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July 24, 2008

President's Message

By: Steve Lippy

This year will represent one of our biggest turnovers on our Board as three active individuals who are past Chapter presidents will be leaving the Board. Another officer will be leaving, though she had already resigned her position. At least one other director will be leaving. Watch for your e-mail election ballot in early August.

This has been said before; but, the more of you who volunteer to help with your Chapter the more activities we can do in furtherance of SWANA's mission statement:

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

One does NOT have to be a member of the Board to volunteer. We are looking for help to present our certification courses. There is already a list of steps to follow, based on our successful MOLO courses.

Hope to see everyone sometime during the year.

**SWANA
Mid-Atlantic Chapter
25th Anniversary
Celebration &
Annual Meeting
at Oriole Park
September 23, 2008**

Space is limited,
so please register
by August 15th.

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**SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter
25th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Meeting
at Oriole Park at Camden Yards
September 23, 2008**

The SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter 25th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting will be held at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore on Tuesday, September 23, 2008. Ticket prices are \$20 per person and include: crab cake, pit beef sandwich dinner, beverage and terrace box level seat for the game.

If you are interested in attending, please complete the registration form below. **There are a limited number of tickets available, so please register early!** In order to reserve your ticket, your registration must be faxed to Robin Ennis at 240-777-6466 **by August 15th**. Your payment must be received by **August 29th**. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Robin Ennis at 240-



2:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

3:30 - 4:30 Dinner and Social Hour

5:05 p.m. Game

**REGISTRATION FORM
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING AT CAMDEN YARDS
September 23, 2008**

There are a limited number of tickets available for this event, so please register early.

Number of Tickets: _____ (due to space limitations, only 2-tickets per member please)

Amount Enclosed: _____ (\$20 per ticket - Checks made payable to: SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter)

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address (please provide address tickets should be sent to): _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please fax or mail your completed registration to Robin Ennis by August 15th. Payment must be received by August 29th.

Robin Ennis, Chief - Collections Section
Montgomery County, Solid Waste Division
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Chapter Board of Directors' (BOD) Meeting

On June 26, following the MRC & SWNA Mid-Atlantic Chapter 4th Annual Joint Conference, eight Board members (and several guests) convened for our bi-monthly meeting. The more significant agenda items were as follows:

- The SWANA promissory note that matured on June 1 has been rolled over to a new 4-year one at 5.0% interest.
- The attendance and participation at the June 14 crab feast was disappointing; it may have been our last annual crab feast. **Thanks to Alban Tractor for donating two bushels of crabs!**
- The MRC & Mid-Atlantic Conference seemed to go well. We voted to be willing to participate in another joint conference.
- The composting certification course reported in the last newsletter will probably be held in January 2009 at the HEAT Center in Harford County. Howard County is willing to host a conference a year; tentatively, the transfer station certification course will be held in May 2009 in Howard County.
- With ten new members, our Chapter membership is now 254.
- We voted on the scholarship recipients. There were six applicants, though one application was disqualified as it was not received until May 8, a week past the deadline. [See article on page 5.]
- We voted to pay for the registration of two individuals who placed second in the May 9 Regional Road-E-O to participate in the International Road-E-O. [See article on page 4.]
- We voted to have the firm which is the webmaster for NMWDA maintain our Chapter website.
- Nominating committee consists of Steve Lippy (who as President is Chair), Robin Ennis (the incoming President), and Frank Henderson. There will be quite a few changes this year as at least four Board members will be leaving and the officers will be changing positions.
- After more discussion, our annual September business meeting will not be held in conjunction with CEAM in Ocean City. The annual business meeting will be combined with our 25th Anniversary Celebration and will take place on September 23, 2008 at Camden Yards. A registration form can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

Next Board Meeting/Tour August 13, 2008

The next Board Meeting/Tour is scheduled for:

- Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Division of Utilities & Solid Waste Management
Frederick County
4520 Metropolitan Court
Frederick, MD 21704
Lunch: 12:00 p.m. at the DUSWM
Tour: 1:00 p.m. at Frederick County Transfer Station
and Rubblefill Yard Waste Processing Plant

Registration information will be sent later, but mark your calendars!

Nomination Slate

At least one month prior to the Annual business Meeting, a recommended slate of officers and directors will be distributed. We will be voting by e-mail or fax, rather than at the meeting to enable greater participation by our Chapter Membership.

Chapter Membership Directory

Please let Jessica Martin (jmartin@tenax.com) know of any changes, additions, or deletions to either yours or someone else's contact information.

Frank Henderson

As of July 1, Frank retired from being the Deputy Director of Environmental Services of the Department of Public Works in Harford County to pursue his house building in Colorado at elevation 10,900! Though he will be staying on the Board through September, we wanted to acknowledge his support at this time.

Since 1995 when he joined SWANA, he has been an active and enthusiastic supporter of our Chapter. His thirteen (13) years of service on the Board includes the following:

- SWANA Director in 1996-1997
- Vice President in 1998
- President in 1999
- Past President in 2000-01
- Director from 2002 to the present



For the 2001 WASTECON in Baltimore, he served as the Local Committee Co-chair with Steve Lippy. In addition, he strongly supported the annual crab feast, often overseeing games for the children. While Chapter President, he would often have “prizes” for those attending meetings. He was our “party guy,” always ready to celebrate.

During Board meetings he seemingly was always ready to spend, resulting in Steve Lippy rolling his eyes.

Though opposites in many ways, Steve Lippy stated that “Frank’s enthusiasm and friendship will be sorely missed.”

We wish him the best in his retirement, including the opportunity to ski to his heart’s content.

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, Hallie Clemm or Aigen Zhao.
- ◆ **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 be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. See <http://www.swana-midatl.org/> or <http://www.aee.net/>.



MRC & SWANA Mid-Atlantic 4th Annual Joint Conference



On June 25-26, members of both the Maryland Recyclers Coalition and our Chapter gathered together to jointly hold a 1 ½ day conference at College Park, Maryland.

We thank those SWANA members who assisted in the planning (e.g., Dana Murray of SCS Engineers, Mike Houlihan of Geosyntec Consultants, and Robin Ennis of Mont-

gomery County), those agencies with SWANA members who participated by advertising and/or sponsoring and/or exhibiting (e.g., Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, Information Systems, Maryland Environmental Service, SCS Engineers, CDM eCycling, and Waste Management), and those who spoke or moderated.

There were several joint sessions, as well as a separate MRC and SWANA “track.” One of the main themes throughout the conference was how proper and judicious integrated solid waste management practices can minimize adverse environmental impacts.

MRC Award Recognition

On Wednesday, June 25, 2008, the Maryland Recyclers Coalition (MRC), a well-respected statewide recycling organization, presented two Maryland counties with Government Leadership Awards for their commitment to promoting waste prevention and recycling.

Baltimore County’s Department of Public Works, Bureau of Solid Waste Management was awarded the 2008 Outstanding Government Leadership award. This marks the

fourth time that Baltimore County’s Bureau of Solid Waste Management has received this prestigious award.



The Solid Waste Management Division of the Cecil County Department of Public Works received the 2008 Outstanding Small Govern-

ment Leadership Award. Pete Bieniek, Chief of Solid Waste Management Division, and Tanya Adams, Solid Waste Management Division Recycling Coordinator, accepted the award on behalf of the County.

The Outstanding Government Leadership Award is presented to local, state, or federal government entities for excellence in advocating, implementing, operating, and otherwise promoting waste reduction and/or recycling in Maryland.

Regional Road-E-O

On May 9, representatives from agencies/jurisdictions in the Mid-Atlantic Chapter participated in the SWANA PA-NJ-Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O, hosted by Waste Management’s MountainView Landfill in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, north of Hagerstown, MD. The equipment operator competition was a “muddy” affair. Three of our reps took four places in the landfill competition:

- Dozer: Third – Dan Griffith (Harford County)
- Compactor: Second – Darryl Dietle (Baltimore County)
- Wheel loader: Second – Steve McCurry (MES)
Third – Dan Griffith (Harford County)



Congratulations to Dan, Darryl, and Steve. Darryl and Steve, due to their second place finishes, are eligible to participate in the SWANA International Road-E-O to be held in Louisville, KY on Saturday, September 27, 2008.

2008 SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Scholarship Awards Program

The 2008 recipients of a Scholarship Awards were:

George Winfield Memorial Category I winner (\$1,500):

Julie Lynn Hudnet – daughter of Chris Hudnet, Waste Management of MD, Inc. Julie attended Notre Dame Preparatory School. This scholarship is named after Mr. George Winfield who was one of our founding fathers of our chapter. (Visit <http://www.swana-midatl.org> and click 'In Memoriam' for more information on Mr. Winfield.)

Category IA winners (\$1,000 each):

Emily Xuwen Zhao – daughter of Aigen Zhao, Tenax Corporation. Emily is attending the Bryn Mawr College and majoring in Political Science and Math.

Parashar Mehal Trivedi – son of Mehal Trivedi, Frederick County. Parashar is attending the University of Maryland, College Park and majoring in Pre-Medicine.

Category II winner (\$1,500):

Brad Edward Young – Brad is attending Frostburg State University and majoring in Environmental Analysis and Planning and is a SWANA student member. He has worked at Harford County's landfill; he was sponsored by a Chapter member.

Kevin Stearman Memorial Program Scholarship Award winner (\$2,000):

Michael Stewart Singleton – received the highest score by the Chapter Evaluation Committee and he will receive a \$2,000 scholarship provided by Office Paper System (OPS) under its Kevin Stearman Memorial Scholarship Program. Michael attended McDonogh School. His father is a residential refuse collector in Baltimore County; Michael's application was sponsored by a Chapter member.

Congratulations to the winners!!



Operator of the Year Award

The deadline for the 2008 Operator of the Year Award will be September 2, 2008. A standardized form for nominating your personnel is available on the Chapter website. The criteria are also on the Chapter website.



Nominations should be submitted to Jerry Scanlan by e-mail at gpscanlan@harfordcountymd.gov or fax to 410-638-4019.

Employment Announcement

MANAGEMENT LANDFILL MANAGER

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
Position Announcement # 01424
Salary Range \$57,913 - \$96,146

Anne Arundel County Government is seeking a highly motivated individual to manage their active landfill at the Millersville Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility in Severn, MD, and two closed landfills. Operation includes managing a solid waste disposal facility with liner and leachate collection system, post closure care including a LFG system with flare, and recycling activities.

This is a management position within Waste Management Services, Department of Public Works. Applicants should have management and leadership skills including planning, budgeting, employee development, customer service, teamwork, communication, supervision and problem solving.

Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in physical, environmental or biological sciences, engineering, geology, hydrology, or a related field; considerable experience in landfill operations, environmental regulations, and waste management service operations; and a valid non-commercial Class C motor vehicle operator's license.

Application for the position must be on the application form used by Anne Arundel County and must be received in the Office of Personnel no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2008. To obtain an application or to apply on-line, please visit our website at <http://www.aacounty.org>. Resumes are accepted only if attached to the application. For additional information relative to this position, contact Linda Currier, pwcurr48@aacounty.org or (410) 222-6108.

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