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Mr. Diesslin has a B.S. in Life Sciences from Winona State University and a M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Iowa State University. He is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM), Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and has earned an Associate in Risk Management (ARM). He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), served on the Coordinating Committee for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Sectors Strategy Initiative, and chaired the government relations committee for the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA).

Why Me

Professionally, the CHMM credential has been very good to me. It has opened many doors and continues to motivate me to stay current and relevant in an ever-changing work environment. Being a CHMM has made it possible for me to do EH&S work on four continents! I want to ensure that the opportunities and benefits of certification are communicated to the next generation of EH&S professionals and to their employers. I want to expand certification opportunities and create a sustainable pipeline of new certificants that add value to our profession globally.

Having already served four years on the Board, I know this won't be easy. I already know the enormous time commitment necessary to be an effective board member. The current pandemic will only make the task more difficult. If re-elected, I will push myself and my fellow board members to stay focused on the current Strategic Plan, to meet deadlines and to hold staff accountable for the continued success of IHMM. I believe this is a winning strategy. With effective, collaboration between IHMM, professional organizations and institutions of higher learning, we will ensure that certification opportunities are there for future EH&S professionals long after my time.