



Mid-Atlantic Chapter Solid Waste Association of North America

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Chapter Officers & Directors

Congratulations to our newly elected FY 2013 Chapter officers and directors. For those of you leaving the Board, we thank you for generously contributing your time and effort. For those of you moving on to other positions within the Board, thank you for your continued commitment. We look forward to another successful and exciting year for the Chapter.

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SWANA Mission Statement:

"Advancing the practice of economically and environmentally sound solid waste management in North America."

WASTECON 2012 - Recap!

By: *Stephen G. Lippy, P.E., BCEE, MD Environmental Service (P/T), Baltimore County (retired)*
Dana L. Murray, P.E., SCS Engineers

Hopefully most of you were able to attend WASTECON at the Gaylord Resort and Conference Center at National Harbor in August. From our perspective, it seemed to go well, albeit there were some glitches and snafus; notwithstanding, we hope those of you who went had a good time. The local committee cannot take credit for the venue, which seemed to be great, much more intimate than the Nashville Gaylord last year. The weather was good too for August. The number of registrants was 505; the show only attendees, 717.

Many Mid-Atlantic Chapter members and those affiliated with M-A agencies got their pictures in Waste and Recycling News' daily WASTECON editions, such as Darrin Dillah, Ron McCabe, Kay Hickman, Robin Roddy, Anne Germain, Scott Brinkerhoff, Jason Munyan, Ilnara Aliullova, Michelle Killiszek, Tonda Parks, Dick Pryor, and Barry Shanoff. Naturally, Delaware Solid Waste Authority's Anne Germain, who assumed the presidency of SWANA on Wednesday August 15, was featured several times in print and in photos. She is the second Mid-Atlantic member to become President; she follows in the footsteps of the previous Executive Director and CEO of DSWA, NC Vasuki (1992-1993), who is a Life Member of our Chapter. We all wish Anne the best; plus, we remind her to remember where she came from, i.e., starting on our Chapter Board. Also in the limelight was Lanny Hickman, the former Executive Director of GRCDA/SWANA, and a Life Member in our Chapter with articles and 1978, 1996, and 2012 photos; Lanny was instrumental in assembling and compiling info on the history of GRCDA and SWANA for the 50th anniversary show. [We had already compiled information on our Chapter's inception, which was forwarded to him for consideration and inclusion in SWANA's archives (pp. 44-50 of "Book 2"), and can be seen on www.swana.org.]

In addition, we heard that one member of our chapter, who will remain nameless, actually won THREE prizes: a TV, an I-pad, and a \$1,000 drawing!

WASTECON was a culmination of a lot of planning by many people, including participation on many telephone conference calls (monthly and then semi-monthly over a year) and much email traffic. Some from our Mid-Atlantic Chapter members who deserve special recognition include:

- Carrie Pendleton (Golf Co-Chair)
- Niti Blackwell (Technical Sessions Co-Chair)
- Lee Flick (Technical Tours Co-Chair)
- Hallie Clemm (Wednesday Night Party Co-Chair)
- Robin Roddy
- Mark Gutberlet

Many others assisted as proctors for sessions and the tours. Also, many worked to get their staff to attend, either to the sessions or the exhibits.

This WASTECON was jointly locally sponsored with the Virginia Old Dominion Chapter; we are happy to report that it was a cooperative endeavor with teamwork among the two chapters. Both chapters divvied up the tasks; we decided not to participate in some, whereas Old Dominion assumed full responsibility for others. The final accounting has not been completed yet; however, we are estimating a net profit of approximately \$18,000 from our co-hosting WASTECON 2012. Also, we need to report that we had much needed support from SWANA staff, especially Meri Beth Wojtaszek.

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It could not have been a success without some of our Mid-Atlantic and Old Dominion agencies and companies stepping forth to sponsor some of the events. Sponsorship signage was donated by Fairfax County, VA. The monetary sponsors are listed from most donated to least within each group, and alphabetically when the same amount was given. Asterisks represent also a level of sponsorship within each event (not from event to event):

Monday Golf Tournament (Our two chapters were 100% responsible for coordinating this event, albeit with some registration support from SWANA):

- Delaware Solid Waste Authority (breakfast and golf hole)***
- Maryland Environmental Service (bus)**
- Brown and Caldwell (two golf holes)*
- EA Engineering, Science, and Technology (golf contest hole)
- Viridian USA (golf contest hole)
- Agru America (golf hole)
- Chesapeake Containment (golf hole)
- Cornerstone Environmental (golf hole)
- Geosyntec Consultants (golf hole)
- SCS Engineers (golf hole)
- Waste Zero (golf hole)

Monday Technical Tours:

- KCI (lunch)**
- Covanta Energy (lunch)*

Wednesday night party (As with the golf, the two chapters were 100% responsible, albeit with assistance from SWANA staff):

- Gershman, Brickner, and Bratton (GBB) who agreed to completely sponsor the Capitol Steps entertainment, along with Renewable Energy and RRT*****.
- Arcadis***
- Waste Management***
- Rehrig Pacific Company **
- SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter**
- SWANA Virginia Old Dominion Chapter**
- Geosyntec Consultants*
- Barton & Loguidice

If you see any of the principals with these firms, please thank them for their support.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO MADE WASTECON 2012 A SUCCESS!!!

Steve Lippy and Dana Murray
Mid-Atlantic Chapter
WASTECON 2012 Local Committee Co-chairs

Don Birnesser, P.E. Honored for SWANA Faculty Service



Donald J. Birnesser, P.E.

Each year, SWANA pays tribute to SWANA faculty members for their hard work and dedication to the Training Program. Without their help, the Training Program would not be possible.

During WASTECON 2012, SWANA honored Don Birnesser, PE, with their 2012 Commitment to Faculty Service Award. This is a new category that recognizes the faculty member who has gone above and beyond to assist SWANA Training in 2012. Don actively contributed to course updates, exam updates, facilitated live training and online training, and volunteered as a subject matter expert when needed numerous times throughout the year. Don is a Solid Waste Practice Leader for KCI Technologies, Inc., in Sparks, Maryland.

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 E-sessions:** If your organization presents e-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.
- ◆ **Scholarship Sponsors:** Contact Steve Lippy, Mehal Trivedi or Hallie Clemm.
- ◆ **Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members:** Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Tim Ford tford@menv.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:** If you are an environmental engineer, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. See www.swana-midatl.org or www.aeee.net.



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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.”