



2024 NOMINATION FOR IHMM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

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For terms beginning January 1, 2025 IHMM's Board has one [1] position available. **One CHMM** that must come from among the CHMM credential holders.

Self-nomination is acceptable.

Name of Nominee: Sarath Seneviratne

Certification number: 03476

What IHMM certification(s) does the nominee hold?

CHMM

Has the nominee been contacted to confirm their willingness to serve? (Check one) Yes No

Nominee's E-mail: sarath7115@yahoo.com

Nominee's Daytime Phone: (240) 755-2795

Nominee's Position Title and Industry/Professional Sector: North East Area Occupational Safety & Manager

Nominee's Employer: Transport Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security

Nominee's Work Address: 6595 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield, VA 22150

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Nominator's Signature: _____

Date: 3/21/2024

Please inform the nominee of your nomination before submitting the form.

Nominator's Name: Sarath Seneviratne

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NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

Please describe below the reasons you think the nominee would make a good IHMM Board Member. Include anything that highlights the individual's qualifications, such as service on standards committees, volunteer service or leadership positions in other organizations, etc.

Please see the 2nd page.

Please describe below what the nominee hopes to accomplish as a Board Member at IHMM. This could include policy or project proposals, leadership in certain areas, or other contributions the nominee sees him or herself making in the governance of the Institute.

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Please describe below any civil or criminal litigation, state or federal agency enforcement actions, or other governmental or quasi-governmental enforcement actions taken against you or with which you have been involved. Include the nature of the action and your role in it either specifically against you as an individual or against a board or committee of which you were a part.

None

With this form, please submit a **current resume** (five-page maximum) including education, work experience and professional affiliations.

In addition, please submit a **half-page bio** summarizing job history and education. In signing then submitting this form you are also agreeing to an IHMM Nominating Committee background check as a further condition of being considered to serve on the IHMM Board.

Please submit the completed nominations form to Eugene A. Guilford, Jr., Staff Liaison to the IHMM Nominating Committee, at gguilford@ihmm.org.

1) My résumé is attached for your consideration for the position of IHMM Board of Directors. Having already served four years on the Board, I am aware of the enormous time commitment necessary to be an effective board member. Presently I am the Northeast Area Occupational Health Manager for Transport Security Administration. I provide guidance and technical assistance to managers and employees regarding health and safety hazards in the airports. I am a retired CAPTAIN (O6) USPHS Commission Officer with over 25 years' experience in industrial hygiene, biological, chemical, food safety, emergency response plans, bioterrorism response plans, environmental and safety audits. Academic credentials include a MS in Environmental Toxicology and a BS in Microbiology (Honors). Diplomate of the American Academy of Sanitarians, a Licensed Environmental Health Specialist, and Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) with the State of Maryland and the National Environmental Health Association. Hold six additional safety professional certifications, including as a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), a Certified Safety Professional (CSP), a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) a CBSP (Certified Biological Safety Professional), a RBP (Registered Biosafety Professional), and a Certified Instructional Trainer (CIT). One of the instructors and facilitator for the CIH prep class 2024 sponsored by the local Industrial Hygiene chapter. Past assignments include detail to FSIS, USDA to assist with a bioterrorism response plan and conducted several environmental/safety audits. Participated in many Disasters Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) deployments. Experience in detention center audit teams while working with Immigration Services and as a special advisor to emergency response teams and environmental teams while deployed to Panama, Guatemala, and El Salvador with the USNS COMFORT. Prior to the Commissioned Corps was with the US Army assigned to Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRI). Was the agency HAZMAT Advisor for the Emergency Response Team. In the U.S. Army for a total of five years and advanced from Private to Captain.

• **Appointed by the Maryland Governor Mr. West Moore as a member of the Maryland State Board of Environmental Health Specialist, 2023-2027**

• Selected as a White House Easter Egg Volunteer for 2023

• **Represent the DHS membership on the ASSP Z10 committee and a member on the Metrics and Measurement Task group. Review the metrics and measurement chapter of the Z10 Implementation Manual, Chapter 17 – Metrics and Measurements.**

• **Industrial Hygienist of the Year 2018, by the Potomac Section of the IH Association.**

• **2019-2022 Board of Directors for the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM).**

• **2023 Board Member for the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professional (AHMP).**

• **2017-2020 Board of Directors for the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professional (AHMP)**

Cyber Chapter.

• **Instructor and facilitator for 2021, 2019 Certified Industrial Hygiene (CIH) Certification Course.**

• Guest lecture for the National Capital Chapter Annual Essentials of Hazardous Materials

Management Course at John Hopkins University, Rockville, February 2020, and February 2019

Gave a presentation on Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology

• Member of the Board of Examiners in 1996-1998, Reviewed and updated the CHMM exam.

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2) I care deeply about IHMM's future. I believe no other candidate brings the wealth of detailed knowledge and specific work experience I have. This insight would be uniquely valuable to the Board. I sincerely hope you will do me the honor of electing me to serve this incredible and worthy mission. My first term serving on the Board of Directors has been educational, inspiring, and hugely motivational to stay involved with IHMM. If elected to a second term, I'd like to facilitate the translation of the IHMM's mission into concrete ideas and actions.

Based on the goals listed, I plan to:

To establish a clear mechanisms and pathways for student IHMM members and early career members to get involved with IHMM. Volunteer and training opportunities have improved remarkably in recent years however there is still room to build on that idea. I'd like to develop and distribute tools that not only provide value to IHMM members but propel them forward in their career trajectory.

Continuously listen and monitor to the changing needs of IHMM members. A well-run Society is one that maintains relevancy, and sensitive to the social and political climates, and is nimble enough to respond accordingly. The organizational structure is in place, now I'd like to enhance communication lines and provide more access between IHMM members and leadership.

An active mentoring program for our IHMM members and students is key to the advancement of our profession. We are blessed with a wealth of knowledge in the profession from the seasoned practitioners. We can utilize some medium to develop such a mentoring program. CHMM as a profession is made up of both private and public sector members including our military service members. We can enhance inter-sector collaboration, so we increase our knowledge of each other's perspectives while furthering the cause.

Curriculum Vitae

Jan., 2024

CAPT Sarath B. Seneviratne (R) CIH, CSP, CBSP, CIT, CHMM, SM (NRM), RBP, REHS, LEHS, MS, BS (Hons), DAAS, IHMM Fellow.

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Served as an Occupational Safety Health Manager for 30 plus years. Solid understanding of all safety, occupational health and industrial hygiene needs. Specialties include industrial hygiene, safety, biological, chemical and food safety. Experienced in emergency response plans, bioterrorism response plans, industrial hygiene, environmental and safety audits. Excellent communication skills, work independently, and team player.

Professional Development:

Education

American University, Washington, DC

Master of Science, GPA - 3.5: Honors – Cum Laude Environmental Toxicology

American University, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science, GPA - 3.2: Microbiology (Hons)

**US Army: Veteran, Enlisted/Officer
Security Clearance--- Secret (1993-2015)**

Professional Credentials

Certified Industrial hygienist (CIH)

Certified Safety Professional (CSP)

Certified Instructional Trainer (CIT)

Certified Biological Safety Professional (CBSP)

Registered Biosafety Professional (RBP)

Specialist Microbiologist in Biological Safety Microbiology (SM)

Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM)

Licensed Environmental Health Spec., (LEHS), State of Maryland

Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Register Sanitarian Credential

(RS), National Environmental Health Association

Diplomate, American Academy of Sanitarians (DAAS)

Institute of Hazardous Material Management (IHMM) Fellow

Certificate of Training in Maryland State Asbestos Program

Contract Officers Representative (COR) Level 11 Certified

**Appointed by Maryland Governor to the Maryland State Board of Environmental Health
Specialist, 2023-2027**

Elected Board of Director, American Academy of Sanitarians, 2023.

Technical skills:

MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, spread sheet applications, and presentation applications.

- Represents DHS/TSA at American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Z10 Safety Management Standard Committee: Goal to wrote the updates to the Z10 Standard and Manuel.
- **Awarded 2023 Individual Cash Award.**
- **Achieved Excellence in 2022 performance.**
- **Awarded 2022 Two Individual Cash Award.**
- **Awarded Individual Two Time Off award for performance 2022.**
- **Awarded 2021 Individual Cash Award.**
- **Awarded Individual Time Off award for performance 2021.**
- Provide guidance and technical assistance to managers and employees regarding health and safety hazards in the agency, and airports.
- Investigates employee complains of unsafe/unhealthy conditions.
- Give advice and direction to senior technical personnel engaged in conducting safety and occupational health investigations.
- Apply occupational health and industrial hygiene principles as needed and work closely with occupational health professionals.
- Provided recommendations for alleviating and eliminating hazards by responding to a variety of high-level inquiries regarding worker safety and health data, assessments, and other technical and management data associated with worker safety and health safety programs.
- Assisted in developing safety data required for use in the management and direction of programs.
- Manages a nationwide inspection program for north east airports which is a multi-employer establishment as well as worksites which employ specialized, complex work practices and ensures compliance with published occupational safety and health standards.
- Proficient in applying knowledge of occupational safety and health principles, concepts, laws, regulations, and techniques to effectively implement a nationwide occupational safety and health program.
- Formulates and presents major occupational safety and health projects, policies and issues that happens in the northeastern airports to senior management.
- Advise senior leadership on contractor compliance status to ensure adequate safety and health within the workforce and workplace.
- Prepared technical papers and power point slides briefings in the areas of industrial hygiene for the purpose of presenting, explaining, and providing information and advice to a wide range of individuals including senior leadership, management, and employees.
- Analyze current and proposed developments in the safety and occupational health field; in order to maintain organizational compliance.
- Experience advising supervisors and safety representatives of safety and occupational health measures to control and eliminate hazardous operating processes and environmental conditions.
- Evaluate and analyzed operational and safety issues, and develop appropriate and effective corrective actions.
- Experience conducting surveys, inspections, and audits of facilities, operations, equipment, and programs to determine adequacy to protect the safety of workers, public, environment, and facilities.
- Planned, coordinated, and implemented safety and health evaluations and safety self-assessments.

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- Evaluated the applicability of a variety of Federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and/or consensus standards, pertaining to occupational safety and health protection as they apply to the effectiveness of occupational safety and health management programs.
- Effectively evaluated programs, projects, and activities, identify critical problems, recommend solutions, and implement corrective actions.
- Expert in making discussions and decisions concerning plans, programs, and activities of program functions.
- Experience giving advice, counseling, and instructing employees on both work and administrative matters.
- Experience with program development and implementation of Safety and Occupational health programs using a wide variety of contacts with technical experts in agencies such as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Homeland Security and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).
- Experience developing long term plans with safety professionals to assure they are consistent with organizational policy.
- Created clear and concise correspondence to include technical reports, training materials, and safety and health policy manuals, tailoring to the needs of a TSA employee audience.
- Conducting analysis to comply with occupational safety and health regulations.
- Reviewing and editing policies and procedures, projects papers, and correspondence within the framework of current goals, objectives, and legislation.
- Identifying and addressing developmental needs of subordinates (e.g., by facilitating training, coaching, and providing feedback).

**Safety, Occupational Health & Environmental Staff, June 22nd, 2020 to Oct., 22rd, 2020
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center/USDA
10300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705---40 Hours/Week,**

- Provide technical assistance and performing inspection and reviews to evaluate effectiveness of the agency safety and health program.
- Provided technical advice on safety, health, and environmental standards to organizational leadership.
- Managed occupational and safety, health and environmental related contracts.
- Reviewed and analyzed reports, including job hazard analyses (JHAs), for trends and patterns that can be traced to unsafe work conditions.
- Provides oversight and guidance for environmental programs.
- Provide safety consultation on construction projects.
- Excellent good working knowledge of safety & environmental issues.
- Managed the programmatic efforts responsible for ensuring that the organization is in conformance with applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- Conducted mishap investigations on first aid injury, lost time, recordable, and near misses.
- Applied and interpret safety and occupational health regulations, principles and practices to resolve technical issues.
- Resolved issues and conflicts with a contractor for nonperformance and issued technical direction to the contractors.
- Identified occupational hazardous conditions in a variety of working environments.

**Lead Industrial Hygienist/Acting Branch Chief Safety
and Physical Security, March 1st, 2020 to June 19th, 2020,**

USDA/FSIS/OM 5601 Sunny Side Ave.,

Beltsville, MD 20706, Hours worked per week----40 Hours/Week,

- Provide technical assistance and performing inspection and reviews to evaluate effectiveness of safety and health.
- **2020 Individual Cash Award**
- Serves as the principal occupational safety and health program and environmental management program advisor to the Director, Administrative Services Division.
- Manages the Industrial Hygiene program for all FSIS employees.
- Serves as the focal point on industrial hygiene matters related to the exposure of employees to workplace hazards by providing expert advice to supervisors, management officials, safety and health personnel, employees, and employee organizations.
- Developed and implemented training, record keeping, reporting requirements and accountability on safety and health policies processes and procedures.
- Implemented policies and procedures for an organization's Safety and Occupational Health program as a supervisor, team leader.
- Applied Federal occupational health standards, recommendations, and guidelines and Departmental and Agency policies in regard to the occupational health and safety to FSIS workplaces and employees.
- Conducted lab audits and completed comprehensive reports documenting findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- Promote safety campaigns through weekly safety briefings and training.
- Conducted safety training to the agency employees.
- Revised the agency Lockout/Tagout Program.
- Conducted safety meetings with workers, safety personnel and technical experts as prescribed by policy and procedures.
- Prepared written and verbal status reports, which include options and recommendations to advise managers on program operations and oversight initiatives.
- Reports progress to senior management on weekly basis.
- Implemented safety initiatives to prepare for the Agency Annual Occupational Safety and Health report.
- Experience in evaluating the implementation of management oversight programs directed at worker safety and health.
- Coordinated with internal and external stakeholders and other federal personnel via oral communication to resolve issues, problems, and discrepancies related to an Occupational Safety and Health program.
- Establish and communicate requirements, objectives and goals for an occupational health and safety program.
- Formulated investigative techniques that discover safety hazards and promoted facility accident prevention and control.
- Established and maintained safety and occupational health policies, priorities and operating procedures.
- Developed comprehensive written reports, graphics, charts, and oral presentations to clearly and concisely illustrate the results of analysis to senior leaders.
- Developed relationships and work closely, maintaining strong liaison, with other offices to support effective accident prevention and investigation methods and activities.
- Ensured organization personnel responded appropriately to safety incidents, including the development and implementation of corrective action plans.

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- Involved in the contract procurement process (e.g., drafting a statement of work, reviewed proposals).
- Expert knowledge on compliance with safety and occupational health laws and regulations.
- Expert in planning, executing, and managing projects.

Consultant – Volunteer - Professional Activities May 2017 to 2023

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- **Director of the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards for the Year 2019.**
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- Guest lecture for the National Capital Chapter Annual Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management Course at John Hopkins University, Rockville, February 2020, and February 2019
Gave a presentation on Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology
- 62nd Annual Biological Safety Conference course facilitator. Nov.2019
- Course Moderator for the Industrial Hygiene (AIHA) 2018 conference.
- Reviewed educational modules for Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Programs Biosafety and Biosecurity series May 2017 to Present.
- Guest lecture for 39th Annual Control of Biohazards Course April 2018.
- Guest lecturer for the 40th Annual Control of Biohazards Course, April 2019.
- Certified Industrial Hygiene Certification Course Facilitator June to Aug. 2017
- Instructor for the Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management Course. Feb. 2017
- Guest lecturer, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Lectured Nov. 2016 on Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology.
- 59th Annual Biological Safety Conference course facilitator. Oct. 2016
- Course Lecture for the Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management Course. Feb. 2016
- Course facilitator and guest lecture for the CIH Prep Class (Potomac Section of the AIHA) 2017, 2015 and 2013.

Publications:

Masters' thesis: Radioprotection Efficacy of Bis (3, 5-Diisopropylsalicylate) Copper 1, In: Anticarcinogens and Radioprotection (P.A. Cerutti, O.F. Nygarrrd, and M.G. Simic, editors), Plenum Press, N.Y. The thesis was presented at the Anticarcinogen and Radioprotection meeting at Gaithersburg, MD.

Sarath Seneviratne Bio

Northeast Area Occupational Safety & Health Manager for TSA/DHS. Over 30 years of experience as an Industrial Hygienist, Occupational Health and Safety Manager, and Safety Trainer. I was the Lead Industrial Hygienist/Branch Chief Safety and Physical Security at USDA, FSIS. I was in with the private sector as an Environmental Health and Safety Manager/Project Manager. I also worked for the MD Department of Health; conducted and provided plan reviews, administered statewide food establishment Inspections to ensure compliance with State and Federal laws, codes, and standards to promote public health through food safety.

I was an O-6 Captain with the USPHS, at the FDA; served as one of the Center's Occupational Safety and Health experts on chemical, physical, biological safety. Led the activities of agency's biological chemical safety program within its laboratory. Past assignments include a detail to Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA to assist with a bioterrorism response plan and conducted several environmental/safety audits at various facilities throughout the US. Participated in many Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) deployments. Supervisory experience includes leadership of detention center audit teams while working with INS, as a special advisor for its emergency response teams, and his leadership of the environmental teams while deployed to Panama, Guatemala, and El Salvador with the United States Naval Ship (USNS) Comfort.

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Prior to the Commissioned Corps I was with the US Army assigned to Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI). I was the HAZMAT Advisor for the Emergency Response Team. Served in the U.S. Army and advanced from Private, Sergeant to Captain.