



Pete Cook Founder's Award Evaluation Form/Cover Sheet

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Reviewer's name:

Review Date:

This award is given to a certified member for outstanding accomplishments in support of the AHMP by providing long-term service or continuous professional achievements while promoting the vision and mission of the AHMP and the integrity of the CHMM credential. Documentation and specific examples are required. This award carries a five (5) year exemption from AHMP dues. Because the criteria below are subjective, keep good notes and be ready to discuss with other members of the committee. *NOTE: Reviewers must be provided with descriptions of previous recipients to ensure continuity of the high level of performance required to earn this award.*

<u>Criteria</u>	Scoring Method	Reviewer's Score
1. Does the data provided demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in support of the AHMP through long-term service while promoting the vision and mission of the AHMP?	Yes / No	
2. Does the data provided demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in support of the AHMP through continuous professional achievements while promoting the vision and mission of the AHMP?	Yes / No	
3. Does the data provided demonstrate promotion of the integrity of the CHMM credential?	Yes / No	
4. Does the data provided demonstrate that this individual meets the high level of performance achieved by previous award recipients?	Yes / No	
5. Does this nominee meet the minimum requirements for this award?	Yes / No	



Candidate: Bruce A Donato

Introduction: When it comes to volunteer excellence, no one comes close to the work of Mr. Bruce Donato. Bruce has been actively involved with AHMP since 2006 when he joined the National Capital Chapter. From that point on, he has been involved with AHMP at the local and national level. He has assisted with the coordination of Annual Conferences, developed websites, held positions of National Capital Chapter Treasurer, Secretary, and Cyber Chapter President. He has been an active member of national committees, coordinated the EHMM course at the National level, participated in the writing and review of the 3rd Edition of the Desk Reference, and coordinated the development of the current version of the Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management course. This work clearly embodies the Mission of AHMP.

Mission:

To provide opportunities to gain and share knowledge about hazardous materials management, create gathering places (communities) and a voice for professionals with common interests in hazardous materials management and provide management support for smaller communities of hazardous materials professionals.

Bruce demonstrates that he is much more than a volunteer. He leads efforts, identifies new ways of doing business, and works to develop alliances with other EHS&S organizations like ASSE and AIHA. Bruce's volunteer work with other agencies continuously provides insights for the development and execution of AHMP's programs including leadership training, student engagement, use of technology, marketing, and operational excellence.

Bruce touches nearly every aspect of AHMP, its committees, its programs and products. I know of no one who has supported AHMP as Bruce Donato has. I am proud to nominate Bruce for the 2016 Pete Cook Award. He is an inspiration to others and continuously moves us continuously along the path of AHMP's vision.

Vision:

To be the recognized global leader and resource for hazardous materials professionals.

Background Information: Mr. Donato is owner of K & A First Aid, LLC, in Gaithersburg, Maryland, a provider of safety compliance programs and training and organizational first aid training. K & A First Aid is self-certified as a NAICS 541690 small business. Bruce has over 40 years of experience working in the chemical and biologics industries in both safety and environmental compliance and management.

Bruce's many other roles have included:

- **Secretary**
Chesapeake Area Biological Safety Association (ChABSA)
1992 – 2012 (20 years)
- **Safety Consultant**
Intercell USA
2001 – 2011 (10 years)



- **Officer**
Washington Metropolitan Area
Construction Safety Association
2000 – 2010 (10 years)
- **Officer**
Safety Association
2000 – 2010 (10 years)
- **Instructor**
Medical First Responder Training
1995 – 2010 (15 years)
- **Officer**
American Society of Safety Engineers
2000 – 2009 (9 years)
- **Officer**
ASSE
2000 – 2009 (9 years)
- **Consultant**
Balfour Beatty Engineering Services
2000 – 2009 (9 years)
- **Officer**
American Society of Safety Engineers
2000 – 2009 (9 years)
- **Engineer**
Hoechst Celanese
1999 – 2001 (2 years)
- **Safety Director**
Life Technologies
November 1994 – January 2000

Bruce maintains numerous certification and registrations including:

- Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM)
- Certified Safety Profession (CSP)
- Certified Ergonomics Compliance Director (CECD)
- OSHA Outreach Instructor (General Industry and Construction 10/30 hour courses – including fall protection)
- American Safety and Health Institute Instructor Trainer
- American Heart Association Instructor Trainer and Training Center Faculty
- American Safety & Health Institute Quality Control Board Member
- FEMA certification in Basic Incident Command System
- Qualified Radiation Safety Officer

Bruce is also distinguished by numerous organizations. His many awards and acknowledgements include:

- Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professional, Hazardous Materials Professional of the Year (2013)
- Board of Certified Safety Professionals – CSP Award of Excellence (2014)
- Potomac Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association Industrial Hygienist of the Year (2009 & 2014)
- American Society of Safety Engineers – Northern Virginia Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (2014)
- Potomac Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association Industrial Hygienist of the Year (2009)



- Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers “Friend of the Academy” recipient (2008)
- Arlington County American Red Cross H&S Volunteer of the Year (2007)
- American Society of Safety Engineers - National Capital Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (2006)

Organizational Collaboration:

Bruce Donato is active on a number of other organization’s boards including the American Society of Safety Engineers, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the Washington Metropolitan Area Construction Safety Association, and the Chesapeake Area Biological Safety Association. Bruce’s connections include many upper level personnel at NIOSH and OSHA. Bruce has utilized these associations and connections support AHMP in many ways including providing one of this year’s keynote speakers at the 2016 Annual Conference.

More importantly, the opportunity that these associations bring to AHMP is invaluable. Bruce routinely provides insight into how other EHS&S organizations operate, engage members, manage Chapters and hold events. In turn, gaining these insights helps AHMP to observe other ways of doing business.

AHMP History and Contributions:

Bruce Donato’s first experience with AHMP began in 2006 as a new member of the National Capital Chapter. He offered to be the Chapter Secretary, but he could not hold office because he was not a CHMM and thus not a certified member of AHMP. That did not stop him, he immediately started the process to obtain his CHMM.

In 2007, he attended and was a major participant in planning and holding the AHMP annual conference which was held in Washington DC. On a very hot day, he participated in the emergency response scenario playing a victim and nearly became one. He was left on the hot asphalt parking lot for quite some time. He also became a member of the Professional Development Committee during that conference. Bruce was the primary presenter for the AHMP’s Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management course taught at the same conference.

Bruce’s first AHMP award, Friend of the Academy, came in 2008 for his integral support for the 2007 Conference and the National Chapter, presentation of the EHMM course.

In 2008, Bruce become more and more involved with AHMP and the National Capital Chapter, serving as both chapter treasurer and secretary and he also developed a website for the National Capital Chapter. He developed remote meeting protocols and taught these protocols to Chapters ant AHMP’s 2012 Delegate training at the National Conference.

As of 2012, Bruce was assigned the role of national EHMM coordinator for the conference held in Anchorage. Bruce joined the CDC and participated in Chapter delegated training at the conference presenting new technologies and how they can help chapters reach out ot more members.



In 2013, Bruce wrote two chapters and reviewed ten chapters for the 3rd Edition of the Hazardous Materials Desk Reference. He also supported the developed the first errata sheet the 3rd Edition. That same year, Bruce was awarded his second AHMP Award, Hazardous Materials Manager of the Year, for his work in 2012 for the AHMP organization and the National Capital Chapter.

In 2014, Bruce lead the effort to update and upgrade one of AHMP's most significant professional development and a revenue generating programs, the Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management (EHMM). Bruce coordinated the development of the course, finding subject matter experts to write modules, reviewing material, managing the branded look and feel of the course, teaching or overseeing three beta versions of the course to fine tune material and assure its quality. And, finally, he was able to make it consistent with the 3rd Edition of the Hazardous Materials Desk Reference. This effort took well over a year to complete. This new course has revitalized the presentation of the course and brought new Chapters into the program.

In 2015, Bruce championed the revitalization of AHMP's Cyber Chapter and is the Chapter's President through the end of 2016. Bruce has participated on a number of AHMP national committees including the newly formed Conference Committee and is now a driving force behind many of AHMP's programs. Bruce taught or oversaw the beta test of the EHMM course (mentioned above). Bruce developed a new Letter of Agreement for the EHMM Course and manages the updates recommended for the course provided by Chapters and their EHMM presenters.

Also in 2015, Bruce stepped in as acting Executive Director after AHMP's Executive Director left the organization with no notice. While this was a paid position, AHMP would not have been able to continue managing member and Chapter services without him stepping into this role immediately. Bruce learned office management processes and directed AHMP's temporary staff. As acting Executive Director, Bruce worked tirelessly to manage AHMP's day-to-day business operations, supervised personnel, and managed financial and tax issues, vendors and contractors, all while continuing to manage his own personal business and continuing to support his many Committee and Chapter volunteer activities for AHMP, AIHA and ASSE. Without Bruce's steadfast support, the sustainability of AHMP would have been in question.

Additional Support and References

Mike Maheux, AHMP Vice President, 2016 National Conference Committee: With respect to the 2016 Conference Task Group, Bruce Donato's involvement and commitment to the task group has been well above and beyond his arrangement as a contracted consultant during the transition to working with MSP.

- In light of my personal situation earlier this year;
 - Bruce did not hesitate to step forward and take on a more involved role with the conference task group
 - Scheduling meetings
 - Coordinating the ERS with Washington Gas
 - Coordinating tours
 - Lining up keynote speakers



He has taken on these additional tasks while being the driving force behind the cyber-chapter, working with the PDC and CDC, and being involved in the National-capitol Chapter. His energy and passion to AHMP and the 2016 conference has really been a great asset to our organization, and to me personally.

Linda Lawhorn, AHMP Awards Committee and 2016 AHMP Director: Regarding Bruce's qualifications, the portion of the AHMP Vision that reads "...resource for hazardous materials professionals" perfectly describes my interactions with Bruce beginning nearly two years ago. Bruce is a virtual hotline for all things AHMP – he knows exactly who to contact for anything a member might need. He provides a marvelous sounding board for ideas, and is unafraid to volunteer to help someone else achieve a goal. These have been my personal experiences with him, but I am one of many that he serves tirelessly. There is no one who more fully embodies the spirit of the organization, both who we are now and who we are working to become.

Eric Johnson, AHMP CDC Committee and 2016 AHMP Director: No AHMP member is more deserving of the Pete Cook Award than Bruce Donato. He has given so much to AHMP during the past few years. At the chapter level, he is a leader of the National Capital Chapter and manages many chapter initiatives and functions. Bruce spearheaded the reinvigoration of the Cyber Chapter. The Cyber Chapter had ceased to function, but Bruce was able to initiate a successful turnaround. He recruited a new board, organized on-line board meetings, and set-up a series of webinars. Bruce coordinated the revision of the Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management (EHMM) course presentation. He updated this signature AHMP course and revised the modules to provide more appropriate content for environmental, health, and safety professionals. Bruce was instrumental in managing the AHMP office during the transition period. He worked diligently and for long hours to ensure that AHMP continued to function during the transition and prepare the organization for a new management team. And finally, Bruce is a key resource to AHMP. He brings a wealth of knowledge on association management, information technology, and chapter operations that benefits AHMP in so many ways. I strongly recommended Bruce Donato for the Pete Cook Award.

Becky Neal, AHMP CDC Committee, Secretary of both the Houston Buffalo Bayou and Cyber Chapter: I am proud to support your nomination of Bruce Donato for the Pete Cook Award. I have had the privilege of working with Bruce throughout my five years with the Alliance and I can vouch for his hard work, professionalism and effectiveness. I have rarely come across a person who is so attentive to the minutest of detail and so willing to undertake new challenges for the benefit of a volunteer organization. He never hesitates to take on any challenge or difficult task and does what is necessary to ensure that these projects are successful.

In just my limited personal experience, Bruce has contributed to the Alliance and the profession in many ways:

- During my time as co-chair of the CDC, he freely volunteered time to ensure that Chapter by-laws submitted to the committee received an appropriate degree of scrutiny and were returned to the Chapters promptly. Bruce's feedback was among the most thorough of all committee members.



- Additionally, Bruce provided crucial support for the annual report survey in coordinating between the committee and AHMP staff.
- In the two years that I organized the national conference delegate training, Bruce volunteered time and resources for several years to put on valuable training for the conference Chapter delegates covering topics from virtual meetings to SWOT analysis for Chapter strategic planning.
- As the President of the Cyber Chapter, he has championed its reinvigoration. As I communicate with co-workers and colleagues across the country who may not have access to a “brick and mortar” chapter, under his guidance, the new Cyber Chapter has become a resource I can proudly refer them to.
- As I have sought ways to expand my involvement with the Alliance, Bruce has been an invaluable resource in helping me determine the ways I can best contribute to the organization and foster my professional growth while balancing my involvement between the Buffalo Bayou Chapter, the Cyber Chapter, and AHMP committee work.
- As I have taken various leadership positions with the Buffalo Bayou Chapter, Bruce’s knowledge of practices from the National Capital and Cyber Chapters, the National AHMP office, and the AIHA and ASSE organizations has made him a treasured resource for advice and suggestions. Bruce is among the first individuals I turn to when trying to determine how to make something work at a Chapter level.

Heather Barbare, President, Rocky Mountain Chapter: Bruce Donato's contributions to not only the Rocky Mountain Chapter of AHMP, but to the hazardous materials profession as a whole, are numerable. Bruce volunteered to act as moderator to the RMC's 2015 EHMM class. In addition to moderating the class, he taught many segments of the EHMM course. As a moderator, Bruce was extremely organized and energetic. As an instructor, Bruce was a wealth of knowledge. In conversations that I have had with Bruce, it was apparent that he is not only passionate about hazardous materials management, but also upholds an unparalleled ethics standard that all EH&S professionals should live up to. As a young professional, Bruce has shown me how valuable the credential can be and is an example of a true leader.