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President’s Corner
By Stephen Gillette

Our 2016 Annual Conference in Keystone was a great success. We had the most attendees that I can remember and lots of support from our sponsors. If you were not able to attend, please ask some of your colleagues about what happened. Joe Schieffelin, Solid Waste & Materials Management Program Manager with CDPHE, gave us a good review of what is going on here in the state. Conference presentations are now available for review at http://coloradoswana.org/resources/past-presentations/. Your Board of Directors will be reviewing the input that was gathered from our post survey and we will determine the technical sessions that we will be having next year and when and where our next annual conference will be.

Please contact any of your Colorado SWANA board members if you have any questions or comments to share.

Welcome Our Newest Colorado SWANA Chapter Directors

Aaron Byrne

Aaron Byrne has been the Solid Waste Director for Summit County Resource Allocation Park (“SCRAP”) since 2009. Aaron has 14 years of experience in the Solid Waste Industry, mostly serving as part of the solid waste team in Summit County’s program. SCRAP serves the Central Rocky Mountain community and offers a variety of resources to the mountain ski community. These operations include Landfilling, Composting, Recycling, HHW and Electronics Recycling. He is a SWANA certified Manager of Landfill Operations and Manager of Composting Programs. This past year Aaron has become one of the chapter’s faculty members to instruct training courses within the Colorado Chapter. Aaron is honored to represent our chapter as one of the Safety Ambassadors. His goal is to serve our members and help create a Safety Culture within our industry. He has lived in Summit-Grand County Colorado for 21 years. He enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife and four wonderful children. In his spare time, he enjoys the great outdoors hunting, fishing and ranching.
Jill Parisi

Jill Parisi, P.E., is an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Solid Waste Permitting Unit at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Jill joined CDPHE about a year ago as part of the Solid Waste Permitting Unit, where she is able to use her experience in design, construction, environmental monitoring, and corrective actions at solid waste facilities to review technical documents. Her previous work experience includes 10 years as a consulting engineer in the solid waste industry. Jill received a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and master’s degree in geotechnical engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Marcel Kozlowski

Marcel Kozlowski is an environmental engineer with Waste Management. He manages construction and engineering projects at two landfills in the front range; Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site and Buffalo Ridge Landfill. Marcel received his bachelor’s degree in environmental engineering from the University of New Hampshire in 2010, and he received his master’s degree in environmental engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2011. In his free time, Marcel enjoys traveling the globe, skiing, cycling, and whitewater rafting.

San Luis Valley Regional Solid Waste Authority Recognized in Inaugural SWANA Safety Awards Program

By Jim Clare

International SWANA recently had an inaugural SWANA Safety Awards program in which there were two categories for the event that were Biggest Safety Improvement and Best Safety Innovation. The San Luis Valley Regional Solid Waste Authority placed an entry and was recognized in the category of Best Safety Innovation. Part of the program entailed an onsite safety inspection of equipment coming onto the site as a courtesy inspection while doing a waste screening inspection.

This year Golder Associates was the sponsor of the Safety awards. It is the intent of SLVRSWA to continue in reducing accidents and injuries in the solid waste industry. We look forward to next year’s event with the new safety program promoted by SWANA along with the current Colorado SWANA Chapter safety program.

2016 Chapter Award Winners

Outstanding Chapter Member of the Year: Aaron Byrne

Aaron Byrne attended last year’s annual meeting and expressed an interest in serving on the Board. The elections had already taken place so the Board made Aaron a pro tem Board Member. Aaron was very active in SWANA events during the year and attended every Board meeting. Aaron along with Cathy Hall serve as the Safety Ambassadors for the Colorado Chapter of SWANA. In addition, Aaron helped Jim Clare in organizing and running the MOLO training course in Alamosa last July. Aaron served on the Annual Conference Planning Committee and did tons of work preparing for this conference, including organizing the tour of the Summit County Resource Allocation Park. Congratulations Aaron on being selected as this year’s Colorado SWANA Outstanding Member!
Outstanding Board Member of the Year: Jim Clare

This past year Jim Clare served on the Chapter’s Bylaws Committee and worked diligently with the Board to update the bylaws. Jim also took the lead in coordinating this year’s MOLO course in July that was extremely well attended and a great success. Jim has taken a leadership role in working with rural Colorado issues and activities, and he is active in promoting SWANA and expanding membership in the southern region of the state. Congratulations, Jim on being selected as this year’s Colorado SWANA Outstanding Board Member!

Colorado’s Best Hold Their Own at 2016 International Roadeo

By Alek Orloff

After besting their competition at the Colorado SWANA Truck and Equipment Roadeo in Denver in June, Colorado’s winners went on to success at the 2016 SWANA International Roadeo in Dublin, Georgia in September. The Colorado chapter sent seven contestants, of which three placed internationally.

- **Joseph Thomas** of Alpine Waste & Recycling placed second in the roll-off truck driving competition
- **Lawrence Bettale** of the City & County of Denver placed second in the front-load driving competition
- **Alvis Plumley** of Alpine Waste & Recycling placed third in the rear-load truck driving competition.

That means one-third of the nine finalists at this year’s International Roadeo hailed from Colorado. This is a great testament to the caliber of professionals we have within our ranks. Congratulations to all seven Colorado participants and especially to our three winners!

Chapter Bylaws Update

By Jim Clare

The Bylaws for the Colorado Chapter were updated and voted on by the membership at the last annual meeting in Keystone. After checking on the next step for the process to move forward with the national SWANA, it was announced that the national would have to review our changes and approve or suggest further updates or changes to our bylaws. Once that is done, most likely we will present the reviewed bylaws back to the membership for a final vote on approval for the chapter. So stay tuned, as we will keep you updated on the bylaw revision process.

International Board Director’s Report - SWANA

By Stephen Gillette

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the International Board for SWANA. This past year WASTECON was in Indianapolis. The conference was well attended and lots of information was shared. Next year’s WASTECON will be a joint conference of SWANA and ISWA (International Solid Waste Association). The conference organizers anticipate that this conference will attract about 3,000 people from around the world. Plan now to attend to see what is happening around the globe with solid waste management. WASTECON will be in Baltimore in September 2017.
SWANApalooza 2017 will be held in Reno, Nevada on March 27-30, 2017. Our chapter is still deciding if we will host MOLO training in 2017. Last year’s MOLO training was a great success and we had 35 attendees. This year the SWANA International Board voted to allow free student membership for 2 ½ years. The Board also approved the Young Professionals rate of $100 first year, $150 second year and $200 for the third year. I can also report that under the leadership of David Biderman, International SWANA finished the year in a surplus position of about $150,000. You will not see any increases in training or dues in 2017.

If you have any questions about International SWANA, please let me know.

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**Discounted Webinar Pricing for Colorado SWANA Members**
*By Kathy Andrew*

Whether you call it webinar, webcast, or web conference, digital learning is a practice that effectively uses technology to strengthen the learning experience. In an effort to encourage Colorado SWANA members to take advantage of International SWANA webinars and gain valuable information and CEUs in an easy, appealing, convenient, and cost-effective manner, **any webinar from SWANA.org is being offered by our chapter to chapter members for only $10.00**. That’s a $95.00 savings per webinar! To find a list of upcoming sessions visit is [https://swana.org/Education/eLearning/Webinars.aspx](https://swana.org/Education/eLearning/Webinars.aspx). Session topics and the lengths vary and you can receive 1 to 2 CEUs per webinar towards your SWANA discipline.

To sign up for a webinar at the Colorado SWANA discount price, please **contact Kathy Andrew** at 719-520-7879 or kathyandrew@elpasoco.com. You’ll receive a webinar discount code after a payment of $10.00. Then get ready to expand your base of professional knowledge, improve your productivity and participating in the engaging education program.

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**2016 Annual Conference Largest Ever!**
*By Brad Coleman*

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of SWANA hosted its annual conference October 3rd through 5th at the Keystone Lodge & Spa in beautiful Keystone, Colorado. A record crowd of 126 registrants attended this year’s conference, which consisted of 19 presentations, numerous receptions and breaks, a local tour, and our chapter’s annual business meeting and banquet. Up to 10 continuing educational units (CEUs) were available for those attending the conference. Additionally, the conference drew two dozen sponsors who provided information to the registrants, door prizes for raffles and giveaways at their booths.

The conference kicked off with welcome notes by our chapter president, Stephen Gillette, and the Summit County Commission Co-chair, Thomas Davidson. That was followed by a presentation of the State-wide Integrated Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan published by CDPHE and prepared by Burns & McDonnell and Skumatz Economic Research Associates. This plan, the first in over 20 years, will be used by CDPHE to guide the regulation of our facilities for the next 20 or more years. This talk was followed by workshop discussion of rural waste diversion and how this could be done economically.
In keeping with SWANA’s national focus on safety, the second day started with three excellent presentations on the health and safety aspects of the solid waste industry. Those talks were followed by concurrent sessions on technical innovations, the future of recycling, facility planning, special wastes, and trends in collection and eco-initiatives were held throughout the day.

The election results for chapter officers and board members were announced at the annual business meeting. Aaron Byrne and Jim Clare were honored as member of the year and board member of the year, respectively at the annual dinner banquet. See related articles in this newsletters.

Jessie Burley of the High Country Conservation Center opened the final day with a presentation on how they developed successful partnerships for waste diversion in mountain communities. The final presentation was the annual “State of the CDPHE and Solid Waste in Colorado” presentation, given by the CDPHE Solid Waste and Materials Management Program Manager, Joe Schieffelin.

The conference was capped by a complimentary tour of the Summit County Resource Allocation Park (SCRAP). About 50 registrants toured the recycling, compost, and landfill facilities at SCRAP. Additionally, Lepton demonstrated an unmanned aircraft vehicle (UAV) and the benefits they can provide landfills.

The Keystone Lodge and Spa provided excellent accommodations and dining for the registrants. With content geared to all areas of the industry, exceptional networking opportunities, and great food and drink, Colorado SWANA’s Annual Conference delivered once again a tremendous value to attendees. We look forward to seeing you at our 2017 conference. Stay tuned for details!

Thank You to All Our 2016 Annual Conference Sponsors

This year’s Annual Conference in Keystone would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Thank you sponsors not only for your financial support, but for also sharing information all your great productions and services in the exhibit room. Please join us in thanking the following companies and organizations:

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