

CHAPTER NEWS



COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF SWANA

President's Corner

By Tom Strickland

I am very honored and pleased to be serving as your new chapter President. I'm following in the footsteps of an impressive list of past presidents who have continually raised the bar. It has been great coordinating the logistics of our last few annual conferences and now I'm ready to take on some new challenges with the Chapter. I look forward to a successful and exciting new year.



Your Colorado SWANA Board of Directors is already hard at work planning technical session, training programs and other chapter activities. One of the Board's goals for this year is to seek out greater involvement from our members in the planning of events and programs by becoming active contributors on one or more of the chapter committees. **Any Colorado SWANA member is welcome to join a chapter committee.** The "Programs" and "Road-E-O" are active committees that can always use assistance from many members. See page 7 for a complete list of committees and the chairperson for that committee.

Another goal for this year is to enhance communication to and among our membership. You may have already noticed our enhanced monthly "Chapter E-news" and this very chapter newsletter. Other communication upgrades will include keeping the chapter's website (coloradoSWANA.org) as up-to-date as possible and added website features. Please feel free to share ideas you have on improving communication within the chapter with me or other members of your board.

Thank you and let's all have a great year!

Welcome Jeff Emmons to Your Board

Jeff Emmons is our newest Director on the Chapter's Board. Jeff is employed in Grand Junction as an Environmental Protection Specialist with the Solid Waste Materials Management Unit of the CDPHE. His duties include inspection of solid waste facilities along the Western Slope.



Prior experience includes 17 years with the Utah Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste with 13 years as an active member of the Utah SWANA Chapter. Jeff received a Bachelors of Science from SE Missouri State University and Masters Degree from the University of Kansas.

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2012 - Technical Session: February 22 Air Pollution Control Division Issues

On February 22, 2012 Colorado SWANA will hold a technical session with **presenters from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)**. This technical session will be dedicated to air quality issues such as the proposed Landfill Air Pollution Emission Notice (APEN) form change, impacts of Petroleum Contaminated Soils (PCS) on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) generation as well as accounting for workload under the Landfill APEN, and compost impacts on GHG production and mitigation. Some of the session material will be based on the current draft of the APEN form and Composting information being sent out for review to stakeholders in the state with a deadline of January 30, 2012 for comments.

Tentative Agenda (9 AM to 4:45 PM)

- **9:00 AM – Introduction and Overview of air quality permitting and reporting requirements**
- **10:30 AM – Reporting and Deadlines**
- **[11:30 – Break for lunch and network discussion]**
- **12:20 PM – Petroleum Contaminated Soils**
- **1:20 PM – Solidification Basins**
- **2:20 PM – Greenhouse Gas Rules and Updates**
- **3:20 PM—Composting Rules and Updates**
- **4:15 PM – Q&A**

A more detailed agenda will be posted to the Chapter's website as refinements are made.

Registration is required and CEUs will be offered for the entire session.

For more information on this technical session, please contact Debby Barton, 970-565-9858 or by email her at baleit@fone.net.

Cancellations made after noon on February 16, 2012 (and no shows) will forfeit their registration payment. The chapter reserves the right to submit a bill for no show unpaid registrations.



“This technical session will be dedicated to air quality issues such as the proposed Landfill APEN form change”

COSTS:

SWANA Members \$15

Non-members \$25

(The costs are to offset for the lunch provided.)

WHERE:

Geotech Environmental
2650 East 40th Ave.
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REGISTRATION:

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Review of the 2011 Annual Conference

By Kathy Andrew

Participants in this past year’s Annual Conference were treated to an exceptional two days of learning and networking. As many of the solid waste industry segments see more regulations and compliance requirements, there is a greater need for a wide variety of services. As such your Colorado SWANA Board brought a diverse set of speakers and topics to the 2011 conference. Presentations varied from “Medical Marijuana Waste” to “Debris Disaster Management” and from “Residential Composting” to “Product Stewardship.” At the 2011 Annual Conference, we were lucky enough to have as our speaker Dr. Chris Urbina, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) who discussed his vision for the future of CDPHE which includes a one page strategic action plan and open communication.

Additionally this year’s conference offered two tours. On Thursday, October 6th, conference attendees toured Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site (DADS). As it turned out we had the privilege of seeing what a landfill goes through on extremely windy days. Jason Chan and Doc Nyiro hosted a well attended bus tour to the regional municipal solid waste landfill owned by the City and County of Denver and operated by Waste Management of Colorado, Inc. DADS began operations in 1990 and continues today as the largest landfill in Colorado taking in on average 12,000 tons of waste per day. A highlight of the tour was a visit to the waste to energy plant running on the site.



Polynesian dancers entertain attendees at the Annual Banquet

On Friday, October 7th, attendees were able to take a tour of Metech Recycling’s electronic recycling collection and disassembling plant in Denver. Again, a fascinating and informative insight into how electronics are demanufactured and recycled.

The 2011 Annual Awards Banquet stood out from the crowd in terms of fun and laughter. The banquet featured a Polynesian theme, complete with a traditional Luau dinner followed by hula dance lessons for all.

The goal of the chapter board at every conference and technical session is to create an exceptional and edifying experience for solid waste professionals. That goal was achieved. Attendance was high, spirits were bright, and there was something for everyone. Don’t miss the Fall 2012 conference. Planning is already underway to ensure a useful and enjoyable experience for all.

Thank you to our wonderful 2011 Annual Conference sponsors:

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Message From Your Past President

By Cathryn Stewart

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President for the past three years. I appreciate the initial encouragement to join SWANA, help plan an annual meeting or two, then serve as vice president, president, and now past president. I appreciate the organization itself (the Mother Ship, as Stephen Gillette fondly calls it) and the Chapter establishment and continued utility as a professional serving organization. And I appreciate my fellow Board of Directors and Officers for their often unique approaches to Chapter planning and issues through the years.



While serving as an officer, I broadened my "work family" from not only co-workers but also to include fellow solid waste professionals: landfill managers, clients, regulators, past, present, and future clients. I learned much about the solid waste business – especially public relations and training topics – beyond my world of groundwater, geology, and the shallow subsurface. I will continue to serve on the Board as Past President, and am enjoying more time to update my skills on the newest version of a GIS program and to edit the video footage I took several years ago in Antarctica!

My hard hat is off to Tom Strickland, our new Chapter President, and to all the Board Directors and Officers. Carry on!

Also, joining me as "Past" are two Board Directors coming off the Board after several years of service apiece: Jerry Henderson (past newsletter editor and scholarships/awards) and Cameron Beul (program and scholarships/awards). Thanks to those two for serving as Directors, and we look forward to their continued contributions as members.

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Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Stakeholders Meeting Held Last December

By Debby Barton

“Topics covered included the proposed revisions to the Air Pollutant Emissions Notice (APEN)”

On December 6, 2011, the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) had a Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Stakeholder Meeting at the CDPHE Campus in Denver, CO. Topics covered included the proposed revisions to the Air Pollutant Emissions Notice (APEN), the Design Capacity Report requirements, reporting requirements for various activities including not only landfill (disposal), but also Petroleum Contaminated Soils (PCS), Solidification Basins, Leachate, and Composting. Draft regulations on updates including composting emission factors, greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts, and other operations were also mentioned.

Comments on the information provided by APCD were requested to be returned by January 6, 2012 and a follow up meeting may be held in middle to late February to discuss any issues that came from the meeting and/or the comments provided. Title V permit issues were also raised which many smaller state landfill operations at this time do not have requirements to have or obtain.

2012 Calendar of Chapter Activities

- **February 22** - First Quarter Technical Session: Air Quality Control Issues, Denver
- **April/May** - Second Quarter Technical Session: Topic tentatively “Composting in Colorado”
- **June** - 2012 Chapter Truck Road-E-O, Denver
- **September** - Annual Conference and Certification Training & Testing, Grand Junction, CO



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Educational Grants and Scholarships

By Curt Ahrendsen

The Colorado Chapter offers grants and scholarships to fulfill our goal of enhancing academic and professional development to our membership and others related to the solid waste management discipline. There are three types of scholarships available, including the:

- **SWANA Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Awards Program** (administered by the National Organization)
- **Colorado SWANA College Scholarship Program**
- **Colorado SWANA Training Scholarship Program**



Grants and scholarships may be awarded to SWANA members, prospective members, and college/university students who meet the minimum qualifications and successfully demonstrate commitment to helping raise standards of excellence for the waste management field.

As in past years, the chapter has budgeted \$1,000 in scholarship awards for academic expenses incurred by a degree-seeking student, and \$500 in scholarships for continuing education. Members should keep in mind that the latter may be used to defer the cost of attending a Chapter technical session or SWANA training.

To be considered for a grant or scholarship please fill out the application form along with a letter (no longer than one page) that describes how the applicant will benefit from the educational and/or training opportunity for which a grant or scholarship would be used. Applications should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the scheduled event or academic period.

Details and chapter policies and selection criteria are available on the Colorado SWANA website at coloradoswana.org/scholarships.



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Certification Training for 2012



To certify or not certify – that is a big question for any individual or organization. Landfill Operations (MOLO) and Compost Operations (MOCO) were ranked by the chapter membership as the two most wanted classes that the chapter should offer locally.

At this time, the chapter has two certified instructors for the landfill operations classes and will be seeking certified instructors for the compost operations class. Depending on the input from our members, either the MOLO or both the MOLO and MOCO classes will be offered this year.

If you are interested in attending these certification classes, please contact Deborah Barton by email at baleit@fone.net with your possible or actual interest in one or both classes. Keep checking your chapter emails and the chapter website for updates on when and where certification training will be held.

Chapter Committees, Responsibilities and Chairpersons

Any Colorado SWANA member is welcome to join a chapter committee. Simply contact the Chairperson for the committee you would like to join.

Committee	Responsibilities	Chairperson (s)
AUDIT	Oversee financial audit and tally voting/election results	Juri Freeman (freeman@serainc.com)
MEMBERSHIP	New member recruitment and Member communication	Kathy Andrew (kathyandrew@elpasoco.com)
PROGRAMS	Coordinate seminars, technical sessions, annual conference and certification training	Tom Schweitzer (tschweit@wm.com)
BYLAWS	Review and give guidance on Chapter's Bylaws	Deborah Barton (baleit@fone.net)
NOMINATING	Submit nominations to board	Cathryn Stewart (cstewart@aquater.com)
ROAD-E-O	Coordinate Chapter's annual Road-E-O event	Alek Orloff (aorloff@alpinewaste.com)
LEGISLATIVE	Track and report related legislation and regulations to board and members	Neil Nowak (nnowak@weaverboos.com) - Federal Deborah Barton (baleit@fone.net) - State
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS	Submit scholarship applications to board	Curt Ahrendsen (cahrendsen@aecdenvr.com)



Colorado Legislative Session Update

By Debby Barton

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) is attributed to stating that no one's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session. Article V of the Colorado Constitution states that the General Assembly (Colorado Senate and Colorado House) is to convene no later than the second Wednesday of January of each year and the sessions are not to exceed one hundred twenty calendar days.

Beginning January 11, 2012, the Colorado SWANA Chapter will again track bills of interest to the solid waste, recycling, and composting industry of Colorado. A weekly legislative table will be available to the members which will list the number of the bill, the bill's title, the sponsor or sponsors of the bill, the basic provisions of the bill and the status of the bill. The last day of the legislative session is scheduled for May 9, 2012.

If any member would like to have a bill tracked on a weekly basis, please let a Colorado SWANA Board Member know. Our goal is to again send out via e-mail the weekly legislative table update by Friday evening each week.



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