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# Mid-Atlantic Chapter Solid Waste Association of North America

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Evelyn Tomlin

It's been a busy and fun year with Wastecon in Long Beach, CA; board meetings every two months; afternoon tours or demonstrations after 3 of the 6 annual board meetings; annual technical meetings, the annual Rodeo, and Crab Feast. Our third combination board meeting and afternoon tour/demonstration was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Baltimore County's Environmental Center near Eastern Sanitary Landfill with a demonstration of an alternative cover degradable plastic film. We're looking forward to the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Annual Business and Technical Meeting at the HEAT Center in Harford County.

Even with the torrential rain, this year's Crab Feast was a great success. Special thanks go out to our coordinators and caterers, Dan Williams of Calvert County and Dana Murray of SCS with children's games and prizes by Frank Henderson of Harford County. Two scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded at the crab feast to Kathleen O'Hara and Alison Sleva.

Please welcome Tony Duckett, the new board member from D.C.! Tony fills the spot reserved only for a D.C. member.

I look forward to seeing you all at September's meeting.

## CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

By Steve Lippy

In June I represented the Chapter at the mid-year meeting held in Atlantic City. Detailed e-mail minutes will eventually be sent to me; therefore, if you are interested in more detail than the summaries which will be/have been published in SWANA's newsletter *MSW Solutions*, let me know. As a result, I will only comment on a few of the items:

- SWANA is endeavoring to make its name more recognizable by sending solid waste articles, items, editorials, etc., to reporters. They are compiling lists of environmental reporters (with complete address, including e-mail address), so please send any names to Todd Von Deak, SWANA's Manager of Marketing and Member Services, at [tvondeak@swana.org](mailto:tvondeak@swana.org).
- SWANA staff has orally committed to eliminating the minimum number of attendees for a SWANA/Chapter partnering event. As a result, the Chapter will endeavor to schedule one of them, e.g., a certification course, such as Managing Municipal Solid Waste Collection Systems
- It was announced that two of our Chapter members will be receiving SWANA awards at WASTECON 2003 in St. Louis in October – Lanny Hickman (Professional Achievement for Life Member) and N.C. Vasuki (Robert Lawrence Lecturer). **CONGRATULATIONS!**
- There was to have been a bylaws amendment this summer with the ballot for the SWANA International officers. However, the vote on the bylaws amendment has been postponed for various reasons. Since it will be resurrected in some sort of form, it is appropriate to give the members some background and to request member feed back. Upon my recommendation, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board of Directors at the July 16 meeting unanimously voted NOT to support the proposed bylaw amendment; accordingly, we were going to recommend to the other chapter members to vote AGAINST the bylaw change. (continued on page 2)