



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

reetings SWANA members! Fall is here and our Chapter has several exciting things happening. Last week many of our Chapter's members attended the SWANA Quad State Conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, which was a very successful event! There were over 270 attendees, over 40 exhibitors, and many informative and well-prepared presentations. Despite the long journey to get there, it was wellworth it for those who made the trip. Virginia had over 50 attendees, which was a great showing for our chapter.

Next up for our Chapter is our annual Regulatory Training session, which will occur on October 16 at The Place at Innsbrook. We have a full day of presentations planned, with ample time for networking and hearing directly from our colleagues at DEQ. Registration is now open!



We have two more training events coming this fall, including a Safety Session on November 5 and a Disaster Debris Management event on November 12; details for both events will be provided as we get closer to them.

On the topic of safety, I am pleased to share with you that SWANA, with direct participation from our Chapter, partnered with the Virginia Waste Industries Association to support the "Slow Down to Get Around" bill, which was signed into law earlier this summer. Aimed at protecting our refuse truck drivers and helpers, the legislation requires motorists to change lanes if possible or slow down to at least ten (10) miles per hour below the posted speed limit and pass at least two feet to the left of the stationary vehicles that are in the process of collecting trash or recycling. This important legislation is a key part of the emphasis by SWANA and the National Waste & Recycling Association to make the solid waste management industry safer. Currently, it is in the top 10 most dangerous professions in the United States, which is unacceptable. As such, our Chapter will continue to support and highlight safe work practices for our employees.

In closing, I strongly encourage you to participate in one or more of our upcoming events. The opportunity to engage with solid waste professionals in these settings is a great way to become involved and make your membership worthwhile; as the saying goes, you get out what you put in!

#### Slow Down to Get Around

n July 15, 2015, Governor Terry McAuliffe took part in a ceremonial bill signing for House Bill 1649, also know as "Slow Down to Get Around". This law, which became effective July 1, 2015, requires a drivers to change lanes if possible or slow down to 10 mph below the posted speed limit and pass at least 2 feet to the left of vehicles in the process of collecting refuse or recycling. Virginia is one of 9 states that that have enacted this legislation. The SWANA Old Dominion Chapter partnered with the Virginia Waste Industries Association (VWIA) to support this important legislation.



From left to right (top row): Lisa Corbett (Waste Management), Tommy James (Republic Services), Jessica Mayorga (NWRA), Tim Torrez (Republic Services), Patrick Depew (Waste Management), Matt Terrell (Republic Services), Lisa Kardell (Waste Management), Governor Terry McAuliffe, Tad Phillips (TFC), Brian Wright (TFC), Pete Carrico (SWANA), Joseph Hicks (TFC), Jon Clary (SWANA), and Joe James Jr. (Henrico).

## **Board Update**

In the Summer of 2015, we said goodbye to 2 Directors, including Pieter Conradie and Jerry McGraner. Pieter was our Membership Committee Chair and needed to attend to other matters. Jerry was our training committee Chair and is relocating back to Ohio. The Board thanks each for their service with best wishes for the future!

Mike Lawless, P.G., Principal/Executive Vice President and Environmental Services Division Manager at Draper Aden Associates has graciously joined the Board. Mike brings an excellent range of experience and capabilities that will serve the membership well. The current board roaster is listed below.

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- ♦ Timothy Torrez, P.E., Republic Services
- Justin Williams, VA DEQ, Ex Officio Member
- ♦ Vacant

## **VA Department of Environmental Quality Update**

As summer comes to close, DEQ continues to work on solid waste matters that improve the way they operate and engage with stakeholders. Specifically, DEQ has been working on these items:

- DEQ conducted a listening session with the Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association and the Northern Virginia Waste Management Board regarding solid waste planning.
- DEQ is finalizing guidance on storm water related issues at landfills including erosion and sediment control and will conduct an external training once complete.
- DEQ has been working with SWANA, VDEM, and FMA to put on an emergency debris management and training course.
- DEQ published the final 2014 Solid Waste Managed in Virginia Report and is working on combining information from this report and the recycling rate report to provide greater clarity and interaction between this information.
- DEQ sent out Groundwater Use Surveys to some landfills to get better information regarding private well use surrounding landfills in groundwater corrective action to make better, reasonable decisions at these sites.
- DEQ is working on upgrading its internal data management system which should result in more efficient inspections and streamlined data capturing in the solid waste management program

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

### **Annual Professional Service Award**

he SWANA Old Dominion Chapter presented its annual Professional Service Award to the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA). The City of Richmond nominated CVWMA in recognition of its "25 years of outstanding service to the Community." Mr. Peter Carrico, President, presented the award to Ms. Kim Hynes, Executive Director, and the CVWMA Board of Directors at their meeting on August 14, 2015.

The Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) is a public service authority that implements solid waste management and recycling programs for thirteen local governments in the Richmond metropolitan area. Since its formation in 1990, the CVWMA has endeavored to provide efficient and economical Kukoski, Treasurer (Richmond); Rob Key, Chair (Chesterfield), Kim Hynes waste management and recycling solutions for its member juris- (CVWMA Executive Director), and Pete Carrico (SWANA Chapter Presidictions. The CVWMA's aim is to meet local governments' waste management and recycling needs, through improving existing services and programs and expanding into new program areas.



(Pictured left to right) Allen Lane, Secretary (Henrico); William Hamby, Vice-Chair (Prince George); Steve Chidsey, Past Chair (Hanover); Mark

# **Annual Scholarships**

The SWANA Old Dominion Chapter awarded scholarships to two incoming college freshman that graduated from Virginia High Schools in 2015. Emily Hynes and Grant Kiser were awarded \$1,500 scholarships. Emily will be attending the College of William and Mary and Grant plans to attend Virginia Tech. SWANA makes scholarship opportunities available to children and grandchildren of its members in order to encourage the educational opportunities in engineering, planning, and environmental sciences. Congratulations Emily and Grant!



**Emily Hynes** 

## **Debris Management Training**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 12, 2015 for a full day of Debris Management Training to be held at Zehmer Hall in Charlottesville, VA. This training is aimed at the Public Works and Solid Waste fields and is being held in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Registration will be opening soon!

# **Training Opportunities**

Event	Date	Registration Opens	CEUs
2015 Quad State - Pigeon Forge, TN	September 22-24,2015	Open	TBD
Regulatory Training - Richmond Area	10/16/2015	Open	6
	8:30 - 5:00		
Safety Training - Henrico County Operations Center	11/5/2015	Early Fall	6
	8:30 am - 3:00 pm		
Debris Management Training (with FE-MA/DEQ)	11/12/2015	TBD	6
	8:30 am - 4:00 pm		

### **Technical Tours**

Several technical tours have been scheduled for 2015. Please see the schedule below. Please let us know if you have any ideas for any upcoming technical tours by sending an email to Ericatrout@msn.com.

Air, Water, & Soil Laboratories

October 15, 2015, 9:30AM to 11:00AM Address: 1941 Reymet Road Richmond, VA 23237

♦ E-Waste Tech (Electronic Recycler)

October 15, 2015, 11:30AM to 1:00PM

Address: 1407 Cummings Dr., Dock #9

Richmond, VA 23220

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