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IHMM Board of Directors Announces Election Results

ROCKVILLE, MD (27 December 2016) – The Board of Directors (BOD) of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) is pleased to announce the results of the election for open board director positions. Elected as Board Directors to four-year terms starting January 1, 2017 were William M. Diesslin (as a CHMM Director), and Christopher R. Bryant (as Public Member).

Bill Diesslin has been with Iowa State University Department of Environmental Health and Safety for over 25 years. As Associate Director, his career has developed to include myriad aspects of health and safety disciplines including facility design, compliance initiatives and management of hazardous and radioactive wastes. Recent experiences have allowed Bill to explore Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), risk assessment and related topics that have proved to be invaluable tools in an academic setting.

Bill began his career at EH&S managing underground storage tank removal and ground water remediation. His passion for knowledge, leadership, and work ethic allowed him to grow his expertise into other areas such as hazardous waste, Clean Air Act, and environmental assessments. Progressing from field engineer to Program Manager to Associate Director, Bill is able to lead multiple EH&S program areas, including Laboratory and General Safety, Biosafety, Radiological, Chemical, and Environmental.

Bill received his MS in Environmental Engineering (Civil) from Iowa State University in 1997, and his BS in Life Sciences from Winona State University in 1988. In addition to being a CHMM, he is also a Certified Safety Professional (CSP), and holds an Associate in Risk Management (ARM).

Christopher Bryant delivers over 20 years of experience in environmental, health and safety (EHS) compliance and legislative, regulatory and policy issues. Clients benefit from both his extensive field experience at the implementation level and his extraordinary knowledge of how regulations, policies, and legislation impact business operations. When General Electric selected a handful of professionals to develop and deliver global leadership EHS training, Christopher Bryant was at the top of their list.

For Bergeson & Campbell, P.C. (B&C®) clients, Mr. Bryant provides EHS compliance assistance, EHS management system development, assessment and implementation, and strategic development on EHS issues. He is a powerful advocate on federal, state, and international environmental issues, as well as with federal and state lawmakers. In all his efforts, Mr. Bryant approaches issues with the goal of resolution and a singular focus on how to best serve the client.

Mr. Bryant’s decades of experience help clients assess and implement regulations developed by government agencies and industry players. Previous to joining B&C, Mr. Bryant was Managing Director of the Chemical Products and Technology Division at the American Chemistry Council. While there, he directed strategic efforts on improving support to the chemical industry and managed federal and state legislative activities,
product de-selection, and advocacy with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state environmental agencies. Mr. Bryant has also consulted major U.S. and international corporations on EHS matters, and assisted in the implementation of corporate-wide EHS management systems. He has conducted EHS management training sessions for business leaders, as well as audits, operating reviews, and management system reviews at company facilities. Mr. Bryant provided consulting services on hazardous waste, hazardous materials transportation, clean air, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulatory programs for many industry leaders.

He is a past president of The Technical Group, LLC, which specialized in hazardous substance and OSHA matters and served as Director of EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/Superfund Industrial Assistance Hotline.

“We are pleased to welcome Bill and Chris to the IHMM Board of Directors,” stated Allison A. King, CHMM and IHMM Chair. “Each has stated their commitment to use their strengths and experiences to further support IHMM credentials. I want to express my thanks to our Certificants for participating in our election of directors. The IHMM Board of Directors is fortunate to have credentialed professionals with the passion, commitment, and dedication required to ensure the long term success of the Institute and our accredited credential programs.”

About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management

For over thirty years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), a not-for-profit organization founded in 1984, has been protecting the environment and the public’s health, safety, and security through the administration of credentials recognizing professionals who have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, expertise, and excellence in the management of hazardous materials and dangerous goods transport.

Over 16,000 homeland security, environmental protection, engineering, health sciences, transportation, and public safety professionals have earned IHMM’s accredited Certified Hazardous Materials Manager credential. IHMM also administers the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner, the Certified Dangerous Goods Professional, and the Certified Dangerous Goods Trainer credentials.