



# WASTE WATCH

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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

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter Executive Board is committed to tracking national and state legislative issues and reporting these to our membership.



### Legislative Update

**HB2249 (2013).** During the Past Kansas Legislative Session, HB2249 was passed. This legislation addresses property issues related to tax refunds for fire service, solid waste disposal, and historic preservation.

The solid waste disposal portion of the bill establishes solid waste limitations by creating a new law concerning solid waste disposal areas and restrictions. Specifically, a city or county is prohibited from adopting restrictions for solid waste disposal areas within its boundaries if the restrictions would supersede or impair the local legislation of another city or county served by the same solid waste disposal area, or if the restrictions require another city or county to adopt new solid waste management requirements not currently required by statewide rules and regulations. However, restrictions on solid waste disposal areas are allowed if the city or county owns the disposal site or if the restrictions apply only to the residents of the city or county enforcing the restrictions and not to residents of cities or counties outside the jurisdiction.

The Secretary of Health and Environment is required to prepare a report on solid waste management in Kansas for the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections, and Local Governments and for the House Committee on Local Government by January 1, 2014. The report must include:

- A review of statutes, rules, regulations, and policies related to solid waste disposal in the state, including but not limited to, details on yard waste, recycling, generation rates, composting, precipitation, source reduction efforts, population, landfill capacity, and gas recovery in landfills; and
- Recommendations for legislative changes and the costs associated with the proposed changes.

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter Executive Board supports a Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) report on solid waste management in Kansas. This document would be very helpful for public and private solid waste managers across the State.

**HB2072 (2013).** Information on page 3 of this newsletter.

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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](http://www.swana.org)**



## 2013 Kansas SWANA Roundtable Meetings

The first Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter Solid Waste Management Roundtable Meeting of the year hosted in the City of Olathe in March was a success! Thanks to our host, attendees, and also to Bill Bider for giving a legislative update at the meeting.

The upcoming roundtable meeting is:

**July 18th in Winfield** at the Physicians Pavilion, located at 1230 E. 6th Avenue, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This meeting will include information from KDHE on landfill financial assurance closure / post-closure estimates as well as an update from KDHE on their Kansas solid waste management report.

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 12th in Hays** at the CVB Building, located at 2700 Vine Street, 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](mailto:jbeyer@coffeycountyks.org) or at (620) 364-2048.

## \$500 Scholarship Recipients Selected

The Scholarship Committee has selected two recipients, Logan Bannister and Hunter Cook, for the 2013 Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter \$500 scholarship awards. Congratulations to both Logan and Hunter!

This fall Logan will be attending the University of Kansas and Hunter will be attending Colorado Mountain College.

In addition, Logan's application was submitted to SWANA International for consideration in the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Category I contest. He was selected as a 2013 winner and will receive an additional \$5,000. Congratulations to Logan!



Kathy Richardson, Kansas SWANA Board Member, congratulates Logan Bannister.



Logan Bannister, 2013 Recipient of a \$5,000 Grant H. Flint Scholarship Award.

## Legislative Update Continued (from page 1)...

**HB2072 (2013).** This proposed legislation did not get out of committee and therefore died. However, the bill's supporters from the National Solid Waste Management Association (NSWMA), the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter, the Kansas Association of Counties, and the League of Kansas Municipalities plan to get together this summer and discuss the problem areas which initiated the legislation. An invitation for KDHE to join the discussion has been offered and accepted.

The proposed bill would have restricted a governing body of any municipality to engage in, sell, or otherwise provide material management services to a private person, private entity, or a municipality outside of its incorporated limits. These provisions shall not apply if the governing body has, after public notice and public hearing, made a determination that such material management of services is not readily available from a non-governmental entity, or adoption of a resolution declaring the existence of a disaster or an emergency.

Our Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter Executive Board stood in opposition of the legislation and testified against the bill in February. The Board believed the full impact of this proposed legislation had not been defined. There had not been any research completed on how many Kansas governing agencies would be affected, what services could be impacted by the change, or how these changes would affect the cost of service and user fees. There had not been an analysis on what would happen to Kansas government agencies that would have to discontinue providing or receiving solid waste services from their preferred providers. In addition, some communities may have limited resources to absorb additional costs and this legislation could force them to pay more for the same service they receive today. It was believed by reducing the number of service providers, the results would raise costs for local governments resulting in higher user fees for citizens.

The Executive Board felt additional research was required to understand the issues and define the impacts on Kansas local governments. Executive Board representatives plan to meet with proponents to discuss these questions and understand the issues.

## Western Kansas Solid Waste Symposium on April 10th a Success

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter hosted a waste summit for solid waste professionals in western Kansas on April 10th. Provided at no cost to attendees, this summit is another example of the commitment the Chapter has for its members and all solid waste professionals in Kansas.

The summit was held at Colby Community College in Colby, Kansas. More than 45 professionals registered for the summit. A winter storm struck the northwestern part of Kansas and closed Interstate 70 just west of Colby the day before the summit. Undeterred, 35 of the registrants attended the summit. This is an indication of the level of commitment solid waste professionals have for their industry.

The summit featured five speakers as well as lunch. The five topics presented at the summit included:

- **Weather and Operation Response:** Larry Jumper provided a number of examples of how the Thomas County Landfill addresses such issues as wind, snow, rain, and storm debris.
- **Landfill Engineering:** Jack Chappelle presented information on various methods to consider when establishing the engineering aspects of a landfill. This included addressing stormwater runoff, operation issues, closure and post-closure issues, daily cover, and cell development.

- **Compliance Issues:** Dan Wells' presentation focused on a wide range of regulatory issues and how operators of landfills, transfer stations, and recycling facilities along with collection and hauling operations can address these issues successfully.
- **Rural Recycling Issues:** Lynette Koons' presentation focused on recycling in Northwest Kansas and how recycling can benefit solid waste operations and the communities and counties of Kansas. Ms. Koons presented a number of examples of methods she has successfully utilized to improve recycling rates.
- **Handling Agricultural Waste:** David Bingham provided insight to the issues relating to agricultural waste. This presentation provided information on how to handle pesticide containers, grain tarps, grain bags, and other agricultural wastes.

There was a significant amount of interaction among the presenters and the attendees regarding each presentation. This interaction continued during the lunch hour. From comments made by the attendees at the conclusion of the summit it appears the event was well received and very useful.

Thanks to Jack Chappelle for organizing this event!

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## 2013 SWANA International Board (IB) Representative

As the IB representative of the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter, John Hawk acts as a liaison between the Kansas SWANA Chapter and the SWANA International Board.

John participates in SWANA IB meetings and conference calls. During the past couple meetings the agenda has included planning for this year's WASTECON to be held September 17-19 in Long Beach, CA and reviewing a new Product Stewardship policy for the association.

Contact John Hawk at [jhawk@maswu.org](mailto:jhawk@maswu.org) with any questions and comments.

# Calendar of Events

### SWANA WASTECON Conference

September 17 - 19, 2013 in Long Beach, CA.

Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), [www.wastecon.org](http://www.wastecon.org). WASTECON, SWANA's premier annual event, brings together thousands of industry professionals for training courses, technical sessions, and exhibits.

### NAHMMMA Conference

September 23 - 27, 2013 in St. Paul, MN.

North America Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMMA), [www.nahmma.org](http://www.nahmma.org).

### Kansas Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course

November 6 - 7, 2013 in Wichita, 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.

Location: Best Western Wichita North Hotel and Suites located at 915 E. 53rd Street N, Wichita, KS. Conference and training details will be available soon at [www.swanaks.org](http://www.swanaks.org).

### KOR Conference

The Kansas Organization of Recyclers (KOR) Conference which was scheduled for October 2013 in Lawrence, KS has been cancelled. KOR is merging with, and will be a lead planner of, the KDHE BWM WORKS! Conference, creating KOR WORKS! Conference and Exhibition. Their new endeavor begins with WORKS! in Topeka in March 2014.

What changes? Expanded opportunities for demonstrations and hands-on training. Additional social events, allowing for more interaction among attendees. New opportunities for manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, and other industry partners to participate in conference events.

Visit [www.kskor.org](http://www.kskor.org) for more information.

### 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](http://www.swana.org).

## Bill Ridge inducted into Kansas Solid Waste Hall of Fame

Kansas Department of Health and Environment NEWS RELEASE - March 26, 2013

**MANHATTAN, Kan.**—William “Bill” Ridge, of Inman, Kan., was inducted today, March 26, into the Kansas Solid Waste Hall of Fame. Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Robert Moser, M.D., recognized Ridge and his accomplishments during KDHE’s 18th annual WORKS! Conference. This year’s state-level recycling and composting conference is being held March 26-27 at the Hilton Garden Inn Manhattan.



“Bill has served the people of McPherson County and all Kansans through his work in the solid waste industry and by serving on numerous KDHE work groups to develop new laws, regulations and policies. Because of his work over the past two decades, solid waste management in Kansas is better than it would otherwise have been,” said Moser.

“I’m first honored to have served the residents of McPherson County for all these years, and I thank the Department of Health and Environment for the work they do each day to facilitate a clean and sanitary environment. Thank you for this recognition,” said Ridge.

Ridge joins 12 others who have been inducted into the Kansas Solid Waste Hall of Fame in earlier years.

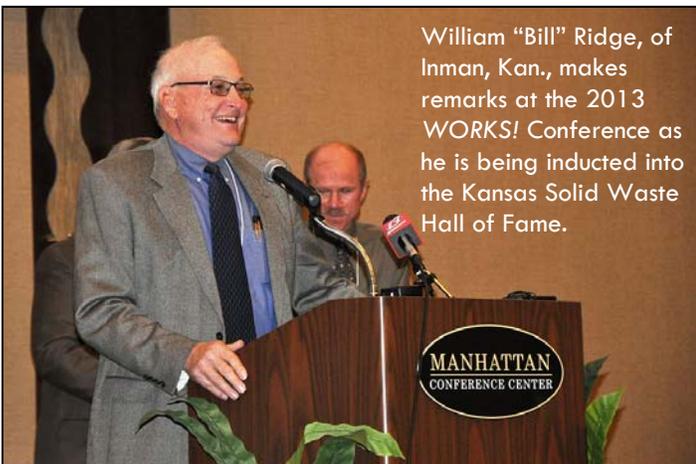
“We thank Bill for his service and welcome him into the Kansas Solid Waste Hall of Fame,” said Moser. “KDHE is encouraged by the efforts of everyone in Kansas working to reduce waste disposal. The WORKS! Conference is an opportunity to convene the hundreds of people in our state who are responsible for integrated solid waste management programs at the city or county level. This event allows us to discuss and share aspects of waste management including collection, processing, recycling and composting.”

Ridge began working in the solid waste industry in the early 1990s, working most of his career as an engineer for manufacturing companies. He is an original member of the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility Board of Directors. In 1995, he became the utility’s second general manager. Under his leadership, the utility gained a reputation as one of the most innovative solid waste organizations in the state.

During his 12-year stint there, the utility built a state-of-the-art transfer station and recycling facility; they carried out the closure and capping of the municipal solid waste landfill; and they converted residential trash collection to full-automation. Also during that time, the waste diversion or recycling rate in McPherson County increased from about 5 percent to more than 30 percent, one of the highest rates in Kansas.

Since retiring as general manager in 2007, Ridge has been working on the permitting of a new municipal solid waste landfill in McPherson County, ensuring the citizens’ long-term control over trash disposal costs.

Ridge has been a board member of the Kansas Chapter of SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) serving as its treasurer in 2001 and the president in 2004 and 2005. Bill has also served as the Kansas SWANA chapter secretary since 2006. At the 2006 Recycling and Composting WORKS! Conference, he was given an award as a Solid Waste Leader in Kansas.



William “Bill” Ridge, of Inman, Kan., makes remarks at the 2013 WORKS! Conference as he is being inducted into the Kansas Solid Waste Hall of Fame.



William “Bill” Ridge (second from left) is recognized by KDHE’s Environment Division Director John Mitchell (left), KDHE Secretary Robert Moser, M.D., (second from right) and KDHE Bureau of Waste Management director Bill Bider.

# 2013 SWANA ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS

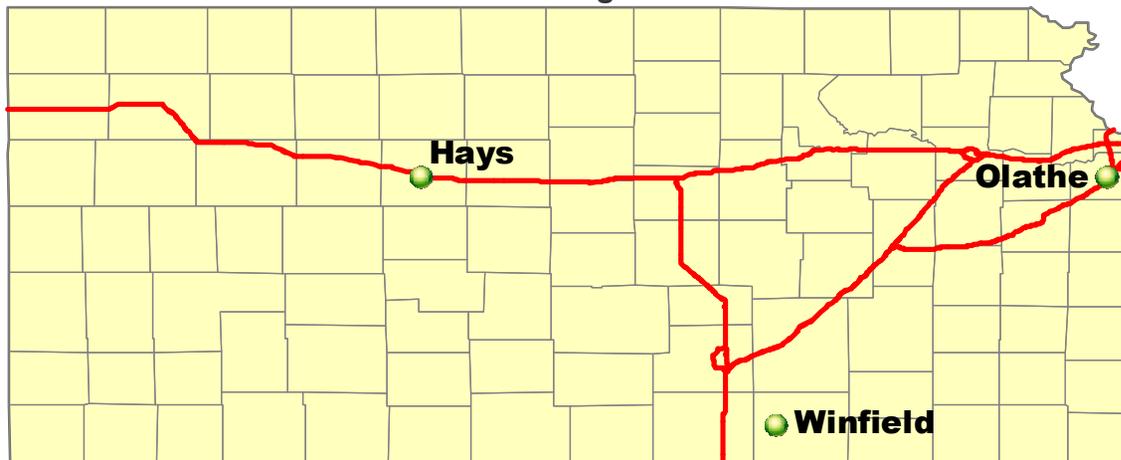
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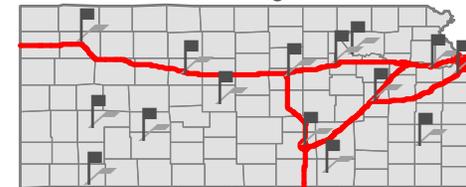
This year, the Kansas Sunflower Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is coordinating with several host cities to conduct Regional Solid Waste Management Roundtable Meetings throughout the state. These meetings are designed to provide an opportunity to discuss a variety of solid waste management issues and for you 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. For additional information concerning these SWANA Roundtable Meetings, please call Jeff Beyer, Coffey County Landfill at (620) 364-2048.



**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.

### ● **March 21st - Olathe**

City Service Center, Training Room  
1385 S. Robinson Road  
Olathe, KS

### ● **July 18th - Winfield**

Physicians Pavillion  
1230 E. 6th Avenue  
Winfield, KS

### ● **September 12th - Hays**

CVB Building  
2700 Vine Street  
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