

# **Carlos Duque**

Present/Former Role on NAHMMA Board/ Committees:

Vice President, Pacific Chapter

#### Headshot



## **Statement of Purpose**

I am honored to submit my nomination for the Board of Directors of NAHMMA. With over 23 years of experience in the hazardous waste and household hazardous waste industry, I have dedicated my career to managing and overseeing various waste management programs and facilities across California.

For the past five years, I have been employed with the City of Elk Grove, where I serve as the Waste Program Coordinator in the Public Works Department - Recycling and Waste Division. In this role, I oversee the Household Hazardous Waste Program at the Special Waste Collection Center (SWCC). My responsibilities include managing multiple contracts with vendors that provide services to our facility, overseeing state grant management, and ensuring compliance with new regulations and industry standards. I also focus on adapting to emerging waste streams and implementing best practices to enhance our waste management processes.

Since joining NAHMMA in 2019, I have actively participated in the organization, serving multiple terms in various roles within the Pacific "Gold Rush" Chapter, including my most recent position as Vice President. I am a passionate supporter of the valuable connections and shared experiences that NAHMMA provides its members. Our work is crucial for both environmental and human health, and I am committed to fostering the growth and success of the organization.



My experience includes overseeing hazardous waste management and disposal operations for notable organizations such as the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in Menlo Park, CA, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Research Triangle Park, NC. Additionally, I have worked in disaster recovery, assisting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with the disposal of household hazardous waste collected during the Camp Fire in Paradise, CA, in 2018.

I believe that our members can greatly benefit from the support and innovative solutions that NAHMMA offers. By staying ahead of new regulations and adapting to evolving industry waste streams, we can continue to protect human health and the environment. I am dedicated to contributing to the organization as a board member or in any other capacity that will help NAHMMA continue to move in a positive direction.

Thank you for considering my nomination.



Jennifer Heaton-Jones	
Present/Former Role on NAHMMA Board/	President, Northeast Chapter
Committees:	
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	In consideration of my nomination for the Board of Directors of NAHMMA please accept this statement.  I am the Executive Director of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority, the regional, governmental, solid waste and recycling authority for 14 municipalities in Western Connecticut. I have been with the HRRA since 2009. I have 15 years of experience planning, organizing, and facilitating household hazardous waste events for our region with a population of over 267,000 people. I have been involved with NAHMMA since 2016 and have been the NAHMMA Northeast Chapter President since 2020.  I have worked extensively on extended producer responsibility legislation in Connecticut, helping pass the first in the nation EPR bill on gas cylinders in 2022. I will be introducing HHW EPR in the 2025 session. I am proud to be a policy leader when it comes to material management including hazardous material.  I believe in and support the mission of NAHMMA and would be honored to provide my professional experience, knowledge, and passion to the board.  Thank you for your consideration.



# Victoria Hodge

Present/Former Role on NAHMMA Board/ Committees:

Member, NAHMMA Board of Directors Chair, Conference Steering Committee Co-Chair, Chapters & Membership Committee

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# **Statement of Purpose**

Being a member of NAHMMA and sitting on the Board of Directors has been one of the most rewarding endeavors in my career. It is my honor to work with this great group of leaders and work on the projects we have taken on. I would like to continue my service to NAHMMA and provide ongoing support by being active in many committees – Chapter/Membership, Conference Planning, and Sponsorship. I understand the importance of making sure NAHMMA runs smoothly as a whole by keeping all committees synced to ensure the needs of the members and the association's needs are met.

If elected, I'll work hard and always in the best interest of our members. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.



## Julie Mitchell

Present/Former Role on NAHMMA Board/ Committees:

Member, NAHMMA Board of Directors Member, Communications Committee Member, Advocacy Committee





## **Statement of Purpose**

I have been employed with the King County Solid Waste Division for over 25 years and involved in hazardous waste matters as part of the Hazardous Waste Program in the King County consortium for the past 17 years. I manage the mobile hazardous waste collection (Wastemobile program) and CESQG collection programs for the Hazardous Waste Program in King County. I have been a member of NAHMMA for 17 years, have served as past president of the Northwest Regional chapter, and am currently serving on the association board.

I'm a strong believer in the valuable connections and shared experiences the NAHMMA organization provides its members. The work we do is critical to environmental and human health. I want to continue to grow the NAHMMA organization because people in our specialized industry have many of the same experiences and challenges. Our members can benefit from member support and innovative solutions that protect human health and the environment. I will continue to contribute to NAHMMA either as a board member or in any other capacity that keeps the organization moving in a positive direction.



Kelby Neal	
Present/Former Role on NAHMMA Board/	Member, NAHMMA Board of Directors
Committees:	Chair, Sponsorship Committee
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	I would like to run for re-election to the Association Board to continue to Chair the Sponsorship Committee. The Sponsorship Committee is one of the most important committees within the Board. The Sponsorship Committee raises funds that support the operation of the organization.



# **Jack Ranney**

Present/Former Role on NAHMMA Board/ Committees: Member, Training Committee
Former Board of Directors member

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# **Statement of Purpose**

I have been a member of NAHMMA since 1997 and the knowledge, training, and networking I have gained over the years have been invaluable to my professional development. I have over 30 years of experience in the household hazardous waste management and disposal field. NAHMMA has evolved to provide professional development opportunities over the years, and I believe there are additional knowledge areas that can be emphasized which will enhance program technicians and managers so they can improve efficiencies in their programs. One area that I believe deserves more attention is the RFP development and solicitation process. I believe with more emphasis this knowledge area would be valuable to program operators communicating with purchasing agents, so they have a better understanding of the factors that govern how the industry functions. I also believe expanding this knowledge area can help NAHMMA expand its membership to segments that are not currently participating in NAHMMA. NAHMMA provides outstanding training and information to the HHW industry and should be looking at areas that will further enhance its offerings. I believe I can help NAHMMA maintain its position as the "go-to" organization for professional development in the HHW and hazardous waste arena.



## **Jordan Wells**

Present/Former Role on NAHMMA Board/ Committees:

Secretary, NAHMMA Board of Directors Chair, Advocacy Committee

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# **Statement of Purpose**

Jordan, Director of Advocacy and Communications at the National Stewardship Action Council, has been working to reduce toxins and hazardous waste and advance Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and an equitable, circular economy since 2014.

Jordan has extensive experience building partnerships, working pragmatically to find solutions with broad stakeholder groups such as local governments, materials managers, producers, recyclers, and other NGOs. Jordan is skilled at project management including developing and executing public relations campaigns, and facilitates virtual, national webinars and press conferences. Jordan is a coauthor of articles and a new book on EPR as well as a sought-after presenter and has delivered presentations to audiences nationally in a variety of venues including conferences, workshops, webinars, and to legislative and regulatory bodies.

Jordan is NSAC's registered lobbyist in California and has navigated numerous bills from inception to passage including the first-in-the-nation Truth in Recycling Labeling law (SB 343 – Allen) in 2021 and the mercury lighting sales ban AB 2208 (Kalra) in 2002. She is passionate about legislation and enjoys advocating for an equitable, circular economy, including the development of strong coalitions to advance policy change. At NSAC, she advocates for source reduction and pollution prevention policies first which reduce the government costs to manage products and chemicals.



Jordan is a Board Member of the North
American Hazardous Materials Management
Association (NAHMMA) Board and currently
serves as the Board Secretary. In June 2021,
Jordan was appointed by the Director of the
California Department of Resources and
Recycling (CalRecycle) to the Statewide Mattress
Recycling Organization Advisory Committee and
currently serves as Secretary of the Committee.
Jordan also co-chairs the Green California Toxics
and Waste Committee.



# **Carmen Zuniga**

Present/Former Role on NAHMMA Board/ Committees: Secretary, Pacific Chapter

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# **Statement of Purpose**

I'm a National Accounts Executive with ACT and have been working closely with PaintCare for the past 9 years. They are my primary account. I manage the PaintCare contract, service execution, timely billing, and reporting for CA, WA, OR, and CO. For the last 18 months, ACT has been piloting a PaintCare Reuse Program out of our ACT branches and it's gaining a lot of momentum. Making free paint available to local schools, daycare centers, women's shelters, and low-income families has been very rewarding on a personal level. In addition, supporting reuse paint programs has enabled us to support the best use and recycling of paint in CA.