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From the Board:

Swanaks.org

It's here!! The Swana Sunflower Chapter website.

Now we have our very own and very unique web site right here in Kansas. Thanks to Sandee Stainbrook and her friend Luke Phelps we have one of the nicest websites around. When you go to it, let it load and then look it over. It has information about the board, a place for minutes, a calendar and even an onsite store. You can now purchase shirts, hats and cups with our very own logo. This site has tremendous potential for the future to help keep our members informed of issues, training events and more at the touch of your fingers. Please check it out and utilize it. If you have information that you would like to see included, please contact the board and we will see if we can get it on.

GO TO www.Swanaks.org NOW!!!

Workshops, Training Events, Conferences

KDHE C & D Landfill Owner Operator Workshops

February 11, 2004 - McPherson
February 12, 2004 - Chanute
February 13, 2004 - Topeka
February 18, 2004 - Hays
February 19, 2004 - Garden City

All workshops run 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Contact Angela Nutter anuttter@kdhe.state.ks.us

KDHE Composting at Confined Animal Feeding Operations

February 10, 2004 - Fort Scott
February 12, 2004 - Garden City

Contact Ken Powell, KDHE, 785-296-1121 or kpowell@kdhe.state.ks.us

KDHE Household Hazardous Waste 8 Hour Refresher Training

February 04, 2004 - Ottawa
March 03, 2004 - Hays
March 04, 2004 - Colby
March 23, 2004 - Lindsborg

KDHE Solid Waste Grants Workshops (Competitive Plan Implementation)

February 04, 2004 - Pittsburg
February 17, 2004 - El Dorado
February 25, 2004 - Manhattan

Recycling & Composting Works 2004

March 23-25th, 2004 - Lindsborg, Kansas

News from SWANA IB Director Bob Helm

Bob Helm, our International Director has been very busy this year on the International Scene. At the 2003 Annual Board Meeting held in St. Louis this past October numerous issues were discussed. Highlights from that meeting include:

1. SWANA membership has reached an all time high of over 7,000 Members.
2. The FY 2003 financial picture was stronger than ever.
3. The 2003 audit was clean.
4. A ByLaw change was accepted by the IB and will be up for electronic vote in late January 2004. This change opens up the Officer positions to a larger number of qualified candidates. The IB passed a second motion that would limit the number of Corporate Members that could hold office concurrently to two.
5. ByLaw change adding provisions for suspending and terminating memberships—standards for conduct for SWANA members. The bylaw change will be sent out for an on-line membership vote in late January.
6. D&O Liability Insurance—The IB reviewed the premiums and how they were dispersed. The IB agreed on an option of a 25/75 percent spread on how they are paid out. This will be voted on by the board mid-year next year. The hope is that this will give the smaller chapters a break on dues brought in and the amount of insurance paid out.
7. There may be a possible increase in insurance for 2004.
8. Changes in Chapter Partnering—there are now no limits or guarantees on partnering. In the past, a guarantee of the number of people attending a conference, etc, was required.
9. Chapter loans are still being accepted by Corporate. There are only 2 or 3 chapters that are **NOT** loaning and the Kansas Chapter is one of them.
10. "Members Only" section on the SWANA website—Bob Helm encourages all members to check our personal information on the website to make sure it is correct.
11. SWANA is starting to offer web-seminars to its members. The seminars will cover various topics and will be offered on Wednesday's for approximately one hour.
12. SWANA has received a grant from OSHA offering some free training.
13. Job listings can now be placed on SWANA website free of charge.
14. SWANA is focusing on expanding their National website in order to offer more trainings, etc.

www.Swana.org.

For all the National Solid Waste Industry News

SWANA International News

Who disposes of 10,000 Computers per Week?

The Office of Personnel Management statistics show there are 1.8 million people employed by the federal government alone. Most of them have their own personal computer. Based on a three year cycle time for computers, the government discards approximately 10,000 computers each week. EPA recently established a Federal Electronics challenge workgroup to promote partnerships throughout the federal sector to encourage federal facilities and agencies to purchase "greener" electronics products, manage their electronics assets in an environmentally sound manner, and address the expected avalanche of obsolete electronic equipment. In addition to the EPA, other federal partners include the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive and the Defense Department.

In similar news, many cathode ray tubes (CRTs) and items of mercury containing equipment are currently characterized as hazardous waste under RCRA Subtitle C. The EPA is seeking to exclude cathode ray tubes (CRTs) from the hazardous waste definition of RCRA Subtitle C, and to clarify the status of used CRTs sent for reuse. EPA's goal is to streamline recycling management requirements for used CRTs and glass removed from CRTs by adding it to the federal list of universal wastes. EPA has not established a deadline for a final rule on the regulatory change.

Administration Poised to Redefine "Solid Waste" under RCRA

After a series of discussions with the White House's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which oversees federal agencies, EPA plans to redefine the term "industry" in a rulemaking with respect to what constitutes a waste. The rulemaking would "expand the conditions under which hazardous waste can be recycled within the same industry sector without being subject to strict rules" under RCRA. Beginning this past spring, the White House began to urge EPA waste officials to "consider a broader exemption for industrial recycling than the Agency" had originally announced that "It was pursuing".

The rulemaking to define what constitutes a solid waste will also clarify and codify longstanding EPA guidance on what constitutes legitimate industrial recycling, after states, which implement most RCRA programs, asked the agency to make it easier to interpret and apply the 1989 guidance on so-called sham recycling, the sources say. The new definition of solid waste will increase industrial recycling and, at the urging of state regulators, cut down the practice of so-called "sham recycling."

Despite the broadened exemption for reused materials, some industry representatives are still concerned that if the EPA "insists on limited recycling to reuse within the same industry," then the Agency "will not be complying with the federal appellate ruling in Association of Battery Recyclers." In its 2000 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit broadly criticized the agency's policy of regulating materials that were reused."

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2003 Road-E-O Results

| Transfer\Tractor | | PTS | | PTS | |
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| Trailer: | 1st Paul Feltman, MASWU | 225 | Rear Loader: | 1st Ken Hardesty, Salina | 340 |
| | 2nd Russ Walline, MASWU | 220 | | 2nd David Flaherty, Salina | 275 |
| | 3rd Mike Allen, Hamm, Inc. | 195 | | 3rd Robert Lawrence, Olathe | 270 |
| | 4th David Bratz, Hamm, Inc. | 150 | | 4th Billie Laflen, Salina | 245 |
| Side Loader: | 1st James Ward, Olathe | 290 | | 5th Brad Meyer, El Dorado | 235 |
| | 2nd Kelly Brummett, Olathe | 290 | | 6th Clayton Hill, El Dorado | 215 |
| | 3rd Robert Allen, Olathe | 195 | | 7th Larry Devers, Lawrence | 200 |
| Roll-Off: | 1st John Shepard, Olathe | 230 | | 8th Galen Nelson, MASWU | 165 |
| | 2nd Arvard Nelson, MASWU | 230 | | 9th Anthony Thomas, El Dorado | 165 |
| | 3rd Mark Colson, MASWU | 220 | | 10th Ron Dill, El Dorado | 160 |
| | 4th Bryan Bartels, Olathe | 210 | | | |

Thanks for Everyone's Support and Participation! The Landfill ROAD-E-O will be back next year.
