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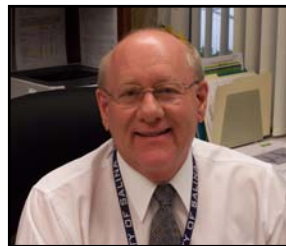
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Solid Waste Association of North America MISSION: "Advancing the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste in North America."

Letter from the President

For those who attended the Annual SWANA / KDHE Solid Waste Management Conference and Operators Training in Wichita, Kansas in November last year, you know about the great event that took place. We had a total of 205 attendees and vendors who participated. The membership was happy to see 19 vendor companies represented at the conference helping to support our activities. Feedback from participants was very positive and will be helpful in deciding future conference details.



The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter Executive Board met in December to develop direction for the coming year. At the January board meeting, 2012 Goals were approved. The board will work hard this year to achieve them. They are as follows:

Reaffirmed Goals

- Annual Solid Waste Conference/Training Event for Kansas - 2012 event in Salina.
- Continue to Distribute a Chapter Newsletter - Distribute 3-4 times a year.
- Board Member Assignments - Assign specific areas of responsibility to each board member and assign committee chair positions.
- Scholarship Program - Award 2 scholarships for Kansas students.
- Participate in the SWANA Annual International Board Meeting - 2012 event in Washington, D.C. August 14th-16th.
- Continue to Host an Annual Truck Road-E-O in Kansas.
- Continue to Offer Information on the Chapter Website.
- Continue to Track and Report Legislative Issues - Track and report to our membership on the website and in the newsletter.

New Goals

- Finance - Establish an annual budget to be approved by the board and establish an investment plan for chapter funds.
- Training - Establish at least 2 free e-sessions for chapter members.
- Membership - Conduct 3 Solid Waste Roundtable Meetings and add an educational element to the first part of the meetings.
- Awards - Establish a Chapter Awards Program (assign a committee chair and present awards at the annual conference) and establish awards for Outstanding Solid Waste Management Program of the Year (Disposal, Collection, and Transfer Stations), Outstanding Field Supervisor of the Year, and Solid Waste Management Leader of the Year.

The Chapter Executive Board is excited about the upcoming year, the opportunity to improve our services, and grow our membership above our current 80 members. We ask for your continued support at our events and your ideas and suggestions for improvements.

Mike Fraser, Chapter President

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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 Scheduled

This year the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter is coordinating with several host cities to conduct regional Solid Waste Management Roundtable Meetings throughout the state.

All meetings are from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. scheduled on:

- **February 23rd - Junction City**, Opera House, 135 W 7th Street
- **June 14th - Emporia**, Civic Building, Little Theater (2nd floor), 111 E. 6th Avenue
- **September 20th - Colby**, Colby Community College (room 108), 1255 S. Range Avenue

These meetings are designed to provide an opportunity to discuss a variety of solid waste management issues and to learn more about different types of operational practices. At these informal sessions, you will have the chance to ask questions, share information, and get to know others in your area that have solid waste management expertise and experience.

A SWANA membership is not required for attendance.

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

Two \$500 Scholarships Available

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter now offers two five hundred dollar (\$500) scholarships per year to graduating high school seniors or graduate equivalent certified candidates who have been accepted for enrollment in a junior college, a four-year college, or a university (any degree program).

Eligible candidates must be sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of a SWANA Member in good standing as of May 1, 2012.

The winning candidates will be submitted by the chapter for a national scholarship sponsored by SWANA.

Questions or requests should be directed to Bill Ridge at bridge@maswu.org or John Hawk at jhawk@maswu.org or at (620) 241-6559.

March 31st - Deadline for submission of application materials. The 2012 application (Category I) is posted at www.swana.org.

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

Don't Miss the Kansas SWANA Truck Road-E-O on Saturday, May 5th

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.

Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter ROAD-E-O

Saturday, May 5th in Olathe, KS

Municipal Service Center, 1385 S. Robinson

(Return registration forms and fees by April 14th.)

Registration check-in starts at 7:00 a.m. on May 5th at the Olathe Municipal Service Center. The Road-E-O events begin at 7:30 a.m. with a walk-through with all participants and judges. All contestants will receive a T-shirt and ticket for the lunch/awards banquet. Family and friends of the contestants are invited to watch the competition. The lunch/awards banquet will also be at the Olathe Municipal Services Center. Extra lunch/award banquet tickets for guests will be available at the registration check-in for \$5.00 each.

The Truck Road-E-O will have four competition categories:

- Rear Load
- Side Load
- Front Load
- Roll-off

Truck driver participants may compete in two categories. For this year's Road-E-O there will be a system for scoring to determine an overall TEAM Champion. Each agency with participants will be designated as a team. Points will be awarded by team members' participation and placing in the various categories.

The first and second place winners of each category will receive trophies and the first place winner in each category will be eligible to represent the Kansas Chapter at the SWANA International Truck Road-E-O in 2012.

A copy of the registration form for the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter Road-E-O is on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. Please fill out only one form per contestant or volunteer. **Return the registration form and checks payable to Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter by April 14th to:**

City of Olathe
Attn: Kent Seyfried
Solid Waste Division
P.O. Box 768
Olathe, KS 66051-0768

Questions? Contact Kent Seyfried at kseyfried@olatheks.org or (913) 971-9006.

Additionally, **volunteers are needed** to be event judges and "go-fers". If you would like to help, please submit a volunteer/judge registration form.

SWANA's Road-E-O helps:

- To promote professionalism on the part of the drivers, mechanics, and equipment operators in the field of solid waste management.
- To create a spirit of competition and goodwill throughout the participating organizations.
- To provide additional services by the chapter to a segment of the solid waste professionals that seldom have the opportunity to show off their skills.

Past President Recognized for Dedicated Service to the Chapter

John Hawk, General Manager of the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility (MASWU), was recognized by the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter at the January board meeting in Salina, KS for his past two years of service as the Chapter President.

Current Chapter President, Mike Fraser, expressed appreciation to John for his dedicated service to the chapter. John was unable to receive the recognition at the Chapter Membership Meeting during the Annual SWANA / KDHE Solid Waste Management Conference in Wichita, KS in November 2011.



Contact the Kansas SWANA Chapter

Questions and suggestions may be sent directly to:

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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 WORKS Conference

March 27 - 29, 2012 in Dodge City, KS.

KDHE Bureau of Waste Management, www.kdheks.gov/waste. Conference tracks include HHW Training, Recycling & Waste Reduction, Energy from Waste & Composting, Roundtable Discussions, and Facility Tours.

WASTE EXPO Conference

April 30 - May 2, 2012 in Las Vegas, NV.

Environmental Industry Associations (NSWMA/WASTEC), www.wasteexpo.com. North America's largest solid waste and recycling tradeshow serving both private and public sectors. The exhibit hall is packed with over 500 leading suppliers showcasing the latest equipment and technology in the solid waste and recycling industry.

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.

NAHMMA Conference

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

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

Kansas Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course

November 7 - 8, 2012 in Salina, KS (*tentative schedule*).

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.

2012 SWANA ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS

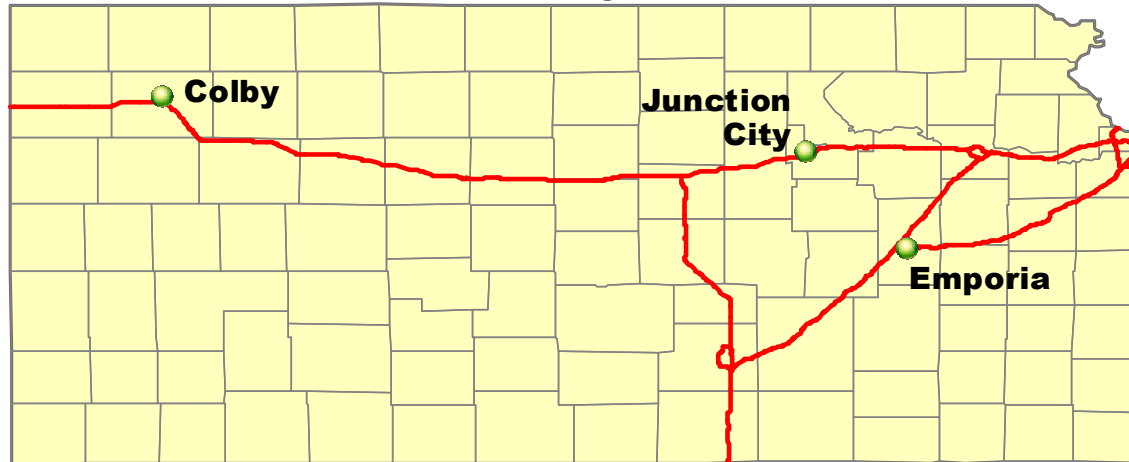
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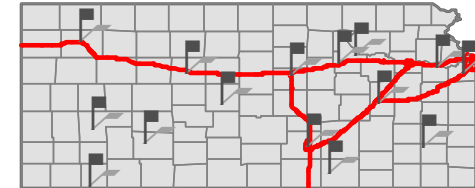
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Current Meeting Locations



Previous Meeting Locations



General Topics of Discussion

Training and safety programs
Recycling / diversion programs
Sanitation collection operations
Landfill operational practices and operations issues
Yard waste collection operations
Composting operations / challenges
Transfer station operations
Household Hazardous Waste issues
Vehicle maintenance / fuel issues
Solid waste management committees
Compliance and regulatory standards
Community relations / customer service
Open forum decided by participants

Meeting Locations Schedule

All Solid Waste meetings are from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

● February 23rd - Junction City

Opera House
135 W. 7th Street
Junction City, Kansas

Contact: Ray Ibarra (785) 238-7142
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● June 14th - Emporia

Civic Building
Little Theater (2nd Floor)
111 E. 6th Avenue
Emporia, Kansas

Contact: Keith Senn (620) 340-6332
ksenn@emporia-kansas.gov

● September 20th - Colby

Colby Community College
Room 108
1255 S. Range Avenue
Colby, Kansas

Contact: Larry Jumper (785) 462-8139
tclandfill@st-tel.net

**KANSAS SWANA SUNFLOWER CHAPTER ROAD-E-O
CONTESTANT/JUDGE/HELPER APPLICATION**

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Olathe, Kansas

Registration Deadline is April 14, 2012.

**Please complete a separate application form for each Contestant/Judge/Helper that you wish to register.
(Judge/Helper applicants skip sections 1 & 2)**

1. CONTESTANT APPLICATION

(Please type or print)

Contestant Name _____

Employer _____

Work Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

Adult T-shirt size _____

Is the contestant/contestant's employer a SWANA member? ____ Yes ____ No
(Membership is not a requirement for the Kansas Chapter Road-e-o.)

Length of employment _____

How long has the employee been a solid waste collections driver? _____

List equipment employee operates _____

Contestant's Signature

Job Title

Date

I certify that the employee has a good attendance work record and has had no chargeable accidents, industrial injuries or moving violations during the last 12 months.

Supervisor's Signature

Job Title

Date

Name: _____

Employer: _____

2. COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Registration is \$70.00 per contestant for one category or \$105.00 for two categories.
(Participant may compete in a maximum of two categories.)

_____ Rear Loader _____ Side Loader _____ Front Loader _____ Roll-off

Total Entry Fee- \$70.00 _____ \$105.00 _____

Please send payment with application form. Do not send cash in the mail.

3. VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

I will not participate in the competition but would like to be a Judge/Helper.

(Please type or print)

Name _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ E- Mail _____

Adult T-shirt size _____

Have you been a Judge/Helper at a SWANA Road-e-o in the past? _____ Yes _____ No

Registration is due by April 14th, 2012.

Make checks payable to: **Kansas Sunflower Chapter, SWANA**

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