The weather was superb ... temperature in the 80s with a slight breeze, enjoyed by everyone except for the guy wearing the super-wide foam 10-gallon hat!!!

Eleven agencies/companies were represented at the June 9, 2017 Regional Road-E-O in Ridgely, Maryland; three were from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter (Delaware Solid Waste Authority, Maryland Environmental Service, and Republic Services-Delaware), plus one each from the New Jersey and Virginia Chapters, with the remainder from the Pennsylvania Keystone Chapter. In total, there were 37 contestants who participated in 59 events.

There were three different courses set up for six different competitions. The dozer and landfill compactor used the same course; the articulated dump truck and rubber tire loader, the second course; and the roll-off truck and front-end loader, the third course. The number of contestants varied from seven to fifteen, with the dozer competition being the most popular.

Congratulations to all those who participated and placed! The winners of the competitions and their respective scores are provided on page 2.

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**SWANA Mission Statement:**

“Advancing the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste in North America.”
The first and second place winners are eligible to attend the International Road-E-O to be held in Orlando Lake Buena Vista, Florida on October 27-28, 2017.

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This Road-E-O event could not have happened without a lot of support and assistance by many! Many thanks to the following who donated equipment and trucks which were used during the competitions:

- JESCO
- Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems
- Maryland Environmental Service

Thanks to these companies/agencies who were sponsors:

- Gold—Chester County Solid Waste Authority
- Gold—Paradigm Software
- Silver—Barton & Loguidice
- Bronze—BAI Group Inc.

We also thank those who donated door prizes, giveaway items, and other needed items:

- Chester County Solid Waste Authority
- Delaware Solid Waste Authority
- EA Engineering
- Geosyntec Consultants
- Maryland Environmental Service
- Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority
- Republic Services
- SCS Engineers
- Solid Waste Association of North America

There were at least twenty-six volunteers on Friday: registering contestants, judging on the three courses, taking photographs, “being runners,...” score keepers, etc. On Thursday, the three courses had been laid out.

Most importantly, this would not have been possible without MES agreeing to host the Road-E-O for the fourth time in the past six years (2012-2014, and 2017). This entailed innumerable hours of planning and coordination by MES. Special thanks to MES employees Tim Ford, Marcia King, Jeff Fried (and his wife Chris), and Monty Monteith.

Not only do we have still photographs of the event, there are also some mini-videos of the competition, thanks to Andrew Kays. See the Chapter’s website: http://www.swana-midatl.org/rodeo.htm

**THANK YOU MES FOR HOSTING ANOTHER GREAT ROAD-E-O!!**
The Chapter received four applications for the 2017 Scholarship Program. Kourtney Morgan Lammey received the highest score by the Chapter Evaluation Committee and will receive a $2,000 George L. Winfield Memorial Scholarship Award. As a category 1 winner, Kourtney plans to major in Nursing at Salisbury University, MD. Her sponsor is Jackie Barlow, VP, Paradigm Software, L.L.C., Cockeysville, MD. Three winners Casey Marker, Ashley Wilcom and Heath Hilbert received $1,500, $1,000 and $750; respectively.

Kourtney and Casey’s applications were also forwarded to SWANA International for consideration for the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Award for Categories 1 and 2; respectively.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Excerpts from each of the four winning essays can be found below and on page 5.

**Kourtney Lammey Receives $2,000 George L. Winfield Memorial Scholarship Award**

Kourtney Morgan Lammey received the highest score by the Chapter Evaluation Committee and received a $2,000 George L. Winfield Memorial Scholarship Award. As a category 1 winner, Kourtney plans to major in Nursing at Salisbury University, MD.

Excerpts from Kourtney’s essay:

*Solid waste management is the collecting, treating, and disposing of solid waste material. Solid waste could be discarded for an abundance of reasons; for example it is no longer in use or it has served its purpose. Improper disposal can lead to unsanitary conditions for our environment, leading to health related issues. While everyone should participate in proper waste disposal, not everyone does. Public employees and private companies do most of the work such as transferring and proper disposal when it comes to solid waste management.*

*There are many different ways to dispose of waste. Upon arrival, the waste is treated to reduce the total volume and weight of material, while managing to recover heat energy as well. Incineration is one way to reduce the volume of the material by 90%, another way is composting. During the process of composting, microbes metabolize the organic waste material and reduce its volume by 50%.*

*In the United States, solid waste is constantly increasing in volume.*

*We need to create programs where citizens can receive incentive for recycling, require companies to phase out toxic ingredients, and we must finally put in place safety regulations for people directly working with solid waste.*

Scholarship continues on page 5
Ashley Lynn Wilcom—$1,000 Scholarship Winner

Excerpts from Ashley Wilcom’s essay:

The Importance of Waste Management, and its Future - Solid waste management is something not commonly on the mind—other than when remembering that the task of taking out the trash had been forgotten. But, it is an ever present part of our lives, and more importantly, the planet’s. Every person creates waste, and everyone will continue to create waste—but it doesn’t have to slowly take over our landfills.

The future of waste management is not just in recycling, or encouraging recycling programs, it is in sustainable waste diversions harnessing our waste make things last even longer. Then, waste would become a thing of the past. It is also in developing machines that can turn our waste into energy that can be used to run generators, and reduce the need for landfills in the process. Which would only be colossally beneficial to our planet, and would reduce pollution, and the carbon footprints of our waste management facilities.

Even though I’m going to school for writing, waste management will continue to be important to me. I see the future of it in sustainability fields, and in engineering mechanisms that will help to conserve energy and lessen the strain that we put on our landfills, and our planet.

Heath Francis Hilbert—$750 Scholarship Winner

Excerpts from Heath Hilbert’s essay:

The practice of solid waste management encompasses much more than what most people realize. Not only is it the intentional and methodical processing of solid waste, it also entails the handling of recyclable materials. This is all performed in an environmentally protective and cost effective, reliable system. This process comprises the production, accommodation, collection, removal, transport, sorting, recovery of resources, reuse, and disposal of solid waste and recyclable materials.

The people that participate in solid waste management are not exclusively those engaged in it as a profession. It includes everybody. All are involved and needed in the process to maintain the system. Every person performs a role in solid waste management. They participate in the first step, before either collection of trash or the recycling of recyclable materials.

The successful future of solid waste management depends on several procedures being implemented. One such procedure would be the application of more cost-effective ways of disposing of solid waste. This would greatly reduce the costs needed to be devoted to disposing of waste that could be spent elsewhere. Another process would be the reduction of waste created. This would likewise cut costs in the disposal of waste. Also, the production of new products with recyclable elements would have a great impact in the conservation of the environment. Additionally, encouraging and marketing to reuse and repair rather than to dispose of or replace would not only help solid waste management but also the economy.

Casey Jordan Marker—$1,500 Scholarship Winner

Excerpts from Casey Marker’s essay:

Solid Waste Management is a necessary part of a highly functioning society. While most people think of solid waste management as the collection and disposal of trash in landfills, it is a much more complex process and involves critical components such as source separation and reduction, recycling, reuse, and resource recovery.

Source separation is a method of collecting materials for recycling by separating the materials at the place where they are discarded (the “source”), rather than mixing them together.

Source reduction generally refers to any change in the design, manufacture, packaging, purchase, and/or use or re-use of a material or product in such a way that the amount of waste that results is reduced.

Reuse refers to separating a given solid waste material and using it, without processing or changing its form, for the same use to an alternate use.

These approaches to solid waste management are of interest to me because I believe they can directly translate to having a real impact on the environment, especially related to the marine environment.
SWANA
On April 12, 2017, following a landfill stakeholders meeting conducted by MDE on March 31, SWANA and NWRA submitted comments and recommendations for the implementation of USEPA’s new Part 60 standards for MSW landfills (subparts XXX and Cf). It was recommended that Maryland either defer action on these rules at this time or consider a number of recommendations if they do move forward with implementation including the following:

- Compliance with Subpart XXX or Cf constitutes compliance with other standards (i.e. Subparts WWW and Cc)
- Emission guidelines effecting existing sources (i.e. Subpart Cf) should not be more stringent than the standards EPA has developed for new sources (i.e. Subpart XXX)
- Recommend that state agencies rely upon the review and certification of the design plans by a state regulated professional engineer as sufficient review
- State plans should provide for sufficient compliance time
- State plans should not be effective until EPA approval
- State incorporation of federal regulations by reference should include future amendments
- State Plans should include an automatic rescission clause

NERC
On May 12, 2017, The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) announced it has updated its compendium of state disposal bans and mandatory recycling laws around the country. This unique resource provides state-specific information, including contact information, which materials are banned for disposal and to whom the ban applies, as well as what has to be recycled and by whom. The document is available for free download: Disposal Bans and Mandatory Recycling in the United States

FEDERAL—EPA
In a May 5, 2017 letter, EPA informed petitioners that it intends to reconsider certain aspects of the 2016 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for municipal solid waste landfills. On May 22nd, the agency also issued a 90-day administrative stay of both the NSPS (subpart XXX) and the emission guidelines (subpart Cf) and has confirmed that compliance is not required during the 90-day stay.

FEDERAL—FMCSA
The effective date for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) rule for national CDL curriculum standards, which was published in the Federal Register on December 8 and was schedule to take effect on February 6, has been further delayed until June 5.

STATE—MARYLAND (MDE)
On March 16, 2017, Ed Dexter, Program Administrator for MDE’s Solid Waste Program gave a Regulatory Update at the SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. The following are highlights of that presentation:

MDE in conjunction with Maryland Environmental Services and the Maryland Port Authority have developed a draft guidance document for the Innovative Reuse and Beneficial Use of Dredge Material. One reuse proposed is for daily, intermediate, and final cover as well as closure cap construction. For further information, contact Matthew Rowe at matthew.rowe@maryland.gov.

MDE will be assembling a work group in the Spring of 2017 to examine the Solid Waste Management Regulations which have not been substantially revised since 1997. Revisions will include updating citations to other regulations and aligning financial assurance requirements with 40 CFR Part 258. The target effective date is July 1, 2018. For further information, contact Martha Hynson, Division Chief of MDE’s Solid Waste Operations Division at martha.hynson@maryland.gov.

MDE’s Solid Waste Program is also working on Regulations for the Management of Coal Combustion By-products (CCB) and Beneficial Use of CCB. Draft regulations are to be available in May 2017. The target effective date for these regulations is May 2018. For further information, contact Ed Dexter at ed.dexter@maryland.gov.

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STATE—MARYLAND (Legislative)
The Legislative Session began on January 11th and ended on April 11th. The General Assembly will reconvene Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

**HB 0124 - Solid Waste and Recycling Facilities**
Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations relating to recycling facilities, including conditions for specified permit exemptions; providing that specified enforcement provisions apply to specified violations; requiring the Department to convene and consult with a workgroup of affected stakeholders in developing specified regulations; and requiring the workgroup to include representatives of specified entities.

*Status: Third reading passed in the House (134-0). Third reading passed in the Senate (47-0). Approved by the Governor on 5/4/17 – Chapter 376.*

**HB 1070 - End-of-Life Management of Mattresses - Study**
Requiring the Department of the Environment to study, identify, and make recommendations regarding specified matters that relate to the end-of-life management of mattresses in the State; requiring the Department to consult with specified State agencies and specified persons in carrying out specified activities; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017.

*Status: Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation; Withdrawn.*

**HB1349 - Compostable, Degradable, and Biodegradable Plastic Products - Labeling**
Prohibiting a person from selling a specified plastic product that is labeled as biodegradable, degradable, or decomposable on or after October 1, 2018, subject to a specified exception; prohibiting a person from selling a specified plastic product labeled as compostable, marine degradable, or home compostable on or after October 1, 2018, unless the plastic product meets specified standards; establishing specified penalties; providing for the disposition of specified penalties collected under the Act; etc.

*Status: Third Reading passed in the House (120-8). Third reading passed in the Senate (33-14). Approved by the Governor on 5/4/17 – Chapter 376.*

**HB 1572 - Prince George's County - Authority to Prohibit the Use of Disposable Bags**
Authorizing Prince George's County to enact a law that prohibits specified retail establishments from using disposable bags as part of a retail sale of products; and defining "disposable bag" as a paper or plastic bag provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale.

*Status - Unfavorable Report by House Rules and Executive Nominations; Withdrawn*

**SB 0099 - Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure - Study**
(Cross-filed with HB 0171)Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with specified persons, to study, review, explore, identify, and make recommendations regarding specified matters that relate to the diversion of yard waste and food residuals from refuse disposal facilities, including specified infrastructure; requiring the Department to provide an interim report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2018 and to report its final findings and recommendations by July 1, 2019; etc.


**SB 0168 - Maryland Paint Stewardship Program**
(Cross-filed with HB 0674)Requiring specified producers or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment on or before January 1, 2018, and in accordance with specified requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve specified plans, including a specified assessment, submitted in accordance with the Paint Stewardship Program; prohibiting the sale of specified architectural paint under specified circumstances beginning July 1, 2018; etc.

*Status: Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation; Withdrawn*

**SB 0174 - Clean Energy Production - Qualified Energy Resources (Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act)**
Altering the definition of "qualified energy resources" to mean wind, solar energy, or marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy that may be used to produce energy that qualifies for the clean energy production income tax credit.

*Status: Stalled in Committee.*

*Legislative Update continues on page 8*
Prohibiting a person from selling in the State specified expanded polystyrene food service products or expanded polystyrene loose fill packaging on or after January 1, 2018; prohibiting specified food service businesses from selling or providing food in specified expanded polystyrene food service products on or after January 1, 2018; authorizing a county health department to impose specified penalties for violations of the Act; requiring a county health department to notify the Department of specified violations; etc.

Status:  Stalled in Committee

### SB 0885 - Recycling - Special Events (Cross filed with HB 1309)

Altering the application of specified provisions of law relating to recycling at special events; requiring a county, a municipality, or any other local government to provide to an organizer of a special event a written statement that describes specified requirements and penalties before issuing a permit for the special event; requiring a county, a municipality, or any other local government to enforce specified provisions of law relating to recycling at a special event; and altering specified penalties.

Status:  Third reading passed in the Senate (37-9). Third Reading passed in the House (118-19).

### SB 0890 - Recycling - Special Events (Cross filed with HB 0886)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to provide specified notice and hold a specified public hearing before the Secretary of the Environment may approve the amendment or renewal of a permit for a refuse disposal system.

Status:  Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation.

### STATE – DELAWARE (DNREC) - No updates.

### STATE – DELAWARE (Legislative)

General Assembly is in session. The Legislative Session began on January 10th and will run until June 30th. There is currently no active legislation related to solid waste.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (Legislative)

**B22-0072 - Save Good Food Amendment Act of 2017**

Creates a tax credit for food donations to certain tax exempt non-profit organization. The credit equals 50% of the value of the contribution and shall not exceed $2,500 per taxpayer per tax year, or $5,000 per corporation per tax year. It expands liability protections for food donations. It requires that the Department of Health and the Office of Waste Diversion create a guide on food donation and also requires the Department of Health to train health inspectors on the information contained in the guide.

Status:  Under Council review – Public Hearing was held on 3/28/17 (view here).

### CITY OF BALTIMORE (Legislative)

**17-0022R - Informational Hearing - Moving Baltimore to Zero Waste**

Informational Hearing - For the purpose of requesting that representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Health Department, Baltimore City Public Schools, the Office of Sustainability, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and other City agencies involved with waste reduction efforts in Baltimore appear before the City Council, along with experts on Zero Waste efforts nationwide, to discuss the development of a Zero Waste plan for Baltimore that will advance sustainability, public health, and job creation.

Status:  Second reading passed in the Senate (37-9). Third Reading passed in the House (118-19).

**News Updates**

In March, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) published their [2017 Infrastructure Report Card](http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/), giving Solid Waste a score of C+. According to the report the country’s overall collection and processing capacity is in good condition, but the lack of improvement on recycling rates is a problem. Based on the Environmental Protection Agency’s [latest national diversion rate of 34.6%](http://www.epa.gov/recycle/divert-recycle/data-tools) — which some sources estimate may be even lower — ASCE sees a system that has stalled. While this doesn’t take into account a number of factors such as product lightweighting, it’s clear that no major recent gains have been made. This was the main reason solid waste dropped from its B- peak in the prior 2013 report.

President Trump's newly proposed 2018 budget would [cut funding for the Environmental Protection Agency by 31%](https://www.epa.gov/press-release/budget-to-cut-funding-environmental-protection-agency-31), down to $5.7 billion, and includes plans for approximately 3,200 fewer positions. While the EPA is the most heavily affected, cuts have also been proposed for environmental programs at a number of other agencies such as the Department of State, Department of Energy and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed an executive order to roll back policies put in place under the Obama Administration that were designed to combat climate change. The order includes instructions to roll back the Clean Power Plan and review methane emission regulations.
The SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter is a believer in supporting the higher education goals of today’s youth. The Chapter offers college scholarships to eligible students working toward undergraduate or graduate college degrees. In addition, the Chapter will submit the application of the most qualified, eligible candidate for the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Program administered by SWANA International.

A candidate must be sponsored by a Mid-Atlantic Chapter member, or shall be a Mid-Atlantic Chapter Student Member, in good standing at the time of application, selection, and award. Because an applicant does not have to be related to a member, please circulate these scholarship links to others who are not SWANA members, e.g., those in your office or field locations, as well as those in the solid waste field who work for your agency (such as contract trash and recycling owners and employees), solid waste vendors, your high school or college (to post on their scholarship websites), etc.

For additional information regarding scholarship eligibility criteria, please visit the Scholarship Eligibility Criteria page on the Chapter website.

The SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter is currently looking for an organization to sponsor the highest scoring candidate. The sponsor could be any organization and can suggest a name to be given to the award. The Chapter will accept an annual sponsorship of either $500, $1,000, $1,500 or $2,000.

For additional information on the Mid-Atlantic Chapter’s Scholarship Program, please contact Mehal Trivedi at 301-600-3043 or mtrivedi@frederickcountymd.gov.

Please refer to the Chapter website for any Scholarship updates: http://swana-midatl.org/scholarship_info.htm.

The deadline to apply for scholarships is May 1, 2018.
Reminders / Wanted

♦ “Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.


♦ Training the Trainers: Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.

♦ SWANA Web Sessions: If your organization presents web sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU’s. Contact Steve Lippy, Dana Murray or Shirl Wright.

♦ Job Vacancies in your Organization: Contact swright@nmwda.org for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter and website.

♦ Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.: Contact swright@nmwda.org to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.

♦ Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members: Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Deji Fawole dfawole@scsengineers.com 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 ad in a JPG or PDF file to swright@nmwda.org. Please make check payable to: Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA and mail to the attention of Shirl Wright at NMWDA, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower II - Suite 402, Baltimore, MD 21201-2705.

♦ American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists: If you are an environmental engineer or environmental scientist, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. See www.swana-midatl.org or www.aaees.org.

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SWANA Guiding Principle:
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