



Mid-Atlantic Chapter Solid Waste Association of North America

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President's Message

By: Steve Lippy

Some of you newer members probably do not realize that I have been recycled not once, but twice, as Chapter President. I was the Chapter's initial President in 1983, then in 1988, and now for the past two years. Therefore, this is my last President's Message and I wish I had something to state that would be so profound, so inspirational, so memorable. But, I am just an engineer so what can one truly expect.

One of my repeating themes over the past two years has been to recommend that all Chapter members participate somehow and volunteer to help the Chapter.

What are the benefits? You get to know people you probably would never have met otherwise. People who may be able to help you with a problem. People who may become your friend, whether professionally or socially.

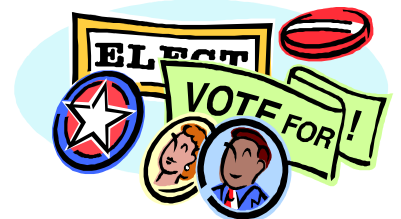
It is a chance to grow professionally. If what you are doing now is simply a job, you might not care; but if solid waste management is your career, then SWANA membership and participation can aid and enhance that career.

I plan to stay active on the Board as Past President and endeavor to impart some "words of wisdom" to keep our Chapter going for another 25 years, so I can come back with my walker to celebrate our Gold Anniversary.

Hope to see everyone sometime during the year!

Vote!

Ballots for voting for the fifteen (15) members of the Board of Directors were distributed electronically (and via regular mail for those without e-mail); they are due on September 15. Please vote! (This was our first effort at electronic voting.)



SWANA Mission Statement:

"Advancing the practice of economically and environmentally sound solid waste management in North America."

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Chapter Board of Directors' (BOD) Meeting

On August 13, ten Board members (and ten guests) convened for our bi-monthly meeting at the office of Frederick County's Division of Utilities and Waste Management. Thank you to DUWM and Mehal Trivedi for hosting the meeting. The more significant agenda items covered were as follows:

- A State Farm CD had matured. If SWANA is still accepting monies for a 5.0% promissory note, we agreed to do another note using the CD monies. Steve Lippy will check with SWANA. We will continue to investigate opening a savings account to transfer some of the checking account monies.
- The new Maryland Tax Exempt certificate has been received and is available for Chapter purchases.
- Annual meeting reservations slow so far. Chapter is subsidizing each ticket by \$43. Robin Ennis to check on possibly getting cap and/or water bottle to commemorate our 25th Anniversary.
- Compost Certification Course in January 2009. Robin Ennis suggested David Hill to be the instructor and will coordinate with him in regard to date, as he would attend the course and/or take the exam to be certified prior to then.
- It was decided to separate Training from Program Committee; the purpose of the Training Committee would be to present "official" SWANA course packages.
- Our Chapter has 246 members.
- All of the scholarship checks and letters have been distributed. Steve Lippy and Mehal will work together to try to improve the scholarship review process for next year.
- The Chapter web site is now managed by Pinnacle Communications.
- The BOD approved the FY2009 nominations slate. Everyone needs to vote. The slate will be distributed electronically within the next few days.
- Steve Lippy will update Travel Policy for next Board meeting.
- Annual report and audit is due to SWANA by December 31.
- Next meeting is Wednesday, October 15, possibly in Montgomery County.

Following lunch was a PowerPoint presentation by Mehal and then tour of Frederick County's Reichs Ford Landfill.



"Good-Byes"

We say good-bye to the following Board of Directors' members whose terms end at the end of September:

- **Frank Henderson** of Harford County who has also retired from the solid waste field. (See July 2008 newsletter for more information on him.)
- **Michael Houlihan** of Geosyntec Consultants. He was on the Board for nine (9) years from FY 00 to FY 08, serving as Vice President in FY 03 and FY 04, President in FY 05 and FY 06, and Past President in FY 07 and FY 08, as well as assisting with the MRC/SWANA Conference. He will stay in contact, as Carrie Pendleton of his office will be coming on the Board.
- **Elizabeth (Liz) Smolen** of Prince George's County. She was on the Board from FY 05 to FY 08, serving as Chapter Treasurer from mid-FY05 to mid-FY08.
- **Evelyn Tomlin** of Howard County. She was on the Board for eleven (11) years from FY 98 to FY 08, serving as Vice President in FY 02, President in FY 03 and 04, Past President in FY 05 and 06, and Chapter Alternate Director in FY 07 and 08 (representing the Chapter at the June 2008 IB meeting). She also served on the Audit Committee and often volunteered her office building for Board members and classes. Normally, she had the "honor" of hauling the crab waste from our annual crab feast. She will also be staying in touch, as Niti Blackwell (presently Chapter Legislative Liaison) of her office will be coming on the Board.
- **Aigen Zhao** of Tenax Corporation. He was on the Board as a Director from FY 07 to FY 08, as well as being Membership Committee Chair who developed an updated Chapter Roster. He is being replaced by Jessica Martin (our present Membership Chair), also of Tenax, and will hopefully also stay in touch.

We thank all of them for their assistance and work while on the Board, and hope that we see all (even the retiree Frank) at future meetings.

Examples of Volunteer Needs

Previous mention of work for volunteers may have been too vague; consequently, this fairly exhaustive list is presented, though one may elect to choose only one bullet at a time. A few members have already responded. Thank you! The BOD would entertain other suggestions too.

☞ **Programs Committee** (Programs, other than “official” SWANA courses; can be for only lunch and tour following a Board meeting or not on Board date, a lunch and ½ day of speakers, a lunch and full day of speakers, etc.)

- Chair (or coordinator) of Programs Committee.
- Serve on Committee.
- Coordinate one specific program or tour.
- Offer solid waste facility to visit or tour.
- Offer meeting place/room to hold the program.
- Offer to be a speaker on the topic(s) of your choice.
- Offer meeting place/room for bi-monthly Board of Directors’ meeting.
- Solicit sponsorships of lunches, etc.
- Assist for just one specific course. (This could include handling registrations or doing promotion or obtaining sponsors, or arranging caterer, etc.)

☞ **Training Committee** (present SWANA certification and non-certification courses)

- Chair (or coordinator) of Training Committee.
- Serve on Committee.
- Coordinate one specific course. (Guidelines have been written. Assistance will be provided.) (This is limited time commitment of 4-6 months.)
 - January 2009 – Compost Certification at the HEAT Center in Harford County.
 - May 2009 – Transfer Station Certification at Howard County Government Building.
 - Other which you believe would be of interest to some of the members and approved by Board of Directors. These may be certification or training; half day, one day, two day, or three days.
- Assist for just one specific course. (This could include handling registrations or doing promotion or obtaining sponsors or arranging caterer, etc.)
- Offer meeting place/room to hold the course.

- Offer to be an instructor if you have the expertise or are certified.
- Solicit sponsorships of lunches, etc.

☞ **Scholarship Committee**

- Assist in evaluating scholarship applications in May.
- Solicit scholarship sponsors.
- Review scholarship instructions/review methodology.

☞ **Audit Committee**

- Assist in auditing Chapter’s financial reports in November/December.

☞ **Bylaws Committee**

- Review Chapter Bylaws to see if necessary to revise.

☞ **Membership Committee**

- Assist the Chair (e.g., send welcome letters to new members, follow-up with delinquent members).
- Contact prospective new members.
- Update Chapter Membership Roster periodically.

☞ **Road-E-O Committee**

- Coordinate with PA and NJ Chapters.
- Serve on Committee.
- Volunteer to be judge on day of Road-E-O.
- Solicit sponsorships.
- Promote Road-E-O.

☞ **Miscellaneous**

- Write articles for Chapter newsletter.
- Express desire (interest and time) to serve on the Chapter’s Board of Directors.



Magical Mystery Tour

By: Stephen T. Lezinski

Close your eyes... Relax... Now click your ruby slippers three times and come with me to a magical place where solid waste management dreams become reality, Frederick County. Yes, all the rumors are true! – yard trim processing, composting, recycling, landfilling, and waste transfer operations can all be found at the Reichs Ford Road Landfill and Recycling Center. On August 13, Mehal Trivedi led the Mid-Atlantic Chapter board members and company on a tour of this impressive site.

The tour was prefaced by a presentation on the new Transfer Station and Processing Facility (*see Photo 1*), which is still under construction. With a price tag of approximately \$9-million, the primary infrastructure improvements include:

- an enclosed 1-acre tipping floor with dual load-out chutes (*see Photo 2*) for segregating trash and potentially recyclable commodities;
- wall-to-wall steel plating for pushing trash on the tipping floor and protecting the structural components of the transfer building;
- a lower level with two new scales to accommodate the live-loading of open-top transfer trailers;
- two new scales (inbound and outbound) at the Scale House entrance with a dedicated by-pass lane for transfer trailers and automation for all scales on site; and
- a citizen drop-off for recyclables and trash.

With an estimated population of 230,000 and acres of rolling farmland with integrated residential and commercial communities, Frederick County's businesses and residents have learned to thrive together. Frederick County currently manages approximately 800 tons of waste and to accommodate its thriving community, the new Transfer Station and Processing Facility is permitted to receive up to 2,000 tons per day. The new Facility is designed to mitigate potential concerns from odor, dust, noise and lighting.

The new Facility will receive and consolidate roughly 90% of the County's waste stream into long-haul transfer trailers. The transfer operation will operate concurrently with the active landfill Cell 3 (*see Photo 3*) disposal area that will receive the remaining 10% of waste. The transferred waste will be disposed of at the Atlantic Waverly Landfill, which is located approximately 190 miles away in Waverly, Virginia. The design and construction management firm for the project is SCS Engineers.

Frederick County also operates a 5-acre yard trim mulching and compost operation (*see Photo 4*) on a recycled asphalt pad on one of the closed landfill cells. Future projects for Frederick County may include a regional waste-to-energy facility in conjunction with Carroll County.

I would like to give special thanks to Mehal Trivedi and other Frederick County staff that assisted with the site tour. SWANA members received one (1) continuing education unit (CEU) for attending the site tour, which can be applied towards SWANA certifications.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

Reminders / Wanted

- ◆ “Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ Important Websites to Remember: www.swana.org, www.swana-midatl.org & www.mdrecycles.org.
- ◆ **Training the Trainers:** Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.
- ◆ **SWANA E-sessions:** If your organization presents e-sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU’s. Contact Steve Lippy or Dana Murray or Shirl Wright.
- ◆ **Job Vacancies in your Organization:** Contact swright@nmwda.org for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ **Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.:** Contact swright@nmwda.org to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ **Scholarship Sponsors:** Contact Steve Lippy, Mehal Trivedi or Hallie Clemm.
- ◆ **Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members:** Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Jessica Martin (jmartin@tenax.com) or Dave Hernandez at SWANA (dhernandez@swana.org), or direct the prospective member to our Chapter website (www.swana-midatl.org) or SWANA’s website (www.swana.org)
- ◆ **Newsletter Ads:** These are business card size ads only (2” x 3.5”); \$100 for 4 issues. Send your business card or a JPG file and a check made payable to: Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA and mail to Shirl Wright at NMWDA, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower II, Suite 402, Baltimore, MD 21201-2705.
- ◆ **American Academy of Environmental Engineers:** If you are an environmental engineer, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. See <http://www.swana-midatl.org/> or <http://www.aaee.net/>.

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SWANA Guiding Principle:

"Local government is responsible for municipal solid waste management, but not necessarily the ownership and/or operation of municipal solid waste management systems."