What a GREAT Conference! The first ever joint SWANA VRA conference exceeded expectations. A big THANK YOU to all the attendees and exhibitors. Ben Loveday, program Chair and current Vice President, along with Erica Trout and a host of others, did a phenomenal job working with our partners from VRA to make this a huge success. Not only did we have great representation from across the state, we had David Biderman, Executive Director of SWANA, as well as Jeff Murray, current SWANA President, in attendance. The 2019 regional conference will be located in Asheville, NC and hosted by the North Carolina Chapter.

I hope you all celebrated “National Garbage Man Day” the week of June 17, 2018. The men and women that service our communities with trash and recycling collections, transfer, transportation, disposal, and other processing, do a tremendous amount to protect the environment and keep our communities clean. They work hard year round and deserve to be recognized for their contribution. We’ve included some photos from some events held in Virginia and would love to add yours next year!

Hope you enjoyed your summer and I looking forward to seeing you soon.

John Barnes, Chapter President
I hope you are having a great summer and finding time to do the things you like to do when the weather is warm. The week of August 13 to August 19, 2018 is OSHA Safe + Sound week— a week for all of us to show our employees how important their safety is to us. OSHA has lots of information on its website about starting or improving your safety program and cool ideas for participating and recognizing Safe + Sound week at work. You can sign on to participate, check out a webinar, and see all the graphics OSHA has put up for you to use for your event (click on the link below).

There are currently 42 organizations across the Commonwealth that have registered to participate, but it’s now too late to add your organization to that list. I hope you will all join others in the Old Dominion Chapter in championing the Safe + Sound campaign in your organization. There is no better way to show you care about your employees than to give them a safe place to work and a program to help keep them free from injury. Safer Together! [https://www.osha.gov/safeandsound/](https://www.osha.gov/safeandsound/)

Dennis Batts - Safety Chair

**New Members - SWANA Old Dominion Chapter**

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

- Jermaine Scates - Virginia Beach
- Wanda McGee - Four Seasons Recycling
- Ravi Pal Panesar - SCS Engineers
- Frank Cashin - SCS Engineers
- Dennis Bagley - SPSA
- Donald Lawhorne - Bedford
- Michael Purvis - Prince George
- Jason Birk - Diesel Force
- Travis Carl - PES, LLC
- Cassidy Brauns - Rehrig
- Dylan DeThomas - Recycling Partnership
- Pat Lundergan, Baker Waste
- Stephen Mattingly - Town of Blacksburg
- Cole Seldomridge - ACSA
- Kelly Cramer - Sustainable Packaging
- Paige Davis - GBB
- Nick Moore - Ashcake Landfill
- Eric Harris - Recycling Partnership
- Rhea Hall - Westrock

**2018 SWANA Scholarship Winner**

Madison Duval, sponsored by her mother and SWANA member, Nancy Duval, was awarded a $1,500 scholarship from the Old Dominion SWANA Chapter. Madison attended Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke, VA and graduated with a 4.5 GPA. She will attend Georgetown University this fall. Madison was also awarded $5,000 Dollar Grant H. Flint Scholarship from the National SWANA organization.

**Upcoming Training Opportunities**

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**Board Information**

**Board Officers:**
- President - John Barnes, City of Virginia Beach
- Vice President - Benjamin Loveday, Spotsylvania County
- Treasurer - Kim Hynes, CVWMA
- Secretary - Aaron White, HDR
- International Board Member - Ray McGowan, Waste Management
- Past President - Pete Carrico, SCS Engineers

**Board Members:**
- Vacancy
- 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
- Henry Strickland, SPSA
- Leslie Beckwith, VA DEQ, Ex Officio Member

**Committee Chairman:**
- Awards/Scholarships - C. Gibson
- Communications - J. Clary
- Conference Program - B. Loveday
- Legislative - T. Torrez
- Membership - J. Kellas
- Technical - S. Geissler
- Training - M. Lawless
- Safety - D. Batts

**SWANA Board Update**

The Virginia Old Dominion Chapter will be holding our annual Board of Directors elections this fall. The first step in the process is to notify the membership of director positions that will be available. For the 2019 year, we will have 2 positions open. An announcement requesting resumes and letters of interest will be emailed to the membership in early September. If you or a member you know are interested in serving on the Board, please watch for the email announcement and submit your information. Thanks!

**SWANA Webinars**

SWANA Virginia Chapter Webinar Program!

The SWANA Virginia Old Dominion Chapter is excited to announce that our chapter is now a member of the SWANA Chapter Webinar Program. This allows Chapter members to attend SWANA Webinars with no out-of-pocket cost. The registration fee has already been paid for by the Old Dominion Chapter. Webinars also offer CEUs.

List of Upcoming Webinars: [https://swana.org/Training/SWANAOnline/Webinars.aspx](https://swana.org/Training/SWANAOnline/Webinars.aspx)

**To Register:**

Chapter Webinar Program participants can register for webinars online at SWANA.org. Enter the Chapter’s Debit Card Code at the time of registration. Code: VA170502

You must be a current Virginia Chapter member and logged in under your credentials on SWANA.org in order for the Debit Card Code to work. Please use these credits responsibly as the Chapter must pay for each registration made.

If you have any issues during registration, please contact Jesse Maxwell at 240-494-2237 or at jmaxwell@swana.org.