



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

Happy Spring SWANA Members! We are days away from our first ever joint SWANA – VRA conference, and everything is shaping up nicely. If you haven’t signed up, do it NOW! The program has something for everyone, and even more importantly, it provides us the opportunity to meet, learn with, and work with, Waste Management and Recycling professionals from different disciplines from across the state. Like any great team, to be successful we need a diverse set of skills, executing both individually and collectively at the highest level. The theme of this year’s conference is *Sustainable Solutions*, and sustainable solutions will require all disciplines all working together. With the growing list of environmental concerns, from Sea Level Rise to Climate Change, it is becoming increasingly clear that we cannot bury, burn or even recycle our way to sustainability. But as Waste Management and Recycling professionals, we can make a difference. The program agenda is full of timely topics and engaging speakers and we also have plenty of opportunity for networking. You definitely don’t want to miss the Monday night Opening Reception at the Virginia Aquarium. The Aquarium is one of my all-time favorite attractions and really puts on display the wonders of nature that make Sustainable Solutions such an urgent mission. See you at the conference!



John Barnes, Chapter President

## SWANA Collections Training A Success!!!

The 2018 Collections Training was one of the best yet. It was well attended with close to 40 participants. Topics included leadership, organics collections, and a strong focus on safety with a discussion from Virginia State Police, a very sobering video of various waste related accident scenes. An open discussion at the end allowed participants learn from each other sharing both opportunities and challenges. We’ll do it again, so be sure to join us in 2019!



# 2018 VRA/SWANA Old Dominion Conference

## Seeking Sustainable Solutions

May 7 - 9, 2018

Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront



Join solid waste and recycling professionals at the first-ever joint conference held at the beautiful Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront.

- Reception at Virginia Aquarium included (family friendly)
- Golf at Red Wing Lakes
- Waterway Litter Pick-Up in Owl Creek (by kayak)
- Industry Tours
- Exhibitor Reception
- 40 Speakers
- Exhibit Hall
- 250 Attendees
- 8 CEUs



### Agenda and Registration Information:

[vrarecycles.org](http://vrarecycles.org)

## Don't Miss the 2018 VRA/SWANA Old Dominion Joint Conference!

If you haven't registered to attend *Seeking Sustainable Solutions, 2018 VRA/SWANA Joint Solid Waste and Recycling Conference* coming May 7-9 at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront, there's still time! The registration page is now open at <https://vra.wildapricot.org/event-2776080>. Two and a half days of great field trips, learning sessions, and opportunities to network with others in your field - there are lots of reasons to attend!

Here are some highlights:

- ◆ Our Keynote speaker will be David Biderman, Executive Director of SWANA, who will be discussing the latest news on the Chinese National Sword campaign.
- ◆ Session topics include Sustainable Waste Management Solutions, Safety in the Workplace, Zero Waste, Organics Recycling, and Managing Landfills, just to name a few. For a more complete listing, you can see the draft agenda at [www.varecycles.org/conference](http://www.varecycles.org/conference).
- ◆ Great networking activities include a golf tournament at the Red-Wing Lake Golf Course; a waterway cleanup in Owl Creek (kayaks provided!)
- ◆ Industry tours at the Goodwill Industries Processing Center and Coastal Virginia Environmental Coatings (paint recycling!)
- ◆ You won't want to miss the Welcome Reception at the Virginia Aquarium or the chance to see or play the Young Professionals vs Veteran Professionals in a rousing game of beach volleyball!
- ◆ You can also earn up to 8 CEU's to keep your certifications current!

There is limited space for exhibitors, so if you are interested in sponsoring or exhibiting, please register ASAP at [vra.wildapricot.org/event-2750927](http://vra.wildapricot.org/event-2750927).

Finally, deadlines are approaching! Don't miss this great opportunity – register by April 6<sup>th</sup> to reserve your room at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront at the reduced rate of \$149. Ocean view rooms are also available for \$169, and Ocean front rooms are \$189.

**We hope to see you there - register today!**

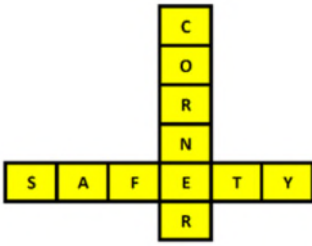


**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Monday, May 7, 2018 | 9:30 AM Shotgun Start  
Red Wing Lake Golf Course  
\$75/individual | \$300/foursome  
To register, go to: <https://vra.wildapricot.org/event-2776080>

Lunch is included with giveaways and prizes for the top 3 best and worst golf teams.

All golfers will be eligible to win great door prizes including a grand prize of a YETI Tundra 45 cooler donated by Pump One Environmental and an Odyssey putter donated by Blackhawk Technology.

## Safety Corner



By now you have all likely seen or heard the 2016 solid waste worker fatality numbers (**31**)—and you already know we are the fifth most dangerous industry in the U.S. The question is, what are we going to do about it? Organizations like SWANA have been really trying to shine a light on the issue and create safety message content like [5 to Stay Alive](#) that speaks to the risks we face at landfills, transfer stations, MRFs, waste-to-energy plants, and on collection routes.

Sadly, for all the efforts to date, 2018 has already started out on a really bad note. The latest data show that there have already been at least **14** solid waste worker deaths through March 13. If that trend doesn't turn, we could easily find ourselves moving up the list rather than down.

With that in mind, SWANA and its Safety Ambassadors are working on a Hauler Outreach toolkit that can be shared with haulers coming into our facilities and taken back to their management to share with their employees. Hopefully that tool will become available in May 2018, and we will be looking to you to help us push it out in your areas. Content will be directed to all haulers, but the hope is that we can use this tool as a method of reaching the smaller haulers who don't have access to SWANA membership and the resources it offers.

Your Board has made safety a top priority and the Chapter is assembling a Safety Committee to engage in discussions and finding solutions to safety issues of concern in our industry and to meet the needs of our members. We will be increasing safety outreach and messaging. We are working to increase safety training and accessibility to that training. There is a safety training session coming to this year's combined Conference in May—topics including Distracted Driving, Post-Incident Review, and Safe Backing. There will also be a day-long safety training session this fall. We will try to find a relatively central location, but we are also working to provide future safety training via a platform that would make it easier for you to attend.

Rest assured—your safety is PARAMOUNT to all of us, and we won't rest until this trend improves. Just because solid waste is amongst the most dangerous jobs doesn't mean it has to be. Remember—safety is a team sport and we are all in this together!

**Dennis Batts - Safety Chair**

## New Members - SWANA Old Dominion Chapter

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

- ◆ Joseph Baggett - Chesapeake
- ◆ Craig Benson - Student
- ◆ John Perkins - Student
- ◆ Josh Knight - Spotsylvania County
- ◆ Johnny Melis - Powhatan County

## Regulatory Corner

- ◆ In DEQ news, David Paylor was reappointed as Director by Governor Ralph Northam on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Paylor has worked at the Agency since 1973 and has served as Director of DEQ since 2006.
- ◆ The [Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule \(GIR\)](#) adopted by DEQ at the January 8, 2018 Virginia Waste Management Board Meeting became effective on April 8, 2018. The Rule makes the hazardous waste generator program easier to understand, provides greater flexibility in how hazardous waste is managed, and makes technical correction to inadvertent mistakes in the regulation. DEQ has developed a useful website to describe changes in detail and provide training documents. It can be found at:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/LandProtectionRevitalization/SolidHazardousWasteRegulatoryPrograms/HazardousWaste/GeneratorImprovementsRuleGIR.aspx>

- ◆ A technical advisory committee has been formed to provide input to DEQ in the reissuance the General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activity. The current General Permits expire June 30, 2019.
- ◆ DEQ is conducting its required periodic review of 9VAC20-70, Financial Assurance Regulations for Solid Waste Disposal, Transfer and Treatment Facilities. The purpose of this review is to determine whether this regulation should be repealed, amended, or retained in its current form. A public comment period commenced on April 2, 2018, and ends on April 23, 2018.

Comments may be submitted online to the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall at:

<http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/comments.cfm?periodicreviewid=1628>

- ◆ DEQ has completed internal review of the [Regulated Medical Waste Regulations](#) (9 VAC Chapter 120). In the near future, DEQ will be publishing Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA). A Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP) will be formed in the near future to review the proposed regulations.

## Legislative Corner

The General Assembly ended the 60-day legislative session on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The legislators weren't impeded by the temporary office space as 1,610 bills were introduced from the House and 996 bills were introduced from the Senate; in total an increase of 37% from the 2017 session. Of these bills, 1,397 have failed while 811 have been signed by the Governor thus far. Bills that have passed that are of interest to the solid waste industry include:

- ◆ [SB 218 – Recycling; Defines Beneficial Use, Etc..](#)
- ◆ [SB 807 Coal Combustion Residuals and Other Units; Permits, Request for Proposals;](#)
- ◆ [HB 925 – Industrial Waste Permits; Local Enforcement;](#) and,
- ◆ [HB 1270 Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative; Prohibition on Participation by Commonwealth.](#)

Bills that are of interest to the solid waste industry that have been continued to the 2019 Session include:

- ◆ [SB 83 – Renewable Energy; Third-party Power Purchase Agreements;](#) and,
- ◆ [SB 193 Plastic Shopping Bags, Disposable; Local Option to Distribute to Consumers.](#)

During the regular 2018 Session, the 2-year state budget was not approved. A Special Session was called by Governor Northam to begin on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Reconvened Session is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of considering the governor's recommendations and vetoed legislation. In addition, it would be to vote for the budget, if one is passed during the Special Session.

# SWANA Scholarships

The SWANA Old Dominion Chapter has rewarded numerous young men and women with scholarship awards over the years and we will continue the tradition again this year. Chapter scholarship awards are made available for graduating high school seniors among children and grandchildren of chapter members. Qualifying college and graduate student awards are also available.

For additional information, see: <https://swana.org/News/NewsDetail.aspx?nc=368>

For the 2018 application and complete details, see: <https://swana.org/Awards/ScholarshipsInternships.aspx>

Additionally, one chapter winner may be selected for consideration of SWANA International Scholarship award. Applications and all supporting documentation are due by **May 1, 2018** to Clarke W. Gibson, SWANA Scholarships Committee Chair, 361 Livestock Road, Rustburg, Virginia 24588. Hard copy applications are required. Late applications are unable to be accepted so please allow adequate time for mail processing.

Contact Clarke W. Gibson, Scholarship/Awards Committee Chair, at [cgibson@region2000.org](mailto:cgibson@region2000.org) or call (434)455-6079 for additional information.

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

Event	Date	Registration	CEUs
SWANA/VRA Annual Conference, VA Beach	May 7-9, 2018	Open	TBD
SWANA Integrated Solid Waste Management	June/July	Soon	TBD
SWANA Annual Regulatory Training, Henrico	October 18, 2018	Fall	TBD

## Board Information

### Board Officers:

- ◆ President - John Barnes, City of Virginia Beach
- ◆ Vice President - Benjamin Loveday, Spotsylvania County
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- ◆ Leslie Beckwith, VA DEQ, Ex Officio Member

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