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Letter from the President

Over the past few months, there have been several items of interest which have taken place. This spring, the Kansas Legislature discussed three solid waste management bills that would have affected some or all of our 83 members. The following is a list of the bills considered in the 2012 legislative session:

- **House Bill #2639** (Reporting Requirements for Municipalities engaging in Commercial Solid Waste Activities). The chairman of the House Committee on Local Government chose not to work the bill following testimony by KDHE and others that the bill had numerous problems. A new version of this bill may be presented in the future which may have a more limited scope and effect; perhaps just related to landfills operated by local governments that are in competition with private companies. We will have to see what develops.
- **House Bill #432** (Yard Waste Disposal). This bill became SB 114 and it passed the House easily, but never came up for a vote in the Senate, so it **died**. The bill would have prohibited a county or city from doing what Johnson County did related to establishing disposal restrictions on yard waste. It would not have retroactively applied the prohibition to Johnson County. The bill also had a provision to require KDHE to perform a study on the adequacy of waste reduction across Kansas. KDHE intends to perform such a study on its own.
- **House Bill #375** (Landfill Disposal of Drilling Waste). This is a bill to allow the land-spreading of drilling waste. It **passed** on the final day of the session. KDHE must now finalize the land-spreading application and make it available online. KCC will administer the program, but KDHE will be primarily responsible for enforcement when necessary. KDHE must also incorporate these requirements into regulations over the next couple of years. KDHE and KCC have a considerable amount of work to do to implement these new requirements. According to Bill Bider, he is not sure how much land-spreading will take place.



Communications with our members continues to be an important part of our role as an Executive Board. Thanks to our new Executive Board member, Kathy Richardson, from Lawrence, our newsletter format and content have been updated and expanded to better serve our membership. Kathy is also working at this time to update and modernize our Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter website. We hope to launch a new format this summer.

Currently, the Chapter Executive Board is planning the upcoming Annual SWANA/KDHE Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training, which will be held in Salina on November 7-8, 2012 at the Ramada Inn on Crawford Street. Although planning is still underway, we are developing educational sessions and assigning speakers. We expect to attract approximately 200 attendees and over 20 vendors for this fall educational event located in the center of Kansas. We ask that you please save the dates of November 7-8, 2012 for the upcoming conference in Salina. Registration forms should be sent out sometime in September.

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Not A SWANA Member Yet? Join Now!

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is the leading professional association in the solid waste industry. With the mission to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste, SWANA provides education and networking opportunities to solid waste professionals in every facet of the industry, benefitting individual members while also furthering the work of the profession.

Members receive SWANA's monthly newsletter, I AM SWANA News, as well as MSW Management, SWANA's official bi-monthly magazine. Members also receive access to the members' only section of the SWANA website, which includes SWANA's online collection of technical resources, the eLibrary.

Members receive discounts on SWANA training, technical symposia, online training, and SWANA services including posting on SWANA's Professional Service Directory.

As a member, you will also become a member of the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter, helping you connect with other solid waste professionals in the state. Membership includes scholarship and training opportunities, a quarterly newsletter, and an awards program.

SWANA offers endless opportunities to show your dedication to the solid waste industry and develop your leadership skills. Become a Technical Division Committee Chair, Chapter Officer, International Board Member or the next SWANA President. There are always new volunteer opportunities for those ready to lead SWANA into the future.

Join SWANA today at
www.swana.org



2012 Kansas SWANA Roundtable Meetings

The first Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter Solid Waste Management Roundtable Meeting of the year hosted by Junction City in April was a success! Thanks our host, the 20 attendees, and also to Bill Bider, Director of KDHE Bureau of Waste Management, for giving a legislative update at this meeting.

The upcoming roundtable meeting is:

June 14th in Emporia at the Civic Building in the Little Theater (2nd floor), located at 111 E. 6th Avenue, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This meeting will include a 30 minute presentation titled "There is more to it than landfills" by Joe Cronin, KDHE Bureau of Waste Management.

These meetings are designed to provide an opportunity to discuss a variety of solid waste management issues. You will have the chance to ask questions, share information, and get to know others in the solid waste management field.

A SWANA membership is not required for attendance.

The next roundtable meeting will be on **September 20th in Colby** at Colby Community College (room 108), located at 1255 S. Range Avenue, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For additional information concerning these Kansas Solid Waste Roundtable Meetings, contact Jeff Beyer at jbeyer@coffeycountyks.org or at (620) 364-2048.

\$500 Scholarship Recipient Selected

The Scholarship Committee has selected Hannah Richardson as the recipient of the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter \$500 scholarship for 2012. Hannah is the daughter of Kent Seyfried, a SWANA member.

Hannah's application has also been submitted to SWANA for consideration in the Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Category I contest.

The Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Program was established by SWANA in an effort to promote education and professional development. These annual scholarships were

named for the individual in Southern California who was the driving force in the formation of SWANA.

Scoring of applicants (criterion): Academics (50%), Community Activities (20%), Extracurricular (20%), and Quality of the Written Discussion (10%).

Thanks to Hannah for her interest in this contest. The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter wishes Hannah good luck in the International SWANA contest and in attending the University of Evansville next fall.

Kansas SWANA Truck Road-E-O was a Success!

The SWANA Road-E-O is a competition that puts drivers' skills to the test on a competitive course designed to measure the driver's skill behind the wheel as well as knowledge of safety regulations and equipment.

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter held an annual Truck Road-E-O at the City of Olathe Municipal Services Center on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Twenty three participants from Olathe, Lawrence, Emporia, Shawnee County, Deffenbaugh, and the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility competed in four different categories: Rear Load, Side Load, Front Load, and Roll-off trucks. Team Points were awarded based on team participation and finishing place in each event. The City of Olathe received the most Team Points, winning the overall Team Championship Trophy.



The First Place winners in each category from the Kansas SWANA Road-E-O are now eligible to compete at the International SWANA Road-E-O to be held in Kentucky later this year. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the opportunity to network and meet fellow drivers from other agencies. Next year we hope to include more cities in the Kansas SWANA Road-E-O competition.

Thanks to the event participants and volunteers. We also want to recognize and show our appreciation to Downing Sales & Service, Rehrig Pacific Company, Elliot Equipment Company, and Bayne Thinline for their support in this year's Kansas SWANA Truck Road-E-O.



If you are interested in learning more about the SWANA Truck Road-E-O program and/or are interested in having your agency participate in the 2013 Kansas Chapter Road-E-O, please Contact Kent Seyfried, Kansas SWANA Road-E-O Committee Chairperson, at kseyfried@olatheks.org or (913) 971-9006.



Call for Speakers - Kansas Solid Waste Management Conference This Fall

Don't miss your opportunity to present during the 2012 Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter and KDHE Solid Waste Management Conference held on November 7-8, 2012 in Salina! This conference provides an opportunity for solid waste professionals to present information on unique experiences or products that will provide benefits to over 200 conference attendees.

Each presentation will last approximately 15 to 20 minutes followed by questions and answers. Moderators will have flexibility with their format during each 1-1/2 hour session.

If you are interested in speaking at this conference please submit your name, affiliation, address, phone, and email address as well as your presentation title and a brief description of the information that you would like to present. Email this information and/or any questions to Jack Chappelle at jack@esdworks.com.

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter appreciates your interest in speaking at the Kansas Solid Waste Management Conference. We look forward to your attendance!

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Website Under Construction

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter is currently working on redesigning and updating our website. We apologize for the delay and will notify our members once the website is ready for review. You will have access to chapter minutes and newsletters as well as information on upcoming training sessions, the annual conference, Solid Waste Roundtable Meetings, and other events sponsored by the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter.



Calendar of Events

Kansas Environmental Conference

August 7 - 9, 2012 in Wichita, KS.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), www.kdheks.gov. This conference focuses on environmental compliance, pollution prevention, and sustainability.

SWANA WASTECON Conference

August 14 - 16, 2012 in Washington, D.C.

Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), www.wastecon.org. Celebrating its 50th Anniversary in the Nation's Capital, WASTECON will bring together thousands of industry professionals for training courses, technical sessions, and exhibits.

NAHMMMA Conference

September 17 - 21, 2012 in Universal City, CA.

North America Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMMA), www.nahmma.org.

KOR Conference and Exhibition

October 9 - 10, 2012 in Hays, KS.

Kansas Organization of Recyclers (KOR), www.kskor.org. This conference is one of the biggest gatherings of recycling and waste reduction professionals in Kansas, as well as those directly and indirectly involved in these efforts.

Kansas Environmental Education Conference

October 19 - 20, 2012 in Junction City, KS.

Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE), www.kacee.org. KACEE promotes and provides effective, non-biased and science-based environmental education to all Kansans.

Kansas Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course

November 7 - 8, 2012 in Salina, KS.

Hosted by the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter and KDHE Bureau of Waste Management to provide training for new and experienced Kansas landfill, transfer station, and solid waste collection operators, supervisors and managers.

Other Training Opportunities:

SWANA has been committed to providing the highest quality training in the solid waste industry. SWANA offers many training options including: Training Centers and Chapter Training, SWANA eLearning (eSessions, eSeries, eCourses), SWANA Training@Work, and SWANA Training@Home.



For more information, visit www.swana.org.