



“NEWSLETTER”

February 2010

President’s Address:

Well, the adventure has begun. On February 6th I attended my first AHRMM Board meeting as Region 2 Representative. It was a rich and rewarding experience to say the least. Most of the Board arrived on Thursday February 4th to prepare for the tour of Texas Children’s Hospital followed by a visit to the Johnson Space Center. It amazes me when I see the work that’s being done in our Industry to insure the best care for our children. Texas Children’s Hospital is located in Houston and is part of a complex of Hospitals that cover an area larger than downtown Dallas. The NASA tour of the Johnson Space complex was a trip back in time from when Dr. Goddard first initiated the space program until the present time. We should all be proud of what our great country has accomplished over the past 85 years.

The main focus of the board meeting was to re-access the current structure of the board and institute changes to the strategic goals. The outcome was a migration toward eliminating regional board designations and having the entire AHRMM membership elect the board. A nominating committee would screen candidates to run for board positions on their specific qualifications and talents to focus on the different disciplines AHRMM addresses. The 2010 President-elect nomination will be the last. The head of the board will be Chairperson and the second in command will be Vice Chairperson. The entire Board would elect both. Our next meeting will take place on May 15th in Boston. I will keep you updated as events occur.

If you are not a current member of AHRMM, I strongly urge you to join. It is a worthwhile and rewarding experience.

AHRMM Update by Jean DeFino, Vice President of Correspondence:

The due date for submission of the Chapter Affiliation application is March 15, 2010. We are hoping for Gold Chapter again this year and want to thank everyone on the HMMS Board for all their efforts assisting with this project. Our members have also contributed to the success of the chapter by their support of the events over the past year. Thank you all!



Neil Marek, Steve Faup, John Brede, Bill Schweber & Jean DeFino of the HMMS-NJ Board accept the Gold Affiliation Award from Maryann Michalski, Past President of AHRMM.

Educational update by Neil Marek, Executive Vice President/Education:

- February 24th - “Orthobiologics-What Materials Managers Should Know” Presented by Bill Maher at Ocean Medical Center, Brick, NJ
- March 18th - “ Strategic Sourcing” Presented by David Kaczmarek at the Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth, NJ
- April 21st. Topic to be announced. Presentor is Dr. Nick Sears. Location Morristown Hospital, Morristown, NJ

Membership Update by Bill Schweber, Vice President of Membership and Special Events:

Welcome new members:

**Wayne Marek
Paul Lambert
Steve Johnson
Jon Brlas**

**Ed Olexa
David Young
Bob Sariego
John Kalman**

**Brad Pedrow
Bruce Marks
Susan Goldschraff**

Congratulations to all!!!