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

ROCKVILLE, MD (January 1, 2015) – 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. Elected as CHMM Directors to four-year terms starting January 1, 2015 were Mark T. Baumgardner and Robert A. West. Elected as a CDGP Director was Lorenz R. Spangler for a four-year term, also starting January 1, 2015.

Mark Baumgardner, CHMM is the principal of Mark Baumgardner Management Consulting LLC. Mr. Baumgardner has over 30 years of experience in the environmental protection, health, safety and project management field. Mr. Baumgardner holds a B. A. in Biochemistry from the Ohio State University and an MBA in Management from the University of Akron. Mr. Baumgardner earned his CHMM Certification in 1993 and is also a Fellow of the Institute.

Robert A. West, CHMM 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.

Lorenz R. (Richie) Spangler, CHMM, CDGP has worked for Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) since 2003 overseeing operations at the Hazardous Waste Management Facility and manages the laboratory's decontamination program and has more than 25 years of experience in hazardous materials management and compliance. Mr. Spangler received his CHMM in 2003 and the CDGP in 2014.

“We are pleased to welcome Mark, Bob, and Richie to the IHMM Board of Directors,” stated Allison A. King, CHMM and IHMM Chair. “Each has 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.”

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

For thirty years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), 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 (CHMM) credential. IHMM also administers the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP) and the Certified Dangerous Goods Professional (CDGP) credentials.

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