



WASTE WATCH

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Letter from the President

Greetings Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter members!
I hope your year has been good so far.

Our board of directors has been meeting on a monthly basis and we have already achieved and/or completed a number of our yearly goals and projects.



In February, we held a Solid Waste Roundtable Meeting in Lawrence. These meetings allow solid waste professionals and operators to gather and share issues and ideas with each other about the solid waste industry. We held a second roundtable meeting in June in Dodge City and will hold another one on September 11th in Wichita.

Our biggest event this year will again be our annual conference. This year's Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course will be held on November 19th and 20th at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Manhattan, Kansas. All of you should have recently received a "Save the Date" postcard and will receive a registration brochure in September.

In conjunction with the conference, we will again be offering a SWANA certification training. This year we are offering a Managing Integrated Solid Waste Management Systems training course. The 3-day course will run November 16th through 18th with the certification exam on the morning of the 19th. This training is subsidized for members by the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter.

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter has established an annual awards program to recognize outstanding solid waste projects, programs, and individuals throughout the state. Award recipients will be recognized during the Awards Luncheon on November 19th at the Solid Waste Management Conference in Manhattan. See page 3 of this newsletter for additional information about the awards program.

Finally, I am happy to announce that we offered \$750 scholarships to both Levi Sedlock of Lawrence and Alec Witt of Great Bend. Levi is the son of SWANA member Charlie Sedlock and Alec is the son of SWANA member Mark Witt.

As always, if anyone is interested in becoming more involved with SWANA, please contact me or one of my fellow board members.

John Hawk, 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



Kansas SWANA Roundtable Meetings

The first two Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter Solid Waste Management Roundtable Meetings held this year were a success! Thank you to the City of Lawrence (February 13th) and Ford County (June 12th) for hosting a roundtable meeting in your community. The average attendance at these roundtable meetings was between 20-30 attendees.

The upcoming roundtable meeting is:

September 11th in Wichita at the Water Center, located at 101 E. Pawnee Street, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Shawn Maloney via email at smaloney@wichita.gov.

These meetings are designed to provide an opportunity to discuss solid waste management issues. Participants 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.

For additional information concerning these Kansas Solid Waste Roundtable Meetings, contact:

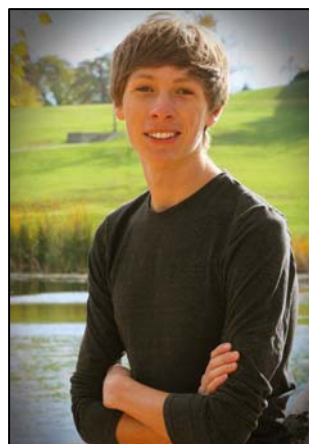
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\$750 Scholarship Recipients Selected

The Scholarship Committee has selected two recipients, Levi Sedlock of Lawrence and Alec Witt of Great Bend, for the 2014 Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter \$750 scholarship awards. Congratulations to both Levi and Alec!

Levi is the son of SWANA member Charlie Sedlock and Alec is the son of SWANA member Mark Witt.

In addition, Levi's application was submitted to SWANA International for consideration in the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Category I contest for a chance to receive additional scholarship funding.



Levi Sedlock, one of the recipients of the \$750 scholarship award in 2014.

DID YOU KNOW? Every year the Kansas SWANA Chapter plans to award scholarships 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.

Eligible candidates must be sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of a SWANA member in good standing.

This is one of many benefits enjoyed by SWANA members.

Kansas SWANA Awards Program

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter has established an annual awards program to recognize outstanding solid waste projects, programs, and individuals throughout the state. To be eligible, at least one person from the organization receiving the award must be a Kansas SWANA member in good standing as of July 1, 2014.

Award recipients will be recognized during the Awards Luncheon on November 19th in conjunction with the Annual Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course at the Manhattan Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and Conference Center.

Award nominations must be submitted no later than October 3, 2014. See application attached. Submit completed award nominations to:
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The following award categories have been established for solid waste programs and professionals.

Outstanding Solid Waste Project Award. This award will recognize solid waste projects that demonstrate outstanding environmental or solid waste management benefits for the Kansas public and/or solid waste management industry. The projects will typically employ an entirely new process not previously available or will utilize emerging technologies that result in enhanced performance both environmentally and economically.

Outstanding Solid Waste Management Award. This award will recognize outstanding solid waste management operations/programs in Kansas. Programs and operations will be scored on the facility's design, planning and operations, regulatory compliance record, public perception/aesthetics, and innovation/creativity.

Outstanding Solid Waste Project and Outstanding Solid Waste Management Awards may be granted for each of the following categories: Solid Waste Collection Systems, Landfill Management – Small Arid, Landfill Management – Subtitle D, Transfer Station, Recycling/Composting, C&D Landfill, and Waste Management Support.

Outstanding Solid Waste Professional Award. This award will recognize solid waste professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the Sunflower Chapter, solid waste management in Kansas, and/or public health and environmental protection. Awards may be given both at the solid waste operator and solid waste manager levels.

2014 Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course

SAVE THE DATE! The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Waste Management are hosting the annual Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course on November 19th and 20th at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and Conference Center located at 410 South 3rd Street in Manhattan, Kansas.

The training program will include updates on solid waste in Kansas by Bill Bider, Director of the KDHE Bureau of Waste Management, and a keynote address from Robert Moser, MD, KDHE Secretary, as well as technical sessions addressing solid waste issues. Sessions are available under three section tracks: Small Arid and C&D, Collection/Transfer, and MSW.

An afternoon tour of the Fort Riley Recycle Center will compliment the sessions and speakers on November 19th and will provide insight to Fort Riley's approach toward identifying, developing, and implementing pollution prevention and waste minimization projects.

An attendees' reception will be held the evening of November 19th. This reception as well as breaks during the technical sessions offer an opportunity to gather information from a number of solid waste vendors including equipment, materials, and service providers.

As with years past, this year's training sessions, tours, and social events provide ample opportunities for solid waste professionals to interact with regulators, other solid waste professionals, and a number of equipment, materials, and service providers.

NOTE: The Chapter Board is working on completing the last details of the conference speaker schedule. A conference registration brochure will soon be mailed out to all Kansas SWANA members and past conference participants.

Interested in being an EXHIBITOR at this conference? Contact John Hawk at jhawk@maswu.org.

Contact the Kansas SWANA Chapter

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2014 SWANA International Board (IB) Representative

The Kansas SWANA Chapter IB rep, John Hawk, attended the semi-annual IB meeting in August in Dallas, TX. A number of items were discussed and voted on including the 2015 budget and new members of the executive committee. Earlier this year SWANA reviewed the December 2013 membership report, which showed membership stood at 8,029 which is one percent higher than in December 2012. Sixty percent of SWANA members work for the public sector.

Contact John Hawk at jhawk@maswu.org with any questions and comments.

Calendar of Events

Kansas Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course

November 19 - 20, 2014 in Manhattan, 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: Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and Conference Center located at 410 South 3rd Street, Manhattan, KS.

US Composting Council Conference

January 20 - 23, 2015 in Austin, TX.

US Composting Council (USCC), www.compostingcouncil.org. The world's largest composting conference and exhibition for the organics management industry. Hear the latest from industry leaders about solving challenges in collecting organics, manufacturing and using compost, and producing renewable energy from organics.

Kansas WORKS Conference

March 30 - April 2, 2015 in Wichita, KS.

Hosted by the Kansas Organization of Recyclers (KOR) and KDHE Bureau of Waste Management to provide opportunities to discuss waste reduction and recycling in Kansas and nationally. Visit www.kskor.org for more information.

WASTE EXPO Conference

June 2 - 4, 2015 in Las Vegas, NV.

National Waste & Recycling Association (NW&RA), 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 25 - 27, 2015 in Orlando, FL.

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

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.