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## **IHMM Board of Directors Announces Election Results**

ROCKVILLE, MD (January 3, 2013) – 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. Re-elected as the public member director for a four-year term starting January 1, 2013 was Kermit L. Rader. Elected as a Director was W. Ashton Haus for a four-year term, also starting January 1, 2013.

Kermit L. Rader has practiced environmental law for over thirty years and holds a B.A. from Duke University and a J.D. from George Washington University. Mr. Rader began his career at the United State Environmental Protection Agency, initially in the Washington headquarters office and later in the Philadelphia regional office. Mr. Rader has practiced environmental law at a number of private law firms, including Manko, Gold and Katcher and WolfBlock and currently is a partner and head of the environmental law and energy practice group at Spector Gadon & Rosen in Philadelphia. The primary areas of emphasis in Mr. Rader's practice are remediation, compliance and enforcement, the environmental component of transactions and gas development.

W. Ashton Haus has over 20 years of professional experience, currently serving as the Industrial Hygiene Program Manager for Babcock and Wilcox Conversion Services, LLC – a Department of Energy Prime Contractor. Mr. Haus holds a Masters of Engineering Technology with Environmental Emphasis and a Masters of Occupational Safety and Health with a dual emphasis in Industrial Hygiene and Environmental from Murray State University. Mr. Haus is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) and a former volunteer fire fighter/hazardous materials responder.

“We are pleased to welcome back Kermit and to welcome Ashton to the IHMM Board of Directors,” stated Allison A. King, IHMM Chair. “Both Kermit and Ashton have 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.”

The IHMM BOD also elected officers at their 7 December 2012 meeting:

- Allison A. King was elected Chair to serve a one-year term
- Matthew J. Redmann was elected to serve as Vice Chair for a two year term
- Brenda S. Mahan was elected to serve as Secretary for a one year term

The IHMM BOD also appointed Robert A. West to fill the vacancy of Director Michael S. Davidson, CHMM, CHP, who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday, 8 October 2012. Mr. West was vetted by the IHMM Nomination Committee and was on the recent slate of director elections.

Robert A. West is President of R.A. West Associates, Inc., a consulting firm focused on the assessment, design, and management of property related environmental issues. Mr. West has over thirty-two years' experience managing, operating, and developing engineering, consulting, and cleanup contracting businesses for several national and international corporations. Mr. West received his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati and studied graduate level Analytical Chemistry at Rutgers University. Mr. West received his CHMM in 1991 and is also a Fellow of the Institute.

## **About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management**

For over 25 years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management, 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.

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 credential and the Hazardous Materials Manager-in-Training program.

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