



Old Dominion Chapter

# SWANA VA NEWS

## Message from the SWANA VA President (Pete Carrico)

**G**reetings and happy Spring! I am excited to have become the SWANA Virginia Old Dominion Chapter President and look forward to serving you for the next two years. We have an energetic and engaged board of directors (see related article in this edition of the newsletter for a look at who is on the board this year) that is ready to enrich your experience as a Virginia Chapter member of SWANA.

I hope you have noted the email announcements that have come from Erica Trout, our chapter administrative support, regarding upcoming events and activities produced and/or sponsored by the Chapter. For convenience, the schedule of events also is included in this newsletter and is always available on the Chapter website, [www.swanava.org](http://www.swanava.org).

Highlights for this year include the Quad State Conference, hosted by the Tennessee Volunteer Chapter with participation from the North Carolina, South Carolina, and our chapters. Recall that the arrangement our chapters have is to hold a Quad State event every other year, alternating with our own chapter conferences in the off year. In case you missed the Save the Date and Call for Abstracts notices, this year's Quad State conference will be held September 22-25, 2015, at the Music Road Inn and Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The planning committee is hard at work putting together what should be an excellent event; please give consideration to submitting a presentation abstract so that you can be a part of the technical program. For those of you that attended the 2007 Quad State in Tennessee, know that the Grand Resort is no longer standing; the Music Road Inn gets fine reviews from the conference planners as well as multiple on-line services. Look for updates as we get closer to the date.

On October 16, 2015, we will again have our own Regulatory Training Session. Last year, we opted not to hold this popular event in favor of joining DEQ's initial Solid Waste/Recycling Stakeholder Meeting held in Charlottesville on November 3 and 4, 2014. DEQ will not be holding a similar conference this year and we look forward to their participation in our regulatory session.

I would also like to remind members of a relatively new SWANA program that is gaining support and participation: the Young Professionals (YP). While a number of us still feel young at heart, we are closer to winding down our careers than starting them. The YP program is intended to provide incentives and opportunities for those under 35 years old that would like to become active and engaged in SWANA activities as they look to become leaders within the solid waste industry. Our Chapter YP representative is Nick Guarriello of SCS Engineers; he can be reached by email at [NGuarriello@scsengineers.com](mailto:NGuarriello@scsengineers.com). The SWANA website ([www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org)) has information about the program, as well.

In closing, I encourage you to become as active as you can in our Chapter: there are great opportunities to work with your solid waste peers and friends as we continue to promote the safe, effective management and stewardship of the industry. Please reach out to me or any of the board members if you would like to become more involved!



# Board Overview

As you may or may not know, the SWANA Virginia Old Dominion Chapter Board of Directors changes each year, as we bid farewell to directors at the end of their service and greet new ones as they begin theirs. The Board is comprised of 14 voting members and one ex officio member representing Virginia DEQ. Of the 14 voting directors, 6 are officers, including the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, International Board (IB) Member, and Past President. Directors and officers are selected through an election process and serve 2-year terms. Provisions for appointing directors are in our bylaws and account for filling director positions that may be vacated apart from the election cycle. Director terms are staggered to assure continuity; 4 members plus the officers were recently elected in 2014, meaning 4 director positions will be on the ballot in 2015. The Board and Chapter's administrative support is a paid, part time position, secured via a Board-approved employment contract. The current board roster is included below and is available at <http://www.swanava.org/va-board/>.

In 2014, we said goodbye to 4 Directors, including Pamela Gratton, Mel Paret, Ken Piazza, and Steve Yob. Pamela was our Communications Committee Chair and needed to attend to other matters. Mel most recently served as the Chapter Treasurer and is relocating to Louisiana in semi-retirement. Ken was most recently Program Committee Chair, spearheading our conference organization and planning efforts for several years. Ken has taken on more responsibility at Draper Aden Associates, becoming the firm's Chief Operating Officer, and decided to step down from the SWANAVA Board and make way for others interested in serving. Steve was the Chapter Past President, having ably served as both Vice President

and President as he navigated the path of the Chapter's executive leadership. Now Director of Public Works for Henrico County, Steve's attention to solid waste has been somewhat diverted as he attends to a wider array of public services responsibilities. Mel promises to stay in touch, as do Pamela, Ken and Steve, who may even show up at a Chapter event or two. Regardless, the Board thanks each for their service with best wishes for the future!

New Board members include Jon Clary, Solid Waste Director at Henrico County; Pieter Conradie, Waste Resource Engineering/Environmental Program Manager at Draper Aden Associates; John Kellas, Division Director, Solid Waste Operations at Fairfax County; and Jerry McGraner, Regional Manager at Joyce Engineering. The Chapter is fortunate to have these individuals join our Board, bringing with them an excellent range of experience and capabilities that will serve the membership well.

The 2015 – 2016 officers include Pete Carrico, President; John Barnes, Vice President; Kim Hynes, Treasurer; Anthony Creech, Secretary; Ray McGowan, IB Member; and Steve Geissler, Past President.

Most of the work done for the membership is done through our committees, each of which is chaired by a Board member. The committees include: Awards and Scholarships; Communication; Landfill and Recycling (Technical); Legislative; Membership; Program; and Training. Find out more about the committees and their respective chairs at <http://www.swanava.org/committees/>.

## Board Officers:

- ◆ President - Pete Carrico, SCS Engineers
- ◆ Vice President - John Barnes, City of Virginia Beach
- ◆ Treasurer - Kim Hynes, CVWMA
- ◆ Secretary - Anthony Creech, Resource International
- ◆ International Board Member - Ray McGowan, Waste Management

## Board Members:

- ◆ Sheldon Cash, Bedford County
- ◆ Jon Clary, P.E., Henrico County
- ◆ Pieter Conradie, P.E., Draper Aden Associates
- ◆ Clark Gibson, P.E., Region 2000
- ◆ John Kellas, Fairfax County
- ◆ Benjamin Loveday, P.E., Spotsylvania County
- ◆ Jerry McGraner, P.E., Joyce Engineering, Inc.
- ◆ Timothy Torrez, P.E., Republic Services

**Committee Chairman:**

- ◆ Awards and scholarships - S. Cash
- ◆ Communications - J. Clary
- ◆ Conference Program - B. Loveday
- ◆ Legislative - T. Torrez
- ◆ Membership - P. Conradie
- ◆ Technical - J. Barnes
- ◆ Training - J. McGraner

## Membership Update

As of January 31, 2015, the Virginia Old Dominion Chapter had 275 members, down from a high of just over 300 members a couple of years ago. We are currently piggybacking on a SWANA Corporate campaign to recruit more members. SWANA hosted a webinar on April 14, 2015 where they discussed in detail what they call their Missing Members' Campaign.

SWANA Corporate will also develop lists of non-members for each chapter's area. They will make the list for our area available to us to follow up with these non-members to try to recruit them. SWANA also created tools

for our use in recruiting members, including the following:

- ◆ Chapter membership webinar/PowerPoint presentation which we can customize to for our Chapter;
- ◆ Missing Members Campaign images;
- ◆ PDF of the member benefits guide; and,
- ◆ Non-member webinar.

In addition SWANA Corporate will host New Member Orientation webinars every month, May through August, for new and prospective members.

## VA Department of Environmental Quality Update

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been busy this spring, particularly on doing follow-up from the very successful stakeholder conference this past fall. Here are some of the things that DEQ has been working on or are upcoming you should be on the look for:

- ◆ Guidance on the future of Areas of Concerns (AOCs) in Inspections. Based upon internal discussion and stakeholder feedback, DEQ is finalizing guidance to remove "Areas of Concern" from our Compliance Inspection Report. Once finalized, the guidance will provide information on how items previously handled as an AOC will be addressed as well as an implementation date.
- ◆ Guidance on MSE Berms at Landfills. Based upon comments on the draft MSE Berm Guidance, DEQ is working to finalize this guidance after reviewing comments and feedback from stakeholders. This guidance will address the permitting of these structures for solid waste management at a landfill.
- ◆ Periodic Review of Solid Waste Planning Regulations. This review allows an opportunity for individuals to comment on recommendations, if any, to changes to the solid waste planning regulations. We will use this as a part of a bigger discussion to engage on solid waste planning in Virginia and the regula-

tions. The comment period runs from April 6 to April 27. More information can be found here: <http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/viewpreview.cfm?prid=1374>.

- ◆ A "Life After Landfilling" Session will be included at the Brownfields Conference which will be held at the Best Western in Waynesboro, Virginia on May 20, 2015. This session will focus on a discussion involving options available to address historical landfills.
- ◆ Updated Alternate Concentration Limits were released by the Department as well as guidance regarding use of risk levels at urban versus rural facilities. This information can be found here: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Land/Guidance/ACLUpdate.zip>.
- ◆ DEQ is working to provide two "News Feeds" which will allow individuals to get updates as DEQ posts draft Guidance and other documents. These News Feeds will be specific to information on solid waste. Links to sign up will be provided as they become available.
- ◆ DEQ worked the Virginia Composting Council to provide a webinar on the use compost in Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater BMPs. If you missed this webinar, the information will be posted and available for review.

Provided by: Justin L. Williams, the Director of the Office of Waste Permitting & Compliance

# Collections Training Exceeds Expectation

The Old Dominion SWANA Chapter Collections training, held on March 11, 2015, was well received by attendees from across the state. The 50 attendees were from 11 different municipalities, 3 private haulers, and 4 consulting firms. Topics included Leadership and Employee Development, safety, equipment, route optimization, and more, with presentations by local leaders in the industry.

Attendees were very appreciative of the opportunity to discuss common problems and possible solutions. We plan to do it again, so if you weren't able to join us this year, be sure to sign up next year.



**Big Thanks To All Presenters and Participants!!**

## SWANA VA 2015 Training Opportunities

Event	Date	Registration Opens	CEUs
Know Toxics (Northern Virginia Regional Commission)	5/12/2015	Spring	6
Brownfields Conference (DEQ)	5/20/15	Spring	TBD
Landfill Operator Training - Fairfax	5/28/2015	Spring	6
Regulatory Training - Richmond Area	10/16/2015	Late Summer	6
Safety Training - Henrico County Operations Center	11/5/2015	Early Fall	6
Debris Management Training (with FE-MA/DEQ)	TBD	TBD	TBD
2015 Quad State - Pigeon Forge, TN	September 22-24,2015	TBD	TBD

Several technical tours are under consideration for calendar 2015. The list of potential tours is given below. Please let us know which facilities have the most interest to membership so that we can focus on arranging the tours. Send your selections or other recommendations to Erica.trout@msn.com.

- ◆ Tidewater Fiber Material Recovery Facility (MRF)
- ◆ Air, Water, & Soil Lab
- ◆ E-Waste Tech (Electronic Recycler)
- ◆ HRSD Treatment Plant with an expansion being constructed over a portion of a closed landfill.

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