification(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site Address \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By \_\_\_\_\_

NMSHMM Committee Interest (check all that apply)

- Communications
- Conference Coordination
- Education/Professional Development
- Finance
- Legislative Affairs
- Membership
- Nominations/Bylaws
- Northern New Mexico
- Programs/Special Events

May we include your basic information in our on-line member database?  YES  NO