



### Message from the SWANA VA President (John Barnes)

ello SWANA members! I am honored and thrilled to have the chance to serve as the SWANA Old Dominion Chapter President. SWANA membership, and particularly serving on the Chapter Board, has been extremely rewarding for me, and I'm happy to have the chance to give back. The Old Dominion Chapter does a great deal to provide value to our members through networking, training, tours, and more. Here's just a little bit of what's happened, or is happening, this year:



- ♦ Annual Conference in Virginia Beach April 26-28, 2017; this is a great networking opportunity and we've got a great program lined up.
- ♦ The Training Program schedule has been developed for the year covering a variety of Waste Management topics at training locations throughout the state. Collections training is March 30, 2017, so sign up now!
- Legislative and Regulatory monitoring has been in high gear with the State Legislature in session, as well as tracking and coordinating developments at DEQ. Having SWANA actively engaged is a tremendous benefit to our members.
- Members Survey was conducted recently and provided valuable insight.
- Various Tours are being lined up with the schedule to be posted soon. We've incorporated your survey suggestions, so be sure to join us.
- Safety Ambassador program is up and running. This is a SWANA National program that we are working to expand and improve within the Old Dominion Chapter. Safety is a critical concerns for the industry and deserves our time and attention.
- Scholarships have been posted and submittals are due soon. So be sure to have your student apply.

What can you do for your Old Dominion SWANA Chapter?

- Participate. Attend as many of the activities and sessions as you can. Network with others to learn what they know, and share what you know.
- Volunteer. We are actively seeking committee members to help our committee chairs. Your talents and efforts
  will help us produce better programs. To volunteer, either contact me, or the Chairman of the committee you're
  most interested in serving.

Let me also acknowledge the time, dedication, and passion of your Old Dominion SWANA Chapter Board members to bring you these programs and activities. They do a great job, and bring tremendous value to each of us as members, and deserve a big THANK YOU! And, thank you for your continued support.

# **Board Update**

ith the start of the new year, the SWANA Old Dominion Chapter welcomes John Barnes as the new chapter President. The Board would like to thank Pete Carrico for his service as Chapter President and looks forward to working with him in his role as Past President. The Board would also like to thank Sheldon Cash and Anthony Creech for their service on the SWANA Board. Sheldon stepped down from the Board at the end of 2016 and has graciously served as the Awards and Scholarships Committee Chairman and been a major asset to the board and to the membership. While Sheldon is no longer on the board, he continues to be a SWANA member and we look forward to seeing him at future events. Anthony stepped down from the Board in March 2017 and recently served as the Vice President in 2017 and Secretary in 2015/2016. The Board wishes Anthony well in his future endeavors and appreciates his 9 years of service on the Board. In addition, the Board welcomes Jerry Ivory (City of Chesapeake) to his new Board Member role. Jerry works for the City of Chesapeake as the Operations Superintendent of the Waste Management Division. Jerry has been with the city since 1973 and is a certified collection system manager (via SWANA).

### **Board Officers:**

- President John Barnes, City of Virginia Beach
- Vice President Vacant
- Treasurer Kim Hynes, CVWMA
- Secretary Benjamin Loveday, Spotsylvania County
- ♦ International Board Member Ray McGowan, Waste Management
- Past President Pete Carrico, SCS Engineers

#### Committee Chairman:

- ♦ Awards/Scholarships C. Gibson
- Membership M. Lawless
- Communications J. Clary
- ♦ Technical S. Geissler
- ♦ Conference Program B. Loveday ♦
- ♦ Training A. White
- Legislative T. Torrez

#### **Board Members:**

- ♦ Jerry Ivory, City of Chesapeake
- Jon Clary, P.E., Henrico County
- ♦ Mike Lawless, P.G., Draper Aden Associates
- ♦ Clark Gibson, P.E., Region 2000
- ♦ John Kellas, Fairfax County
- Steve Geissler, VPPSA
- ♦ Timothy Torrez, P.E., Republic Services
- ♦ Aaron White, P.G., HDR
- Leslie Beckwith, VA DEQ, Ex Officio Member

### **New Members - SWANA Old Dominion Chapter**

The SWANA - Old Dominion Chapter would like to welcome the following new members:

- Patel Harsit City of Harrisonburg
- ♦ Dale Slaughter Draper Aden
- ♦ Tobin Vreeland James City County
- ♦ Raea Lenister Yuck Old Paint
- ♦ Tamara Jurado Atarfil USA Inc.
- ♦ Jason Blowe City of VA Beach
- ♦ Anthony Woodhouse City of VA Beach
- ♦ Eric Martin City of Chesapeake
- ♦ Bradley Kelley GBB Inc.
- Edward Manukian Leveraged Green Energy Fund
- ♦ Daryle Brooks City of Chesapeake
- ♦ Steven Bunt City of Chesapeake
- ♦ John Chappell City of Chesapeake
- ♦ Felix Granger City of Chesapeake
- ♦ Albert Green City of Chesapeake

- ♦ Lillie Hughes City of Chesapeake
- ♦ George Royster City of Chesapeake
- ♦ Nanie Shabazz City of Chesapeake
- ♦ Carlton Skinner City of Chesapeake
- ♦ Jeffrey Spencer City of Chesapeake
- ♦ Thomas Fabrie Ingenco
- ♦ Michael Malfitano CEC
- ♦ Matthew Venable Sussex County
- ♦ Justin Porter Sargent Corporation
- ♦ Travis Ridky Sargent Corporation
- Chris Goss City of Danville
- ♦ Timothy Lawson Carroll-Grayson-Galax SWA
- ♦ Conrad Mehan Fairfax County
- ♦ Michael Dougherty Wheelabrator
- ♦ Brian Lewis Gloucester County

- David Rhoades Rivanna Solid Waste Authority
- Cornelius Hawkins City of Alexandria
- Mike Kelley SPSA
- Caleb Cummings Atlantis Commercial Group
- ♦ Heather Baggett SPSA
- Doug Napier Spotsylvania County
- ♦ Coryn Giordano Golder Associates
- Androse Jefferson City of Norfolk
- Andrew North Golder Associates
- ♦ Marry Bullen Boteler Air, Water, & Soil
- ♦ Kenneth Johnson City of Alexandria
- Thomas Stolebarger City of Chesapeake
- Barbara Hadley Draper Aden
- Michael Peaco Draper Aden

# Safety Ambassador

Is still a work in progress, but our goal is to make it a valuable safety resource for all our members. We have added some content already but, in the interest of addressing the risks and risky behaviors that landed our industry in the top ten (we're fifth, actually) most dangerous jobs in the country, I really need your help. Our collective goal is safer workers/workplaces. Maybe you have questions about driver safety training or job hazard analysis or confined space safety—or perhaps you have had particular success in those or other areas related to solid waste worker safety. And while I can certainly post lots of links, articles, videos and photographs, training information, statistics, etc. (and knowing me, I will), I would really like for this to become a place where information is shared amongst the Chapter members—where we can help each other to be the safest and the best. I would like to thank all those who participated in the survey the Board sent out last month. There was some great feedback and I want to be sure to address your requests for guidance, information, policies, practices, etc. I am hoping that you will be willing to reach out me individually (email address below) so I can get clarification, offer resources, or redirect your question to Chapter members or the Mothership (SWANA National) who might be able to share personal knowledge, experience, training suggestions, or whatever you need. I promise to maintain your anonymity if you prefer.

So, here is what I ask of each of our members: Please visit the webpage and let me know if what you see is of value. Let me know what recommendations you have for future content. Lastly, please let me know of any practices/ procedures, training, resources, or anything else you've used that have helped you to become a safer organization. I'm really hoping to see this take off in 2017!

Dennis Batts (Safety Ambassador) dennis.batts@fairfaxcounty.gov

# **SWANA Old Dominion Conference (April 26-28)**

hile we all enjoy the early spring that has come to Virginia it's time to start thinking of hitting the beach! We are only about six weeks away from the Old Dominion Chapter annual conference on the beautiful Virginia Beach oceanfront. Exhibitor space and registrations are already filling up! This year's event will include the annual golf outing on Wednesday morning and an opening reception at the Virginia Aquarium (this event is family-friendly and kids are welcome) on Wednesday evening. We are excited to announce the addition of the OSHA 10 hour training that will be held concurrent with the conference on Thursday and Friday. This will be a great opportunity to gain valuable safety knowledge basics about the construction industry.

There are several key dates to remember coming up:

**March 27, 2017** - The hotel block will expire. You must reserve your room at the hotel by this date to receive the conference rate, which is a great deal considering the premier accommodation!

**March 27, 2017** - Early bird conference registration ends. Make sure to register for the full conference by the deadline to be eligible for a cash prize drawing!





# **VA Department of Environmental Quality Update**

**Regional Realignment:** Effective May 1, 2017, the DEQ's Lynchburg office, located at 7705 Timberlake Road is closing. With the closing of the Lynchburg office, six counties will be transferred to the Piedmont Regional Office, and the remaining counties will be served by the BRRO's Roanoke office.

- On May 1, 2017, the following six (6) Counties (and associated Towns and Cities) previously serviced by the DEQ's Lynchburg office will be served by the DEQ Piedmont Regional Office (PRO) located at 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 [804-527-5020]: Buckingham, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Nottoway, Lunenburg, and Mecklenburg.
- On May 1, 2017, the following six (6) Counties (and associated Towns and Cities) previously serviced by the DEQ's Lynchburg office will be served by the DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office (BRRO) located at 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019 [540-562-6700]: Appomattox, Charlotte, Amherst, Campbell, Halifax, and Pittsylvania.

For facilities and their associated projects located in the six counties to be transferred to PRO, staff are beginning to coordinate on the transfer of workload. Jason Miller, PRO's Land Protection Program Manager and Beth Lohman, BRRO Land Protection Manager have developed a plan to facilitate the transition -- including joint inspections at the landfills and inviting both regions to sit in on calls and meetings related to permitting and groundwater actions. If you have projects in the six regions that will be served by PRO, please feel free to begin copying either Land Protection Manager on correspondence if you have not already done so.

Waste Board Actions 2/24/17: The Board approved a regulatory action to incorporate by reference the recently amended federal CCR rule for coal combustion residuals from power plants into the solid waste regulations. This action was necessary because of the court vacatur on certain requirements for closed surface impoundments.

**Landfill Gas Workgroup:** This group has almost completed the revision to the <u>Clarification of Landfill Gas Regulatory Requirements</u> document and it has been sent to staff for comments. The guidance memo has been distributed to staff for comments. The group will meet again to discuss any comments and then the guidance memo will be distributed to stakeholders for review and comments. The guidance memo will clarify reporting requirements regarding compliance and action level exceedances, implementation of gas remediation plans, clarification of monitoring conditions, to name a few.

Landfill Odor Workgroup: The focus of this group is complaint response and monitoring. The immediate goals are to 1) establish procedure and extent of DEQ complaint response and 2) assess health risks associated with the odors; set triggers that will indicate when to ramp up the monitoring and odor response. The group met in January and discussed facility response and mitigation as well as DEQ response to odor complaints. The groups consists of DEQ staff, facility owners/operators, consultants and local government representatives.

**Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) Grand Project Update:** This project continues as staff review/incorporate the information provided by the consultants that assisted DEQ in preparing to update and modernize the Regulated Medical Waste Regulations.

Provided by: Leslie D. Beckwith, Office of Financial Responsibility and Waste Programs, Office Director



# SWANA - Old Dominion Chapter 2017 Annual Conference

Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront April 26, 2017- April 28, 2017

# **WASTECON 2017 (Baltimore)**

**WASTECON /ISWA World Congress** in Baltimore in September 2017 will be hosted by one of your next-door, sister chapters . . . the Mid-Atlantic Chapter (Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia).

Hopefully, WASTECON in Baltimore is seen as a unique and inviting opportunity for the Virginia Old Dominion Chapter because of the close proximity (possibly even commuting distance for some in Northern Virginia). WASTECON when held Baltimore is one of the closer locations to Virginia.

This year for the first time in over 20 years, the ISWA World Congress is co-located with WASTECON making it a more exciting experience with the potential for a large international attendance.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter invites Old Dominion members to take advantage of this opportunity in the following ways:

- ♦ Attend WASTECON and/or
- ♦ Exhibit at WASTECON and/or
- Sponsor at WASTECON

The Baltimore location should be attractive to many Virginian companies interested in promoting their products and services to regional, national and international attendees.

Other than participating in the week of WASTECON, we also request that the Old Dominion members assist the Mid-Atlantic Chapter to make this the best WASTECON ever by collecting and sending us **Leads and More Leads!** We are looking for leads in the following categories:

- Potential attendees Non- SWANA members with an interest in the conference (e.g., solid waste professionals, regulators, educators).
- Potential exhibitors Companies that provide a service or commodity related to solid waste management.
   (Consider companies that may not realize they have something to offer to the industry, e.g., stormwater management companies.)
- Potential sponsors Companies with interest in promoting their name to a regional and international audience other than or in addition to exhibiting on the show floor.

Please forward leads to Steve Lippy (<u>s.lippy@verizon.net</u>). The more attendees, exhibitors and sponsors, the better experience for all!

For more information on WASTECON / ISWA World Congress, please visit <a href="www.WASTECON.org">www.WASTECON.org</a>
For more information on exhibiting, please visit <a href="https://swana.org/Exhibit/WASTECON.aspx">https://swana.org/Exhibit/WASTECON/SponsorshipOpportunities.aspx</a>
For information on sponsoring, please visit <a href="https://swana.org/Exhibit/WASTECON/SponsorshipOpportunities.aspx">https://swana.org/Exhibit/WASTECON/SponsorshipOpportunities.aspx</a>



# **Upcoming Training Opportunities**

Event	Date	Registration	CEUs
SWANA Collections Training, Chesapeake	March 30, 2017	Open	TBD
SWANA Old Dominion Annual Conference	April 26-28, 2017	Open	8
SWANA Air Regulations Changes, Henrico	May 18, 2017	Soon	TBD
SWANA Annual Regulatory Training, Henrico	October 12, 2017	Fall	TBD
SWANA Health and Safety, Roanoke Valley	November 2, 2017	Fall	TBD

## **Technical Tours**

The following technical tours have been scheduled (or will be scheduled) for 2017. Please let us know if you have any ideas for any upcoming technical tours by sending an email to Ericatrout@msn.com.

### ♦ Region 2000 Landfill

March 29, 2017, 1:00 PM (Tour is currently full. Please call 888-466-8777 to be put on waiting list)

Address: 361 Livestock Road

Rustburg, VA 24588

### ♦ RockWest Linerboard Mill

May 2017 (more information upcoming)

♦ Trex

September 2017 (more information upcoming)

**♦ Valley Proteins** 

November 2017 (more information upcoming)

Ideas for a future technical tour? Please email Erica Trout at Ericatrout@msn.com.





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