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SOLID WASTE NEWS for Waste Professionals

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WASTECON / ISWA 2017

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Planning for the WASTECON / ISWA 2017 conference is underway. Our Chapter is very fortunate to be hosting this international conference! The event will include around 3,000 attendees from all over the world and there will be a great range of presentations and exhibits.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently seeking a Chapter representative to serve on the SWANA national fundraising committee. This committee is being led by Rich Allen, President of SWANA but they have specifically asked for a local representative to serve on the committee. This is a great opportunity to work directly with both the President and the CEO of SWANA, as well as with other SWANA members from around the country.

There are also opportunities to volunteer on one of the Chapter Planning Committees:

- Technical Tours (identify facilities for all-day tours and shorter tours, transportation, etc.)
- Golf Outing (course selection, sponsorships, food, prizes, transportation, etc.)
- Tuesday Night Event (big social event for 2,000-3,000 attendees – work with SWANA staff to plan the venue, food, entertainment, transportation, sponsorships, etc.)
- Event Promotion (help to get the word out about the event)

If interested, please contact one of the Planning Co-Chairs:

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Call for Speakers and Tour Sites, Registration Sponsorships and Exhibitors

The Call for Technical Tours is currently open until December 23. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA will be identifying and selecting multiple facilities for technical tours.

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“Advancing the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste in North America.”

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If you have a facility/facilities that you would like considered for hosting a technical tour, please submit the following information to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA's Technical Tour Committee via **email to Laura Oakes, Chair, at loakes@eaest.com by December 23, 2016:**

1. Facility Name(s) and Owner
2. Facility/Operation Type(s) and Description (please include unique features/highlights for consideration)
3. Facility Address
4. Potential Tour Length (including any presentations or multiple stops)
5. Days and Time Available to Provide a Tour
6. Max Number of Attendees for Tour
7. Tour Guide Availability
8. Contact Name, Organization, Email, and Phone Number
9. SWANA Member Status

The Call for Speakers opened last month. If you are interested in speaking at the 2017 ISWA World Congress, please submit a proposal by January 15, 2017. http://wmr.sagepub.com/site/misc/ISWA_World_Congress_2017.pdf

Early Bird registration for the ISWA World Congress is now available. You are encouraged to take advantage of the lower registration fee. <https://swana.org/Events/WASTECON/WASTECON2017Registration.aspx>

This will be an excellent opportunity to have your company be an exhibitor and/or sponsor. <https://swana.org/Exhibit/WASTECON.aspx>

Legislative Updates

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No current updates.

FEDERAL – EPA

The national recycling rate increased to 34.6% in 2014 — up from 34% the previous year — according to the Environmental Protection Agency's [newest Advancing Sustainable Materials Management report](#).

FEDERAL – OSHA

OSHA has released a [final rule focused on fall protection](#) that updates standards on walking-working surfaces and on personal protection equipment standards. The rule is expected to affect an estimated 112 million workers once it takes effect on January 17, 2017.

FEDERAL – FMCSA

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) plans to release [the first national curriculum standards for commercial drivers licenses](#) (CDL), possibly before the end of the year. The standards would be applicable to anyone applying for their first CDL, upgrading their CDL1 or seeking a hazardous materials, passenger or school bus endorsement for their license.

STATE – MARYLAND (MDE)

No current updates.

STATE – MARYLAND (Legislative)

Legislature is not in session.

When it convenes next year, we expect to see legislation on the following: plastic bag ban/fee, bottle deposit, composting, paint stewardship, allowing MDE to implement regulations for MRFs and anaerobic digestion facilities, hydraulic fracking ban, and energy renewable portfolio standard.

STATE – DELAWARE

Legislature is not in session.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 28 - [Compostable or Recyclable Disposable Food Service Ware](#) - Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE or Department) is amending Regulations to account for the recently passed legislation that prohibits polystyrene food service products. The legislation is effective January 1, 2017 and also requires the use of compostable or recyclable food service products.

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News Updates

September 18—[Maintenance Art exhibit at Queens Museum](#) – This exhibit highlights the decades of work by [Mierle Laderman Ukeles](#), who has been the artist in residence for NYC’s Department of Sanitation for nearly 40 years. This exhibit shows off her decades of work and highlights the important work of sanitation. This exhibit will be up until February 19th.

October 7—[Antonis Mavropoulos, the new President of ISWA](#), visited Washington, DC to give a talk on a “wasteless future.” Mavropoulos’ discussion on a wasteless future touched on many important topics, including the issue of [global dumpsites](#), climate change, [marine litter](#) and the development of megacities. His presentation was impressive and generated interesting questions and conversation from the audience. This was partially a promotionally event for ISWA/WASTECON 2017.

October 13—As a part of its new Affinity Program, [SWANA is now partnering with Amazon Smile](#), a website operated by Amazon.com that donates a percentage of supporters’ Amazon purchases to an eligible 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Through SWANA’s unique [AmazonSmile link](#), supporters can automatically donate 0.5% of all qualifying purchases to SWANA.

October 31— [Department of Commerce Advisory Committee](#) - SWANA Executive Director and CEO, David Biderman, and past-president, Michelle Leonard, were appointed to the Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC), an advisory group to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The ETTAC works as an industry advisory committee on the formulation of policies and programs, and to help focus resources on increasing the exports of the U.S. environmental industry.

MDE Food Recovery Summit

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On November 30, MDE held a Food Recovery Summit at the Maritime Institute. The summit drew 175 attendees from federal, state and local agencies, businesses, hospitals, universities, and non-profits. MDE Secretary Grumbles gave the opening remarks in which he emphasized the importance of this topic. Food waste makes up 22% of the waste stream in the United States and contributes greatly to Green House Gas Emissions. The food waste diversion rate in Maryland around 15% which is better than most of the country but could certainly be improved. Secretary Grumbles indicated that MDE wishes to incorporate food recovery into its zero waste strategy and climate change work. He also stated that MDE would be implementing a statewide waste characterization study and would continue to hold annual food waste summits.

The EPA’s food recovery hierarchy puts source reduction and feeding hungry people as the top priorities.



The morning sessions of the summit were focused on preventing food waste through source reduction and through getting food to people in need. The afternoon sessions were focused on “food recycling options” such as various methods of composting and anaerobic digestion. The afternoon session was followed by group discussions on challenges and possible solutions in various topics.

There were presentations by a range of speakers representing businesses, non-profit organizations, and universities. The following is a list of some of these organizations which could be helpful resources.

[The Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic](#) (FLPC) is doing work around food waste and has published several [strategy reports and legislation](#). Their newest report is a [toolkit for state and local governments on keeping food out of landfills](#). They also have a report on the good Samaritan law for donating food. There is strong legislation at the federal level, but state legislation could be better clarified and strengthened.

[JHU Center for a Livable Future](#) has used many data sets to create a comprehensive [food systems map](#). In Maryland, about there is about one ton of wasted food per one food-insecure person (most of whom are in Baltimore City). JHU is looking at how to improve local food systems.

[Matching Excess and Need \(MEANS\)](#) is a website/app that creates a simple method of connecting food banks and other organizations with large food donations. Donors simply post what they have and then food banks get notified and the first person who claims it gets it.

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The Natural Resources Defense Council has partnered with the Ad Campaign to create a PSA campaign "Save the Food." They have some excellent free campaign tools and Baltimore is one of the cities they are focusing on. Their website has tips on storing food and recipes for using food scraps among other tips.

[Hungry Harvest](#) was started by a student at UMD College Park a few years ago and is becoming very successful (they were

featured on Shark Tank recently). This is a type of discounted CSA that uses only "ugly" vegetables and fruits that would otherwise go to waste. According to their website, 20% of fruits and vegetables go to waste because of aesthetics or logistical issues with the farmer getting the produce to market. Their website also has great tips on food storage and recipes.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Scholarship Information 2017

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](#).

[Scholarship Eligibility Criteria](#)

Instruction & Application Forms:

- Category I - ([PDF](#) / [Word](#))
- Category IA - ([PDF](#) / [Word](#))
- Category II - ([PDF](#) / [Word](#))
- Category III - ([PDF](#) / [Word](#))



The 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, or if you have problems downloading any of the documents, 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, 2017.

Upcoming Events:

SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Additional details coming soon...



Reminders / Wanted

- ◆ **“Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.**
- ◆ **Important Websites to Remember:** www.swana.org, www.swana-midatl.org and www.mdrecycles.org.
- ◆ **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.
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- ◆ **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.aees.org.

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SWANA Guiding Principle:

“Local government is responsible for municipal solid waste management, but not necessarily the ownership and/or operation of municipal solid waste management systems.”