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# Mid-Atlantic Chapter Solid Waste Association of North America

## SOLID WASTE NEWS For Waste Professionals

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### President's Message

By: Steve Lippy

Within two months three positions on our fifteen person Board have become vacated. What was I doing or not doing as Chapter President? In these cases though, two retired to take other positions and one has relocated to North Carolina. Fortunately, we did not skip a beat, as we appointed someone to the Board to fill one of the vacancies; subsequently, she agreed to be appointed to fill an officer slot when that incumbent agreed to be appointed to fill one of the other positions which was vacated. Subsequently, someone has volunteered to be Membership Chair.

So we will have some new faces on our Board. We presently have two vacancies; so if you have any interest in coming on the Board, contact one of us.

In May we conducted a MOLO course; in June, we participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joint Conference with MRC and had our annual crab feast. We anticipate doing a membership survey to get a better understanding of what training opportunities to provide. We anticipate some sort of tour at our September annual business meeting. We hope to present a fall training, as well as another MOLO in January.

To do these networking and training events (or even more) requires preparation and coordination by someone. The Board members can not do it all.

If you want the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA to be a viable and worthwhile professional organization serving your educational and training needs, we need others to volunteer, whether for a short-term (e.g., one event) or longer-term commitment. Hope to see everyone sometime during the year.

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
Annual Meeting**

**September 19, 2007**

**Marriott Inn & Conference  
Center in Adelphi, MD**

*More details coming soon...*

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# Chapter Board of Directors' (BOD) Meeting

On June 7, immediately following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joint Conference of MRC and SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter, twelve members of the Board of Directors (along with four guests, including two from SWANA staff) met.

The following is a summary of our meeting:

- We have received our agreement from SWANA for our \$10,000 loan for the training initiative.
- The Acting Chapter Director, Doug Sawyers, participated in a Region IV conference call, as well as a Planning Committee call, in preparation of the mid-year meeting June 22.
- The MOLO course held May 8-11 was a success [as reported in the May newsletter and discussed on page 4 of this newsletter].
- The Board voted to agree to participate with MRC in 2008 and at the same venue.
- The Chapter's annual meeting will be held on September 19 at the Marriott Inn & Conference Center in College Park.
- Tentatively, we are considering another MOLO course in January/February in Harford County.
- Next Board Meeting will be August 15.
- Mike Houlihan agreed to follow-up on previous efforts to prepare a Chapter roster of members to be e-mailed to members.
- We confirmed our telephone vote of awarding a total of six scholarships to incoming college freshmen or sophomores [see article on page 3].
- We agreed that the Chapter would pay for the registration fee for our three regional Road-E-O winners (1st or 2nd place) to participate in the International Road-E-O to be held September 29 in Cape May, New Jersey.
- Evelyn Tomlin volunteered to be the Chapter's Legislative Liaison with SWANA.
- Mehal Trivedi will be the Chapter's Technical Division Liaison after Martin Sanford relocates.
- There is to be a web survey of Chapter members [see article on page 4].
- Doug Sawyers of Malcolm Pirnie, who was previously appointed Acting Chapter Director, was appointed by the BOD to be Chapter Director.
- Robin Roddy of Delaware Solid Waste Authority "volunteered" to be Interim Secretary, and then, at the same meeting, agreed to be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Doug's move to Chapter Director.
- The Nominating Committee is Steve Lippy (as the Chair) and Frank Henderson and Dana Murray.

## Board Vacancies

Currently, two Director positions on the Chapter Board are vacant - Duties and responsibilities are "negotiable," though attendance at bi-monthly and annual business meetings are expected. A great networking opportunity too.

## Chapter Membership Directory

If you did not receive a copy of the Chapter Membership Directory via e-mail on June 22, 2007, please contact [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org).

## Board Meetings Tour Ideas

Often during the year we schedule a tour after our Board meetings.

If you have a facility which you wish to "show-off" or know of one which would be interesting to tour, please let us know.

## 3rd Joint Conference of MRC & SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Except for the traffic getting to the location of the conference, it seemed to be a good venue, located in the Adele H. Stamp Union Building at the University of Maryland College Park campus; attendance and exhibit numbers were high.

Many thanks to Mike Houlihan (Geosyntec), Robin Ennis (NMWDA) and Dana Murray (SCS Engineers) for being on the Planning Committee for the conference, as well as thanks to Mike and Robin for moderating some of the sessions.

## Chapter Scholarship Update

Six applicants received Chapter Scholarships. The recipients were as follows:

Category	Name	Amount
I	William Peterson	\$2,000
I	David Reed	\$1,000
I	Parashar Trivedi	\$1,000
I	Emily Zhao	\$1,000
IA	Benjamin Canon	\$1,000
IA	Brad Young	\$1,000

William Peterson 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. William's application was also forwarded to SWANA International for further consideration by the SWANA National's Grant H. Flint Scholarship Program.

The Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Awards Committee will be meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The winners of these scholarships will be announced on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## congratulations and Thanks to:

- Douglas Sawyers, P.E., BCEE (Malcolm Pirnie) for being appointed the Chapter Director who will serve as the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's representative on the International SWANA board.
- Robin Roddy, P.E., BCEE (DSWA) for being appointed to be the Chapter's Secretary.
- Anne Germain, P.E., BCEE (DSWA) for receiving the SWANA Landfill Management Technical Division Individual Achievement Award, which was presented to her at the recent 12th Annual Landfill Symposium in San Diego, for all of her work with and for SWANA, especially with the Technical Division.
- Aigen Zhao (Tenax) for volunteering to be Chair of our Membership Committee.

## Operator of the Year

Nominations are now being accepted for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA's Operator of the Year Award. This award will be presented at the annual meeting in September.

Nominations or any questions can be e-mailed (gpscanlan@harfordcountymd.gov) or faxed (410-638-4019) to Jerry Scanlan. There is no official nomination form, but submittals should be on County or Company letterhead.



## Crab Feast

It was a beautiful sunny day at our annual crab feast at Sandy Point State Park (probably the best weather day yet!). In addition to giant delicious crabs and corn on the cob picked up by Evelyn Tomlin, Kerry Hartline, our master chef, used his culinary talents to cook hamburgers, hot dogs, caramelized onions, and baked beans. While the children sacked out under nearby trees for an afternoon nap, the Board members socialized under a shady pavilion overlooking the sailboats on the Chesapeake Bay. A good time was had by all!

Many thanks to Dana Murray who once again orchestrated and coordinated the crab feast (and supposedly is looking for someone to assume that responsibility, or at least do most of the work for any crab feast to be held in June 2008).

Steve Lippy presented \$1,000 Chapter scholarship awards to two students who were able to attend as our guests: Emily Zhao, daughter of Aigen Zhao, who will be a freshman in Political Science and Brad Young, a sophomore at Frostburg. Congratulations scholars in continuing your studies.



# AAEE, DEE, BCEE

What are these initials and what are their significance to SWANA? AAEE, the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, certifies P.E.'s (i.e., Professional Engineers) in one of eight environmental disciplines, after the completion of an additional four years of responsible engineering after receiving the P.E. and then passing a written and oral exam, or twelve years of experience and presentation in front of an oral board. If certified, one could call himself/herself a Diplomat, thus DEE (i.e., Diplomat in Environmental Engineering). Last year, in lieu of using DEE, a certified AAEE person may use BCEE (i.e., Board Certified Environmental Engineer).

Also, AAEE is now allowing environmental engineers who are not P.E.'s to join AAEE, as well as university/college environmental engineering students.

A portion of the membership of AAEE is certified in solid waste management (approximately 135); likewise some of SWANA members are certified in AAEE (approximately 109). Two of the current officers – International President (Tom Parker) and Secretary (John Hadfield) are in AAEE, as well as the Technical Division Liaison on the Executive Committee (Anne Germain of DSWA).

Four of the Chapter Board members are AAEE certified: Steve Lippy, Doug Sawyers, Robin Roddy, and Mike Houlihan. In addition, Steve is the appointed Trustee from SWANA and sits on the Board of Trustees of AAEE, since SWANA is one of the eleven professional organizations which sponsors AAEE.

For more information on AAEE, contact Steve, Doug, Mike, or Robin; or try AAEE's website at [www.aaee.net](http://www.aaee.net).

## MOLO Revisited

As noted in the May newsletter, the May 8-11 MOLO in Howard County was successful. Originally, it was planned to break even financially; but due to the greater than anticipated participation and meal sponsorships, the Chapter made money. Twenty-three took the exam; twenty passed and, subsequently, have become certified as MOLO or Technical Associate or Inspector. All twenty-six attendees evaluated the course; all would recommend taking the course. Among the 15 rating categories, there were a total of 350 ratings: 24% Excellent, 52% Very Good, 20% Good/Satisfactory, 3% Fair, and <1% Poor.

Thanks again to **Allied Waste** and **Delaware Solid Waste Authority** for each sponsoring a lunch.

## Another MOLO?

Because of the demand for the recent MOLO course, as well as the good critiques, we are contemplating presenting another one in January/February 2008 at the HEAT Center in Harford County, off of I-95.

If there is interest, please complete your survey or let one of the BOD members know.

## Web Survey Training Needs

Recently, the Chapter via the NMWDA staff has obtained the capability to do surveys and voting on the web. If we are able to actually format it, our goal is to submit a rather intensive survey via-e-mail within the next month to all of the members on the subject of training. What training do you or your staff need and/or are interested in receiving? SWANA has a slew of "packaged" courses from 1/2 to 3 days long.

When you receive the survey by e-mail, please take a few minutes to complete it. As a Chapter, we do not want to waste our time and effort inputting on a course that no one wants to attend.

## SWANA Upcoming Events 2007

WASTECON 2007, Reno, NV  
October 16-18, 2007  
*Training begins on October 14<sup>th</sup>*

For additional information on this event, please visit <http://wastecon.swana.org>.

# Employment Announcements

## Engineer II (Solid Waste) Refuse Disposal Division, Bureau of Solid Waste Management Department of Public Works, Baltimore County

Minimum qualifications-Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and two years engineering experience (Qualifying education may be substituted for experience) or P.E. license. 35 hour work week, possible alternate or flexible work schedule, generous annual leave [12-25 vacation days (one day per month for first year), 15 sick days, 6 personal leave], 10 -11 holidays; educational, training, and professional opportunities. Salary effective July 1, 2007: **\$46,684 to \$58,032**, with longevity steps to \$74,142. Various and diverse office and field duties involving engineering, environmental monitoring, and regulatory compliance associated with operations and construction projects at one active municipal sanitary landfill (owned and operated by the County), as well as at closed landfill sites (located throughout the County) and other County solid waste facilities, to include, but not limited to, performing civil design, administrating contracts and overseeing consultants and contractors, coordinating with other Bureau divisions and regulatory agencies, writing reports, performing site inspections, attending meetings with public and regulatory agencies.

For more information, please contact Stephen G. Lippy, P.E., DEE, Refuse Disposal Division Chief, 410-887-2009 or [slippy@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:slippy@baltimorecountymd.gov). Applications can be submitted on-line by visiting [www.baltimorecountymd.gov](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov). Click on the "JOBS" tab in the right hand corner for a listing of current job vacancies. For information about County benefits, job description, and application, go to <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/humanresources/jobs/index.html>.

## Manager, Recycling Program Waste Management Services, Anne Arundel County Salary Range \$55,659-\$89,694

Anne Arundel County Government is seeking a highly motivated individual to manage the activities of the **Recycling Division**. Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university; and thorough (four or more years) experience in the management and supervision of large-scale, comprehensive residential recycling programs to include marketing large public information campaigns and related work, and supervision of subordinate staff. This is a senior management position within Waste Management Services, Department of Public Works. Applicants should have strong management and leadership skills including planning, budgeting, employee development, customer service, teamwork, communication, supervision and problem solving.

For additional information, a listing of the benefits and to apply on-line for this position, visit our website at [www.aacounty.org](http://www.aacounty.org). The Job is #00954 titled Recycling Program Manager. Contact Linda Carrier at 410 222-6108 or [PWCURR48@aacounty.org](mailto:PWCURR48@aacounty.org) with any questions about the position.

## Compost Operations Manager Chesterfield Farms, LLC

Chesterfield Farms, LLC, a Maryland-based organic recycling facility, has an employment opportunity for a professional OPERATIONS MANAGER to join their team. Day-to-day operations from supervision to production; 4+ year degree or equivalent relevant work experience; ability to communicate the process and benefits of composting; knowledge of soils/media a plus; must pass state exam. Please fax your resume with education, training, and prior experience with salary history to 410-721-2031. A job description is available upon request.

Chesterfield Farms, LLC is a supplier of ECOsoils™, horticultural grade growing media for planting and blended media for storm water management/bio-retention and green roof applications.

## Regulations Support Technician II Refuse & Recycling Collection Inspector Public Works/Environmental Services-Howard County Annual Salary Range: \$35,485 - \$57,262

Duties include inspection of private contractor collection of refuse, recycling and yard waste from residences and County facilities throughout the County; receives, investigates, responds to and resolves any complaint concerning refuse and recycling collections from citizens and County departments; prepares reports and maintains records in a computerized database; conducts audits of number of dwellings served and collects and disposes of refuse and recycling to resolve complaints.

Will be required to work non-major holidays, unscheduled overtime, and shift work; also will be subject to outside weather conditions. Full time, 40-hour week position; normal working hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Shift work begins 6:30 a.m. and ends 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Mark Kreis, Chief, Collections Division at 410-313-6470, with any questions. Job applications and additional information are available at [www.co.ho.md.us/DOA/hr\\_joblistings.asp](http://www.co.ho.md.us/DOA/hr_joblistings.asp).

## Reminders / Wanted

- ◆ “Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ Important Websites to Remember: [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org), [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) & [www.mdrecycles.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Aigen Zhao ([azhao@tenax.com](mailto:azhao@tenax.com)) or Dave Hernandez at SWANA ([dhernandez@swana.org](mailto:dhernandez@swana.org)), or direct the prospective member to SWANA's website ([www.swana.org](http://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.

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### International Road-E-O

The International Road-E-O will be held at Cape May, NJ on Saturday, September 29, 2007.



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