This year we were treated to a good dose of southern hospitality, as the South Carolina SWANA Chapter hosted this year’s Quad State Conference at the Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach Kingston Plantation. With over 400 attendees and exhibitors from North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, the conference offered all participants an unparalleled opportunity for professional development, education, networking, and information on new innovative products and equipment.

The Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach Hotel, once again, turned out to be a superior venue for the event. Situated on the ocean at the north end of Myrtle Beach’s Grand Strand, the hotel offered all of the oceanfront amenities one would expect at the beach while providing an appropriate atmosphere for professionals to meet and learn together.

As a part of the event, the conference attendees were afforded a night of Comedy with “The Funniest Man in America,” James Gregory. Many of you may know him from his guest spots on the “John Boy and Billy” morning radio show. His southern style comedy was a real hit. The conference planners were very lucky securing him for the conference and everyone enjoyed the show.

Next year’s SWANA Conference for the Virginia Old Dominion Chapter is being planned now. The conference will be held at the Wintergreen Resort during the week of August 5th through the 8th, 2014. Wintergreen has undergone recent reconstruction projects and we are very excited to be able to host the event there next year. Make sure that you save the dates.

**Fall Training Opportunities—Advance Your Skill Set and Earn CEUs**

**Construction Quality Assurance Inspection Initiative**

**September 23, 2013, 10 am to 3 pm**

**Classroom:** Draper Aden Assoc., 8090 Villa Park Dr.
**Field:** Old Dominion Landfill, 2001 Charles City Rd.
Both locations in Richmond, VA

$60 for SWANA members and $70 for non-members
Space is limited, registration required. Register on line: http://fs10.formsite.com/swanava/form6/index.html

**VA DEQ Regulatory Training - October 17, 8:30 am to 4 pm**

**Draft Agenda**
**David Paylor,** Director
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
**Sara Bixby**—Deputy Executive Director of SWANA
**Kathryn Perzyk**—Construction Quality Assurance Expert
VA Department of Environmental Quality
**Region 2000—5 year update**
**Virginia Dominion Power Government Affairs**—changes to rules for coal combustion by-products

**US Army Corps of Engineers**
**Bob Gardner**—SCS Engineers

Registration required—sign up on line at http://fs10.formsite.com/swanava/form9/index.html
Develop Your Presentation Skills

Do you want your boss to recognize you as a leader and technical expert? Consider making a presentation at a professional technical conference. Presentations at SWANA regional or national conferences give you the opportunity to learn an entirely new skill set including:

- Conducting detailed investigations of intriguing technical issues
- Developing professional speaking skills
- Learning the magnitude of options for presentations using PowerPoint
- Interacting with your peers to market your paper so that it gets selected for presentation.

Should your paper be selected by your peers for presentation, you may have confidence that your work effort was worthwhile and recognized. And you will get to go to the conference! Consider developing your talents by making a presentation at a SWANA conference.

DEQ Update

These are details of the VA DEQ update provided to the SWANA Chapter Board at its most recent meeting.

- Stormwater permit program transferred from Dept. of Conservation and Recreation to VA DEQ
- Decision to eliminate requirement for state permits to transport regulated medical waste
- The Waste Tire Trust Fund has been completely expended but revenues are expected to accrue in the third quarter of 2013
- The 2012 Recycling Rate Report is now available on the DEQ website
- DEQ appreciated SWANA Old Dominion Chapter’s help in training on the Agency’s Construction Quality Assurance Guidelines; training is scheduled for September 23
- Draft landfill mining guidance is available from the agency at: http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Land/Guidance/dguSI27.pdf
- The agency is focusing on regulations pertaining to the management of coal combustion ash (CCA), they are responding to USEPA’s request for information regarding the beneficial use of CCA
- DEQ is establishing a regulatory advisory panel to prepare for changes to regulations regarding the management of CCA

Consider implementing a tire recycling program and getting reimbursed by the VA DEQ Tire End User Reimbursement Fund