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Letter from the President

Greetings Kansas SWANA members! Truthfully, I've never put much stock in Groundhog Day and the weather predictions of a small furry rodent. However, it appears Punxsutawney Phil's prediction of an early spring has been accurate with the trees and flowers already in full bloom. I've had to kick start my spring cleaning and maintenance to keep up with Mother Nature.



Your Sunflower Chapter Board of Directors has also been busy preparing for an action packed year of events, culminating in the annual conference to be held October 4th through 6th in Mulvane, Kansas at the Kansas Star Casino. The Kansas Star Casino is a high quality facility and should be a wonderful venue for our conference. Due to popular demand, we will be continuing our annual golf tournament on Tuesday, October 4th at the Hidden Lakes Golf Course in Derby, Kansas. We are also looking into the possibility of a trap shooting / sporting clays event as an alternative networking activity for those who are not interested in golf. These activities are only a warm up to the outstanding technical training and networking opportunities the conference provides. We are working on adding a new technical track to the conference on Sustainable Material Management. This addition is in direct alignment with SWANA's mission of "advancing from solid waste management to resource management". It should be a good addition to our traditional Subtitle D Landfill, Small Arid and C&D Landfill, and Transfer Station / Collections tracks. We are also working towards an electronic registration process with the option to use credit cards for payment. We hope this helps streamline the registration process for our members and our volunteers. I hope to see you in Mulvane!

Similar to years past, the Sunflower Chapter will be holding periodic roundtable meetings at various locations across the state. The first roundtable meeting was held in Leavenworth, Kansas on March 8th. We were honored to have Bill Bider from KDHE attend and provide an update on legislative matters and personnel changes within the Bureau of Waste Management. Thank you to Tammy Saldivar and Leavenworth County for hosting the meeting. These meetings provide a unique opportunity to obtain information and bounce ideas off of your solid waste peers to improve your operations. A list of the upcoming roundtable dates and locations is included in this newsletter.

Legislative activity related to solid waste management has been limited this year. The Sunflower Chapter has remained neutral to the bills that were considered and none of them advanced out of committee hearings. Rest assured that your Board tracks these initiatives and will alert our membership and react accordingly.

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SWANA has adopted an enhanced focus on safety. One of the outcomes of this focus is the establishment of a Chapter Safety Ambassador Committee. The committee is comprised of individuals with safety experience from a variety of solid waste perspectives including landfill management, collections, hauling, and material recovery facility operations. Our Chapter Committee is headed by Craig Wood with Johnson County. The other committee members include Ron Rouse with the City of Salina, Craig Pruett with the City of Lawrence, and Charlie Sedlock with Hamm Landfill and Material Recovery Facility. I attended the first committee meeting and am very excited about the committee's goals and the value they will bring to our membership.

Our goal is to advance the solid waste profession in Kansas and provide value for your membership dollars. We are open to suggestions for improving our chapter operations and delivering value to our membership. Please don't hesitate to contact me or another Board member with ideas or concerns.

Regards,
Nathan Hamm, P.E., Chapter President



THANK YOU to JOHN HAWK for his generous commitment of time, energy & leadership as the Sunflower Chapter President from 2013 to 2015.

2016 Kansas SWANA Roundtable Meetings

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:

- **March 8th - Leavenworth County** (Thank you to the host, Bill Bider, and the attendees!)
- **June 8th - Ellis County**
- **August 10th - Wichita**

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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Scholarships Available - May 1st Deadline

In 2016, the Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter will offer scholarships of \$500 to \$1,000 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:

- Kansas residents,
- Graduates of a Kansas high school, and
- Sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of a SWANA Member in good standing.

The top candidate's application will also be submitted by the chapter for a national scholarship sponsored by SWANA.

Questions? Contact:

Larry Jumper at tclandfill@st-tel.net or at (785) 462-8139

May 1st - Deadline for submission of application materials.

The 2016 application (Category I) is posted at www.swana.org.

2015 SWANA / KDHE Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course, Mayetta, KS (more photos on page 5 - 7)

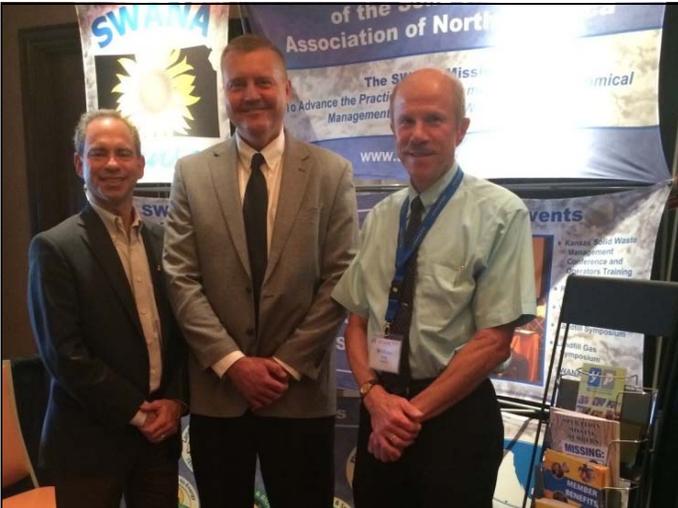


PHOTO: (Left to Right) David Biderman, SWANA Executive Director/CEO, John Hawk, Kansas SWANA Chapter President, and Bill Bider, KDHE Bureau of Waste Management Director.

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter Executive Board would like to thank last year's conference speakers and everyone involved in the success of this event including conference attendees, vendors, speakers, KDHE staff, and all the volunteers.



2015 Kansas SWANA Chapter Awards Program

The awards program was established to recognize outstanding solid waste projects, programs, and individuals in Kansas. Nominations were received for a number of the award categories and were evaluated by the Chapter's award committee based on the scoring criteria outlined in the awards program nomination packets.

The awards committee selected one solid waste program to receive an award for the 2015 program year:

- Hamm Waste Services (Material Recovery Facility) - Outstanding Solid Waste Management Award

PHOTO: (Left to Right) John Hawk, Kansas SWANA Chapter President, Charlie Sedlock, Hamm Waste Services Director, and Phil Hathcock, Kansas SWANA Chapter Director.



SAVE THE DATE! Kansas Solid Waste Management Conference 2016!

The Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Waste Management will be hosting the annual Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course...

Where? Kansas Star Casino, 777 Kansas Star Drive, Mulvane, KS

When? October 5th & 6th (Golf Tournament on the 4th)

Registration for the Conference will soon be available online at www.swanaks.org.

2016 Awards Program information and application now available online at www.swanaks.org.

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FACEBOOK



The Kansas SWANA Chapter is putting into action ways in which we can increase communication with our membership and all solid waste professionals in the state of Kansas. One step toward this goal is to provide content via Facebook.

Please "LIKE" our page to stay up-to-date on SWANA news. Even if you do not have a Facebook account, you may visit the page and read through the content.

www.facebook.com/KansasSWANAChapter

Calendar of Events

WASTE EXPO Conference

June 6 - 9, 2016 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 22 - 25, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN.

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.

Resource Recycling Conference

August 30 - September 1, 2016 in New Orleans, LA.

Resource Recycling, rconference.com. The conference's lineup of education sessions will offer attendees the latest on materials processing trends, tactics to boost diversion rates, legislative talking points, market analysis and much more.

Kansas Solid Waste Management Conference and Operator Training Course

October 5 - 6, 2016 in Mulvane, KS.

Kansas Star Casino, 777 Kansas Star Drive.

Kansas SWANA Sunflower Chapter, www.swanaks.org. This conference provides training for new and experienced landfill, transfer station, and solid waste collection operators, supervisors and managers in Kansas.

NAHMMA Conference

October 10 - 13, 2016 in Portland, OR.

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

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.

2015 Conference Photos



CONFERENCE TOUR, October 21, 2015.

Thank you to Waste Management for showing us your Material Recovery Facility, Subtitle D Landfill, and Waste-to-Energy!



Thank you to all the conference speakers!



SWANA Managing Recycling Systems training participants, October 18-20, 2015.

2015 Conference Photos



Thank you to all the exhibitors!



2015 Conference Photos



**Golf
Tournament,
October 20,
2015.**

