



"Dedicated to pollution prevention and reducing the toxicity of municipal waste streams"

## About NAHMMA

Founded in 1993, the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) is a non-profit, established group of hazardous materials management professionals. It is dedicated to pollution prevention and reducing hazardous materials entering municipal waste streams from households, small businesses and other entities that may be exempt from local, regional or national regulations. NAHMMA does this through education, communication, policy development, recognition of programs and professional development.

The association has almost 500 members, nine regional chapters, and hosts many events. NAHMMA and its regional chapters host annual conferences and provide specialized training for hazardous materials managers and technicians.

## Mission Statement

NAHMMA hopes to sustain a member-based, professional organization that unites diverse entities that influence or have an interest in hazardous components of municipal waste streams. These entities include product manufacturers, government regulators, provincial, state and local waste management programs, waste handling businesses, non-profit environmental organizations and others. NAHMMA strives to communicate in an active, engaging manner that promotes information sharing and cooperative problem solving.

NAHMMA promotes:

- Product reformulation
- Development and use of less or non-hazardous products, constituents, processes, and methods
- Collection of products and materials that contain hazardous components for reuse, recycling or hazardous waste management

NAHMMA does this by:

- Fostering education, communication and informational exchanges
- Encouraging development of sound policies and cost effective strategies
- Recognizing exemplary people, programs, policies and practices
- Providing professional development opportunities



## Committees

NAHMMA has several committees to help fulfill its mission:

### **Awards Committee**

Designs, distributes call for nominations of persons, programs, and policies for awards presented at the annual conference.

### **Chapters Committee**

Fosters the development of new Chapters and supports existing NAHMMA Chapters. NAHMMA Chapters exist where there are at least eight members in a geographic area that work cooperatively for their mutual benefit. NAHMMA Chapters also work with sister NAHMMA Chapters and the NAHMMA Board through the monthly Chapters Committee conference calls. The Chapters Committee also has a representative to the NAHMMA Policy Committee.

### **Communications Committee**

Responsible for the preparation of a bi-monthly newsletter, maintenance of the NAHMMA website, press releases, and lists of media contacts.

### **Conference Steering Committee**

Meets to design conference program, location, and theme. This committee also helps with fundraising and obtaining sponsorships for the annual conference. Subcommittees work on the technical program, reviewing papers and notifying speakers of their acceptance.

### **Executive Committee**

Staffed only with Board Officers, this committee oversees contractual employees and other personnel matters. This committee sets policies for the organization as well. Reviews NAHMMA financial data and recommends allocations.

### **Membership Committee**

Works to retain and recruit new members. The committee sets membership rates, develops and distributes the membership brochure.

### **Policy Committee**

Actively engaged in external policy issues related to NAHMMA's mission statement. Committee members work on projects such as Consumer Labeling Initiative, Mercury containing products, and extended producer responsibility.

### **Sponsorship Committee**

Actively seeks out potential sponsorships for the organization, newsletter or the Annual Conference.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

Guides the growth and overall success of NAHMMA by creating, implementing, and evaluation a strategic plan for the organization.

### **Training Committee**

Designs training opportunities specific to the needs of NAHMMA members. Trainers conduct NAHMMA training in conjunction with regional conferences, at the national conference, or at the request of states and municipalities.

### **Affiliations Committee**

Develops affiliations with selected, progressive organizations that benefit HHW/CESQG professionals that support and advance NAHMMA goals. The committee also coordinates international relations.

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