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President’s Corner
By Stephen Gillette

Time has gone by quickly this summer. If you have not had a chance, I urge you to take some time and review the Integrated Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan that was just released by CDPHE and its contractors. This will be the blueprint for solid waste management in our State for years to come. This topic will be covered in the opening session at our Annual Conference in Keystone this fall. For more information on this plan, visit colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/integrated-solid-waste-management-plan.

Hats off to the Chapter’s Road-E-O committee for hosting another wonderful event this year. The Road-E-O was a lot of fun and we had great participation. Thanks to everyone who helped pull off this event, event contestants and Road-E-O sponsors.

WASTECON® is around the corner in Indianapolis, Indiana and promises to be another great one. Our Chapter’s July MOLO in Alamosa on July 25-28 will be a full class with 35 students attending the training. Thank you to Jim Clare, Deborah Barton and Aaron Byrne for all you did in planning and carrying out this successful MOLO training.

If you have any suggestions for trainings or activities you think your chapter should be doing, please let us know. Your Board Officers and Directors are committed to improving the value back to Chapter members.

Come to Keystone: Programming for Annual Conference is Nearing Completion
By Brad Coleman

Colorado SWANA’s 2016 conference will be held at the Keystone Lodge & Spa starting Monday October 3 and wrapping up Wednesday October 5. Programming plans are not quite finalized but here is a preliminary list of planned presentations:

- CDPHE and its consultants, Burns & McDonnell and Skumatz Economic Research Associates, will present an overview of the recently published Colorado Integrated Solid Waste & Materials Management Plan. This plan provides a comprehensive overview of the state’s waste disposal and materials management practices and sets forth options and recommendations for the future practices in this area.
- Noted speaker and author Neil Bolton will give a presentation on process improvements at landfills.
• Laurie Batchelder Adams will lead a workshop-type discussion on rural waste diversion. Numerous other waste diversion/recycling presentations will be given.
• Talks will be given on health and safety practices in landfill operations and SWANA’s safety ambassador program and the resources this program can provide facilities.
• CDPHE representatives will be presenting on the state waste tire program and updates to the compost regulations.
• Numerous other talks regarding air permitting, drones over landfills, and waste to energy will be given.
• CDPHE’s Solid Waste and Materials Management Program Manager, Joe Schieffelin, will give the annual State of the CDPHE address.
• A presentation and a tour of the Summit County Resource Allocation Park (SCRAP) will be given.

Go to www.coloradoswana.org to register today! For registration questions, email kathyandrew@elpasoco.com. For programming questions, contact Brad Coleman at bacoleman@burnsmcd.com. See you in Keystone!

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**Colorado SWANA Awards Scholarship to University of Denver Student**  
**By Curt Stovall**

**Congratulations to Melanie (Mel) Gorton!** The Colorado SWANA Board recently approved a scholarship award to Ms. Gorton in the amount of $1,000. Mel is a junior at the University of Denver pursuing a B.S. degree in Environmental Science. This fall she will be continuing her environmental science studies at the Danish Institute in Copenhagen. Colorado SWANA strives to enhance academic and professional development within solid waste management disciplines. Qualified individuals are invited to apply to the Chapter’s scholarship program. Grants and scholarships may be awarded to SWANA members, prospective members, and college/university students who meet the minimum qualifications and successfully demonstrate commitment to helping raise standards of excellence for the waste management field. **Colorado SWANA is prepared to award ten to fifteen grants of $25 to $500 for a variety of educational expenses as well as at least one $1,000 scholarship for continuing education or college tuition expenses.** For details about the award criteria and application process, please visit the Colorado SWANA website at [coloradoswana.org/programs/scholarships-awards/](http://coloradoswana.org/programs/scholarships-awards/).

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**Review Chapter Bylaws**  
**By Jim Clare**

All Colorado SWANA Chapter members are highly encouraged to visit the chapter’s website at [coloradoswana.org/resources/chapter-by-laws/](http://coloradoswana.org/resources/chapter-by-laws/) to review the updated bylaws prior to the annual conference. Please review what is posted and if you see anything that needs to be changed, corrected, updated, or if you just have comments please contact Aaron Byrne (aaron.byrne@SummitCountyCO.gov) or Jim Clare (jclare@slvlandfill.com) so these can be addressed. Membership will vote on the proposed changes at the annual conference October 3-5 in Keystone before they are sent to National for review and final approval. Your help and participation with this process will be greatly appreciated.

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**Get in Early with Your Sponsorship of the Annual Conference**  
**By Neil Nowak**

Our Rocky Mountain Chapter’s annual conference is generously supported by our great sponsors who are dedicated to supporting SWANA while furthering their book of contacts and business. Each year we have varied sponsors who represent equipment suppliers, laboratories, various service providers, consultants, and municipal folks too. Without
the support of the sponsors, our annual event would not be a success. We have been fortunate enough to have 20 or so sponsors set up their tables, displays, videos, equipment, and bowls of candy for the participants to review and hopefully find helpful in supplying the needed goods or services to the Colorado solid waste community. Please attend this year’s annual conference in Keystone and commit to visiting each sponsor and to discussing with them their particular specialty...who knows, you might find something that or someone who can assist you. As always, fill out the vendor visiting card for a special drawing only for those who have visited all the vendors and received stamps/check-offs.

These year’s sponsorship and exhibitor levels have a ski theme are as follows:

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For detailed sponsorship information and to complete your sponsorship of the 2016 Annual Conference, please visit coloradoswana.org/annual-conference/annual-conference-sponsorship-exhibitor-information/.

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**Tying Up Loose Ends: Recycling Twine in the San Luis Valley**  
By Jim Clare

Bales of hay are tied with a plastic twine that is 100% recyclable and in agricultural areas, this discarded twine can really add up to a large amount. Thanks to a grant from the Colorado State Conservation Board and partner contributions, baling twine recycling is starting at several locations in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. The San Luis Valley Regional Solid Waste Authority is leading the twine collection efforts. Jim Clare, the Authority’s manager, has set up a collection bin on site with bilingual signage. He is also assisting with containers for business collection sites in other towns. This program is receiving enthusiastic support from landowners and businesses. People appreciate the idea of recycling the plastic that is scattered on many rural landscapes.

The discarded twine creates many environmental hazards. Some landowners follow a common practice and burn it. Most counties prohibit this burning because the plastic produces toxic chemicals in the smoke, which is a health concern. When wildlife or domestic livestock eat the twine, it can form a ball in their gut, which often proves fatal. Birds use it in their nests, often becoming entangled and strangling to death. Even when it is disposed of legally, it can cause problems at landfills when it tangles in the machinery.
Recycling makes sense. The local Conservation Districts are involved in recruiting businesses to participate by setting up collection bins. They are also printing up banners and handouts to educate local landowners about the new idea. Once collected, the twine is sorted to remove any trash or large amounts of hay. Then it can be baled or stored in super sacks. When a large quantity has accumulated, it can be transported to a processor that transforms the twine into plastic pellets that are used for post-consumer fabrication.

The 2016 program has been very successful and we hope to expand it throughout all towns in the San Luis Valley in the future. For more information, visit the project website at twinerecycling.com.

Music by David Peel Feature of 2016 Annual Conference Banquet
By Tom Strickland

Get ready for a rip-roaring time at this year’s annual banquet, as we have booked musician and entertainer David Peel. "The Consummate One-Man Show Band," David generates energy and excitement at each performance. He is a versatile singer and guitarist with crowd-pleasing rendering of songs from Neil Diamond, Tom Jones, Willie Nelson, Gordon Lightfoot and others. When he is not making special performances, David is the house-entertainer for the sleigh-ride dinner theatre in Summit County.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED! Colorado SWANA Outstanding Achievement Award
By Curt Stovall

The Colorado SWANA Rocky Mountain Chapter annually recognizes an individual for his or her contribution to the field of solid waste management in Colorado. The 2016 Outstanding Achievement Award will be presented at the Chapter's Annual Conference on October 4th. The achievement award recipient will receive reimbursement of registration and lodging expenses for the Annual Conference. For details about the nominating process and basis for selection, please visit coloradoswana.org/programs/scholarships-awards/.

Denver to Host Free Paint Recycling Collection Event on August 27th
By Tom Strickland

Denver Recycles, in partnership with PaintCare® will be hosting a FREE paint recycling collection event on Saturday, August 27th in Denver. This event is open to all Colorado residents and small quantity business generators. Accepted items will include old latex & oil-based house paint and primers, stains, deck and concrete sealers, and clear finishes such as varnishes and shellacs. To prevent long wait times and traffic congestion, EVENT PARTICIPATION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To register to attend this event and select your appointment time slot, visit https://aug27-paint.eventbrite.com. Event registration is free and there will be no recycling charges or fees at this event.
Paint manufacturers created PaintCare®, a non-profit organization, to set up convenient places for you to recycle leftover paint. PaintCare® has drop-off sites throughout Colorado where you can take smaller amounts of paint all year long. To learn more or find a year-round PaintCare® drop-off site near you, visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) or call (855) 724-6809.

This email news update is a service provided to members of the Colorado Rocky Mountain Chapter of SWANA. If you would like to share information with chapter members in future updates, please email your information to Brad Coleman at bacoleman@burnsmcd.com. Also, don’t forget to visit us online at [www.coloradoswana.org](http://www.coloradoswana.org).