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President's Message

By: *Mike Houlihan*

This newsletter marks the end of our year at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA. This year was very eventful and successful for the Chapter, thanks to the efforts of Board members and the participation of many members. Once again had a very busy June, including the SWANA Landfill Symposium, the Chapter's Spring Technical Seminar, and the Chapter's annual crab feast. The Technical Seminar was again held jointly with the Maryland Recycling Coalition (MRC) at Towson State University and featured a keynote address and technical presentations that were very broad compared to the scope of our past technical sessions. The seminars also provided an opportunity for networking and discussion with a broader range of professionals for our members. We also made money on this seminar, and have decided to enter into this same arrangement with MRC for upcoming Spring Technical Seminars. The Landfill Symposium provided technical content and training opportunities on many landfill-related topics. And the crab feast provided a welcome, fun end to the busy week. At the crab feast, we presented annual scholarship awards to two of the seven recipients, whose education and development we are proud to support. We appreciate Office Paper Systems' contribution to the education of those associated with our Chapter.

In this edition of the newsletter, you will see a notice of the upcoming Chapter Annual Meeting, as well as a list of nominees for Board of Directors for the upcoming year. The Annual Meeting will be

held at the Gothic Barn (a 10-minute walk from the Montgomery County Resource Recovery Facility) and will be a joint meeting with the Maryland Department of the Environment. After the meeting, we will include same-day tours of several NMWDA venues. At the start of the meeting, we will hold the election of new officers, who are identified later in this newsletter. This will be my last meeting as President of the Chapter. I have enjoyed working with the Board in this capacity over these past two years and look forward to a new role on the Board for the upcoming years. I would like to thank those who have served as officers over the past year and thank those Directors who will be returning. Finally, I think we all owe Dana Murray a big thank-you for all the work she does to manage our programs through the year and Steve Lippy for his effort in maintaining our communications and relationship with the SWANA National organization.

I hope to see you at our Annual Meeting on September 27. If you can't attend the meeting, then please fill out the Proxy form that is included in this newsletter and e-mail or fax it to Shirl Wright at the NMWDA so that they can be counted.

Solid Waste Operator of the Year Deadline Extended

The deadline for nominations has been extended to September 8. For award criteria and additional information, visit our website at www.swana-midatl.org.