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[Welcome to Hazardous Materials Society \(HMS\)!](#)

I am very pleased to announce the formation of a new professional organization that was formed on May 16, 2019 to support IHMM's credentialed members, and represent both the hazmat and EHS communities.

Hazardous Materials Society is a non-profit organization with a mission to educate, develop, and inform its members in the fields of hazardous materials, dangerous goods, environmental, health and safety, and to safeguard our environment.

HMS is currently focusing on the following key areas:

- **Developing and delivering the highest quality education and training** programs serving the hazardous materials, dangerous goods, environment, health & safety communities of practice by engaging the very best programs from around the nation and the world and presenting them in single platform
- **Facilitating and hosting the strongest networking** platform in the nation, [COLLABORATION](#), that empowers our communities of practice to be able to collaborate on their professional challenges as well as exchange information and ideas that benefit their future development
- **Presenting conferences that provide opportunities** for us to gather together around the nation and the world to learn together and enjoy each other's perspectives on all of our professional challenges, and to enrich our experiences together
- **Creating educational opportunities** in a variety of platforms to meet our ever changing world
- **Promoting member-driven affinity programs** that leverage our numbers and reach into companies around the world to reduce our costs of many of the things we buy

We are also looking for volunteers to join our committees: Member Services, Scholarship, and Education & Training. Committee chairs earn **20 CMPs each year**; Committee members earn **10 CMPs each year**. To volunteer for an HMS Committee, or to view the Charter and roster of current committee members, please view HMS Committees under the Resources tab on the [HMS site](#).

Are you looking for on-line CMP options? The [Education & Training](#) section on the HMS site features many cost-effective online programs that require no travel, allowing you to safely meet your CMP requirements from the safety of your home. Questions about CMPs and recertification are answered in IHMM's publication, [RECERTIFICATION CLAIMS](#).

The HMS Board realizes that we are all living in unprecedented times. We must all find the 'new normal' for visiting with our families and friends, working, and living. We are in this together. HMS has gathered resources that can be used to help keep your families and staff safe [Coronavirus Resources](#).

For additional information, please feel free to contact **Gene Guilford**, Executive Director at gguilford@hazmatsociety.org or **Tom Base**, Director of Member Services, at tmbase@hazmatsociety.org.

Best Regards,
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